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2020 Annual Report

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A YEAR OF MIRACLES

Considering “20/20” is a term used to express clarity or normal clear vision, it isn’t surprising many of us were thinking and dreaming about our vision for the future when the new year and new decade began. We wondered about what would lie in store for us in the upcoming year. I don’t think any of us imagined what lay in store. Certainly “normal” isn’t the word that will be used to describe the events of 2020! When I look back in hindsight, what I do see with amazing clarity is that many miracles occurred.

For most of us the term “global pandemic” was something we only knew through history books. It is now part of our collective story. The pandemic has impacted all of us. Just ten weeks into the new year, children were sent home from school, businesses were shut down, and we were asked to shelter in place. Many of us assumed that this would be a short-term hardship, but it has lasted far longer than anyone anticipated. We miss our social and physical connections with each other.

While businesses, countries, and borders globally were shutting down, we at Mothers Without Borders were not alone in our struggle to understand how to operate and continue our programs. Our fundraising efforts were being challenged, including cancelling all summer expeditions to Zambia. Our hearts turned to our friends in Zambia. Because of the pandemic, many of the pre-existing problems in Zambia were exacerbated. At times the heartache and suffering felt huge and overwhelming. It would have been understandable to get caught in that hopeless thought cycle, instead we remembered that we can make a difference. Mother Teresa once said, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast

a stone across the waters to create many ripples”. Please know you have made a difference.

Through all of these challenges, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing contributions and service to Mothers Without Borders. Most organizations suffered greatly in the wake of this pandemic as their donors had to carefully select which of the many needy programs to support. The focus of our vision throughout 2020 has shifted from one of maintenance to one of sustainability. We are creating systems that will have lasting impact and will continue to provide life-saving services such as food security through increased farming, clean water, and establishing a goat breeding program. Thanks to our loyal community and your generous responses to the increased need in Zambia, we not only kept all programs open, but we also grew in all areas and will continue growing into 2021. That is a miracle!

It’s been said that “in prosperity, our friends know us; in adversity, we know our friends.” We are so very grateful to know our friends. Many of you know first-hand the faces of those that your generosity directly impacts. If you have not been to Zambia, I invite you to come and see the miracles taking place. Join us on a team. Thank you to all our devoted staff both in Zambia and in the U.S., along with our gracious and generous donors for your efforts to support Mothers Without Borders. Against all odds, 2020 was our best year yet. I’m excited by our vision for 2021 and in the future.

Sincerely,

Linda Williams
Chairman of the Board



OUR MISSION

Mothers Without Borders offers hope in developing countries by strengthening local communities in their efforts to:

- 1) nurture children in crisis by providing a safe home, clean water, nutrition, education, and access to caring adults who invite healing from trauma; and
- 2) empower women and youth with literacy and business skills.

We teach principles of conscious living, personal growth, and self-reliance to inspire each individual to be the best version of themselves.



More than 1.1 million adults in Zambia live with HIV/AIDS, the majority of whom are women. Over the past several decades, AIDS has taken the lives of hundreds of thousands of parents and caretakers—exposing over 1 million children to the harsh realities of life on their own. This has led to the fact that 1 in 18 people in Zambia is an orphan under the age of 18. As a result, it is common for these children to head their households and provide for siblings, often requiring them to drop out of school or turn to sex trafficking as a way to earn money. These depressing circumstances trap them in a cycle of poverty, hunger, compromised health, and has eliminated opportunities for a bright future.

MWB helps communities obtain the resources they need to support their children in pursuing their individual dreams. With love as our motive, we work with communities to instill patterns of conscious living, personal growth, and self-reliance in everyone we work with, enabling them to lead a better life. All of the programs we provide are founded in an unwavering commitment to local wisdom, individual development, conscious living, and the power of love.

We envision a day where every community worldwide is supported in their efforts to find solutions to the problems that place their children in crisis.



Local Wisdom



Individual Development



Conscious Living



The Power of Love



LOCAL WISDOM



We value local wisdom and recognize the importance of identifying the needs of the local community from the individuals who reside there.



INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT



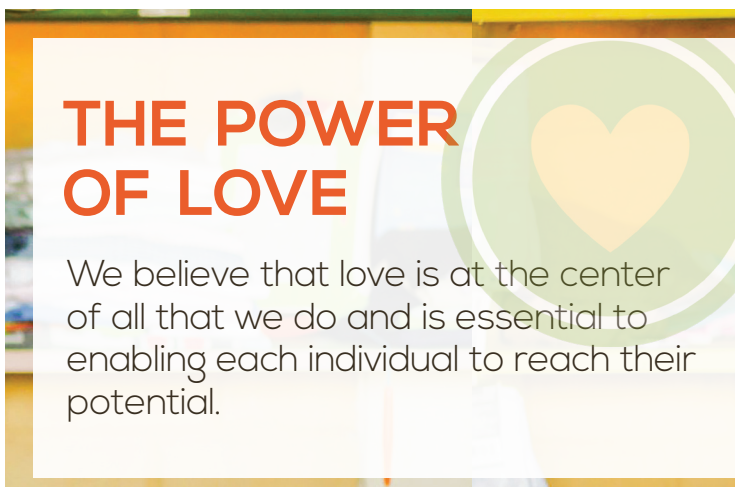
We believe in holistic, sustainable programs that nurture an individual's physical, emotional, and mental development as they pursue their individual dreams.



