



# 2021 Gratitude Report



Open Hearts for Orphans

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# Introduction



So much good done, in 2021! The word that comes to mind for us at Open Hearts for Orphans is "grateful" - grateful for our amazing community that continues to be so generous, even when faced with another year of uncertainty. Our theme for last year was "Making Miracles" and it seems that indeed came true in so many cases, particularly in the area of basic needs. So thank you - not just for the donations, but for opening our emails (and not unsubscribing!), liking the Facebook posts, and sharing your passion for the life-changing work we've been able to assist with alongside our wonderful partners.

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# Basic Needs



- 7 fully-furnished new homes for vulnerable families
- 100+ beds, bedding sets, & mosquito nets
- 21 children out of orphanages and into foster families
- 300+ vulnerable families received food support
- 30+ children were educated at home in Uganda, even during lockdowns

And that's not all. We solidified key partnerships with three reliable organizations to cover more ground in Uganda. Additionally, 25 families now have water tanks and 15 families now have safe latrines in Uganda. Many children received new clothing and shoes that were needed. At least ten struggling single mothers were given new hope and opportunity through seed funding to start new businesses in their efforts to provide for their families. Your giving provided life-saving baby formula to 13+ babies, provided safe haven to 28 children in foster care, assisted teenage girls and boys with vocational training, supported multiple Child-Headed Households, and provided meals, toys, and clothing to 174 children for Christmas. Through support of our "Families feeding Families" campaign, over 1,000 people were fed during lockdown - all because of your open hearts.

# Medical Intervention



## **SUPPORTING THE WORK OF OUR PARTNERS ON THE GROUND**

The ultrasound unit that we had purchased in 2020 for Village of Hope Guatemala was delivered and finally put to use, despite Covid delays.

With the help of Love Without Boundaries, we provided a state-of-the-art echocardiogram machine for the first female cardiologist in Uganda!

We provided much-needed medical supplies to babies in the care of Little Flower in China, and we provided for more necessary medical interventions to help young cancer patients, burn victims, and vulnerable children who needed heart surgeries.

More pulse oximeters made their way overseas - some for a teaching hospital in Iraq and some for a new pediatric heart hospital serving vulnerable children in Iraq. We also provided the heart hospital with three heart monitors and a central processing station. We hope that many lives are saved and changed through the donation of this equipment!

# "Say Yes" Adoption Grants



- 21 "Say Yes" adoption grants were issued.
- 28 children came home in 2021 with the help of our grant.
- Children with multiple special needs were welcomed home from 8 different countries.
- 6 families brought home multiple children - two of the families adopted siblings sets of four.
- 19 of our grant families are still waiting because of travel delays.

In 2021, our "Say Yes" adoption grants increased to \$2,000. In addition to our Downright Lovable grant for families adopting children with Down syndrome, we introduced a "Heart Warrior" grant, specifically for families adopting children with congenital heart defects.

We continued offering our grant families the gift of a strategic prayer partner, and we added more services to "wrap around" adoptive families, including a complimentary copy of "The Connect Parent" and quarterly trauma-informed training sessions.



# Advocacy



In 2021, we introduced the ARISE ministry - Adoption Resources, Information, Stories, and Encouragement. The intent of this ministry is to shine a light on adoption and foster care, while providing a support component to help families in the process. Our meetings are available to all, and our hope is that the mission will continue to spread as we strive to bring authentic voices into the conversation. In 2022, we will continue to look for ways to branch out this new ministry, including more personal home-based events. Please contact us if you would like to know more.

We launched our "Love Says Yes" apparel, and through sales of our merchandise and our social media platforms, we continue to focus on adoption and foster care advocacy.



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