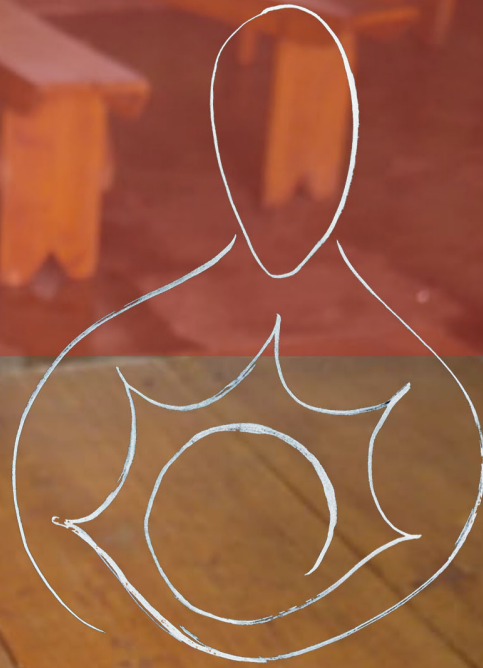


# Sunrise of Life Annual Report 2017-2018

## “No Boundaries”



‘Fostering sustainable futures for vulnerable children’



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## A Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Reader;

We would like to take the time to thank you for reading this year's annual report. In this report, you will find an account of all the efforts put forward by the team in Tanzania and Canada to help street dependent children in Arusha, Tanzania. When preparing this report and reflecting on the past year, we were challenged to come up with two words that summarized our experiences. However, further reflection as a team led us to these two words: "No Boundaries". Together we have continued to strengthen our amazing team in North America, Tanzania, and across the globe to help street dependent children in Tanzania. With your assistance, we have been able to impact the lives of so many by facilitating the children's transition from the streets to the classroom, as well as from the classroom to employment. Our ultimate goal, which was to provide help to vulnerable children, was met and surpassed on so many levels this past year. Therefore, For the youth at Sunrise of Life, we can only say that there is "No Boundaries"

To this day, our impact remains focused and effective. Thanks to our organization's strong commitment to collaboration with the local communities in Tanzania. From the outstanding support provided by the local Social Welfare Office, Government, and surrounding community, we have been able to realize success in our efforts and our objectives. We look back on the years, just as we look forward to the next, with anticipation and excitement for all that may come. In this report, you will read the story of Lali, whose future was drastically changed by structured intervention from our organization and the local community. This is just one story of the social impact organization has created through helping one child.

From the Sunrise of Life Board in Canada and the Youth Power in Social Action board in Tanzania,

Asante Sana



## No Boundaries in Commitment

In 2018, Sunrise of Life was able to register in Tanzania as a National Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). This enabled our organization to broaden its reach across Tanzania through community outreach efforts. Youth Power in Social Action (YPSA), the official name of the newly registered NGO continues to operate the Sunrise of Life centre's in Tanzania. The mission, objectives and values continue to be aligned with those of Sunrise of Life through a newly developed Memorandum of Understanding. Through this milestone, Sunrise of Life will be able to reach our underlying commitment of "Fostering Sustainable Futures for Vulnerable Children".



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# No Boundaries through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Sunrise of Life is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations Member States in 2015. These 17 goals provide a “shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future” (United Nations, 2018). Sunrise of Life is proud to be working in collaboration with public, private, and civil society both in Canada and Tanzania to achieve the SDG’s.

Sunrise of Life is dedicated have a direct impact in the following SDG’s:





The Drop-in Centre is located in the heart of the city of Arusha. At this centre, children are taken in off the streets to be cared for by dedicated staff. Social workers and other staff help the children transition from a life on the streets. This help may include detoxing the child off any substances they may have become addicted to while residing on the streets. The workers give the children support to move past their addictions and toward a promising future of education and health. In addition, Food, healthcare, a place to sleep in, and educational programs are run out of this centre to help the children transition before being moved to the Residential Centre. Sunrise of Life is first and foremost dedicated to reuniting a child with their family. If this is not an option due to poor living conditions at home, the organization will take the child to the Residential Centre to live with the other children held under Sunrise of Life's care.

Moreover, The Drop-in Centre also runs night outreach to help find and take in children who may be living on the streets and need assistance. Along with night outreach, Sunrise of Life runs a day program which allows those youth not wishing to leave the streets a chance to clean themselves and have a good meal three times a week. Most of these children are older boys who do not wish to move from their current living situations but still do need basic human needs.