CONSCIOUS LIVING



We believe in empowering each individual we interact with to become the best versions of themselves.



THE POWER OF LOVE



We believe that love is at the center of all that we do and is essential to enabling each individual to reach their potential.





Every child is an individual of infinite worth.

Each of our programs strengthen communities to empower, support, and care for their children in crisis. Led by our local staff, our programs focus on enabling each individual to reach their own dreams.

OUR 2020 IMPACT

15 communities served in 2020

Meet Peter.

He and many other students came to the fence of our school asking for food when we had to pause classes during the early months of the pandemic. Most of our students rely on the daily hot lunch as their only reliable source of food. We are happy to have our students back in the classroom learning with full bellies.

Peter is one of 525 students attending the Carol Zulu Primary School.



Peter

170,045 meals provided in 2020



Meet Raymond.

He is pursuing a teaching degree in college. He and many of the young adults would have likely not reached 8th grade without the 17 to Self-Reliance program.

Raymond is one of 40 youth benefiting from the 17 to Self-Reliance program.



Raymond

Meet Faith, Irene, Sylvia, and Sharon.

They have recently expanded their uniform sewing business to provide all the uniforms for the 1st graders at the Carol Zulu Primary school.

They are just a few of the 198 women impacted by our Women's Empowerment Programs.



Faith, Sharon, Sylvia, Kaitlyn, Irene



Eunice

Meet Eunice.

She is pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse, something not many girls in her village have the opportunity to do.

Eunice is one of 260 girls newly enrolled in the Be That Girl program.

483 children & youth educated in 2020

78 local Zambians employed in 2020



Grace (left)



Grace (left)

Meet Grace.

She was a part of our family at the Children's Resource Center for 6 years. Happily, she now lives with a loving foster family who were unable to have children of their own.

Grace is one of 319 children who have been impacted by the Children's Resource Center since 2008.



SUSTAINABILITY

We believe that we belong to each other, and so we take care of each other.

As our programs continue to grow, our vision moves from maintenance to sustainability. We are aiming to create systems with lasting impact, that will continue to provide life-saving services regardless of external factors. Few external factors in Zambia have had such a devastating effect on food security as has the COVID-19 pandemic, where store shelves were bare and no one was eating. This was a harrowing reminder of the urgent necessity to incorporate sustainability into our preexisting feeding programs.

Thanks to the swift and generous support of our donors throughout the pandemic, we have been able to provide immediate food relief for many of our friends in Zambia. Our Zambian staff have begun the implementation of our sustainability and expansion plan to allow a more reliable and sustainable way to ensure food security among many thousands of vulnerable women and children.

This year alone, we increased our farmable acreage to produce 20 times more food, which we predict will provide an additional 450,000 meals every year. Our vision is to provide all the food needed to serve daily lunch to 500+ students at the Carol Zulu Primary School as well as three meals a day to our children at the Children’s Resource Center. We anticipate a surplus of crops that can then be sold to local markets, thereby creating enough profit to maintain the farm year to year.

In addition to growing food, we completed 7 water well projects for communities with no access to clean water—bringing clean water to 11,370 people. We also established a goat-breeding program to provide meat and milk for both our programs and the surrounding community.



We believe in the power of human connection.

Carol Zulu was love on legs—she was the embodiment of joy and kindness. In 2006, Kathy met Carol, who was living with her Granny. Carol’s Granny was already struggling to feed the many children she was raising—a circumstance very common among families affected by AIDS in Zambia. Growing up in a home with little food and a lot of mouths to feed, Carol was very aware of the needs of others. Even though she had not eaten for days, on the day she came to the CRC, she shared the sandwich we gave her with the other children in our programs who (unbeknownst to her) had already eaten lunch.

Carol came into the care of Mothers Without Borders when she was 12 years old. Here she was given the chance to dream and think beyond tomorrow, but her dreams were cut short when she lost her battle to AIDS at age 15. Carol’s deepest hope was that her friends would go to school, be fed and taken care of, and given the opportunity to make their dreams come true. She dreamed that every child would feel loved and protected. **The Carol Zulu Club is a realization of that dream and represents hundreds of children who each have their own story.**

The Carol Zulu Club—Our Monthly Giving Community.

This year, we rebranded our previous monthly giving program to reflect Mothers Without Borders’ vision for the future. Carol embodied this vision and inspired everyone she interacted with, and we are excited to name our new monthly giving program in her honor. We are grateful for the loving support of each member of The Carol Zulu Club and their dedication to helping us carry forward Carol’s legacy to ensure that children receive an education and are empowered to fulfill their dreams.

“Carol Zulu loved others deeply and without conditions. The most important lesson Carol taught me, and continues to teach, is the power of one. This little girl from a small village in Africa has touched the lives of so many throughout the world! When I close my eyes, I can still feel her hugs.” - Julie, Volunteer 2008



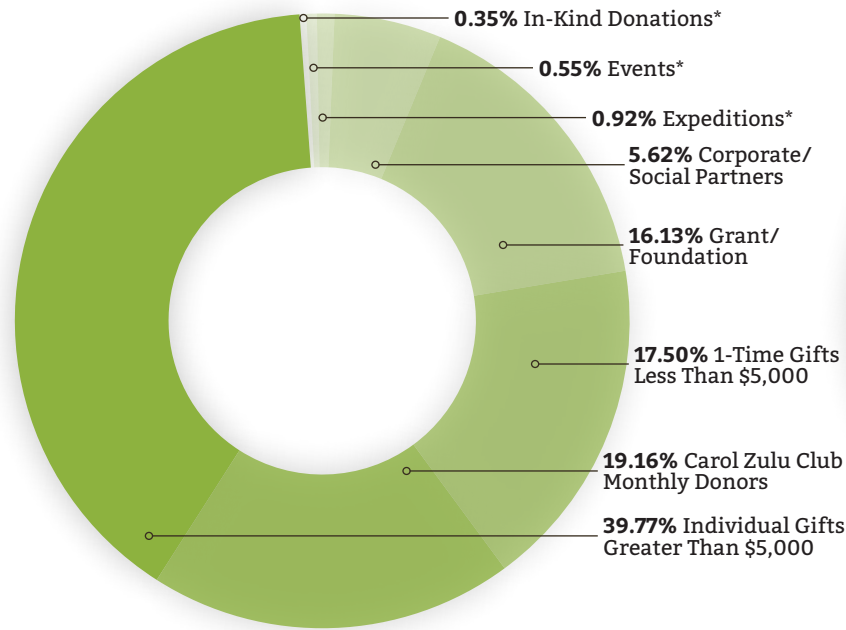
THE IMPACT OF FOOD SECURITY

One Zambian grandmother’s experience highlights the impact of this year’s hunger relief efforts. Like many other women her age in Zambia, she cares for her eight grandkids who have lost their parents. Five of the eight children are currently enrolled in our primary school, where they had a hot lunch every week-day before the pandemic prevented school attendance. She came to our Lusaka facilities in May, because the family had not eaten a single thing in over 6 days. Thanks to our donors, she was able to take home a month’s worth of food that day. Once our crops are mature, she and her grandchildren will be among the many families in our surrounding area who will have access to that sustainable supply of food. Her story is only one example of the impact this renewed focus on sustainability has. We find great hope in knowing that our efforts to support local communities through a focus on sustainability will be the driving force for thousands of similar stories sure to come.

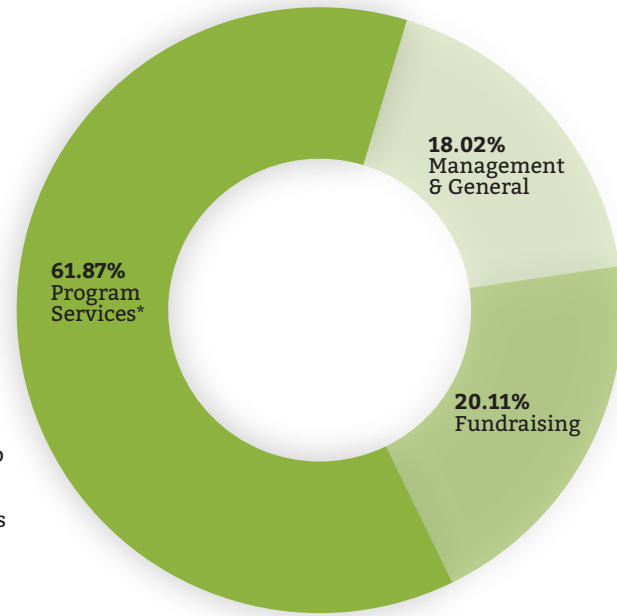


2020 FINANCIALS

SUPPORT INCOME



EXPENSES



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THANK YOU

Thank you for your love and continued support. Your contributions and dedication to change have created a community founded on and motivated by love.

Mothers Without Borders financials are reviewed annually by Squire & Company, PC.

COVID-19 Impact

*COVID-19 has had a broader and longer-lasting impact than anyone expected and Mothers Without Borders has not been immune to it. Nonetheless, we are committed to successfully guiding our organization through these challenges. It goes without saying that the health crisis halted some of our programs and changed the way we were able to operate this fiscal year. Because of government travel restrictions we were unable to move forward with our expedition teams and we had to cancel our live fundraising events—greatly impacting our program expenses and revenue.

A positive aspect, but one that affected our percentages negatively, was the fact that the exchange rate in Zambia was almost double what it has been in past years. This enabled us to decrease our expenses while having the funds to build and provide more than we've ever been able to—investing time and effort into building for the future. While our program percentage may not be as high as in past years, we feel good about the year our organization has experienced. We were able to create more impact than ever before in Zambia and are excited about the future we see coming for Mothers Without Borders.



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