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# Residential Centre



The Residential Centre is just outside the city of Arusha in Maji ya Chai. This centre is the second step in the program at Sunrise of Life. Once the child is stable and ready for an education, they are moved to the Residential Center, a place where a child lives in a community setting with the other children. The Residential Center also allows the children to go to school in the surrounding areas, eat meals together, and do daily chores around the centre. One of these chores includes tending to one of the many projects Sunrise of Life runs to help create sustainability within the organization. This project, which was ran by the organization this year, involved gardening and growing chickens that were sold in the market. The income from these projects helped feed the children and staff, especially during the rainy season.



Chicken project

Garden

Helping make food

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The centre also saw the renovation of the dining hall where the children eat all their meals and do group activities.



In addition to all of these, the organization started a sewing project. With the centre acquiring six sewing machines and a teacher, we are now able to teach practical skills that the children can take into their futures. These vocational skills are also offered free of charge to those in the village who do not have the resources to attend school or college.



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# Transition Program

The last step in Sunrise of Life's mission to aid the creation of self-sufficient lives for those children that find themselves on the streets is the Transition Program. This program gives the youth a chance to go obtain higher education, whether that be vocational school or technical training. The organization is proud to say that there are over 10 youth in this including 3 graduating from the program this year and heading off to a brighter futures. Furthermore, the program also saw four new youth who started their first year of vocational college. Two young men started at EUREKA University College in Moshono on September 28th. In addition two young men began a tour guide course, which will allow them to work in the vast and rich tourist industry present in Arusha and the surrounding areas.

Overall, through this multistep approach, Sunrise of Life is able to assist a wide range of youth in creating a future of opportunity of "No Boundaries" for themselves.

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## The story of Lali

(Note: Names and locations have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals)

In September 2018, Jackson, a Social Worker, conducted a home visit to a district approximately one to three hours away from the City of Arusha. This visit was initiated after a youth named Nufaika came to Drop-in Center to ask for help concerning his relatives who are living in that district.

When he reached the community, Jackson received information that Nufaika's father died in 2015 while leaving three wives and a total of 19 children. Among the children was Lali, a 13-year-old girl studying in class four. Before her father died, he took her bride price, which meant she could get married at any time and the community could not object.

In addition, Lali was supposed to undergo female genital mutilation in December 2018. It is a tradition and custom of the that a girl must go through genital mutilation before getting married. This information was brought up by her mother since it was her mothers desire was that her child should continue with school and the community not to push through with this tradition. Jackson realized that Lali's mother was seeking help to stop her child from going through this traumatic experience.

When Lali had a talk with Jackson, the only thing she said was, "I need help, I do not want to get married to a man older like my father who died and I do not want to undergo mutilation". After listening to all these, Jackson brought the issue to the Sunrise of Life staff's attention, who began the process to help Lali. The first step was to report to the Social welfare office, who set a date to visit the family together with Jackson.

In November 2018, Jackson and the regional social worker went to Lali's home and talked to her family about the cruelty that was about to be done to Lali. They also added that these early marriage and genital mutilation should not take place since it is very dangerous for Lali. In addition the family was told that Lali could die on the course of circumcision. The was also advised that this practice is against humanity and the Tanzanian law. After being made aware of the existential consequences of such a tradition, the family promised not to push through Lali's marriage and genital mutilation. A village meeting was called to discuss further the different reasons why this particular tradition should not take place.

The Social Worker in the district confirmed with us that Lali did not undergo Female Genital Mutilation. We will be making regular follow-ups with the family to see how Lali is doing and to provide support as needed. Lali will be registered in a local boarding school so she can receive proper supports while still maintaining a connection to her community and culture.



## No Boundaries through Volunteerism

This past year, over 8 volunteers travelled to the Residential Centre, doing a variety of tasks including helping in the garden, teaching basic English skills, doing street outreach, and helping the staff with administrative tasks. The benefits of this volunteer program include being able to provide affection and care to the children and increasing exposure and awareness about the needs in Tanzania. Sunrise of Life always takes feedback from volunteers to heart and often, volunteers help stimulate change in the organization. The concept of Sunrise of Life was started by volunteers and continues to be driven forward by volunteers' passion and dedication. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who travelled to Tanzania this past year and made a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Asante Sana!





# No Boundaries Through Child Sponsorship



The sponsorship program at Sunrise of Life gives individuals the opportunity to fund a child's physical and intellectual development needs through their monthly donation of \$45. The sponsorship fee pays for the child's living expenses, as well as their education fees. This money, which is put toward the operational needs of caring for an individual, allows the centre to put other donations towards improvements of the centre's and the programs in these centers.

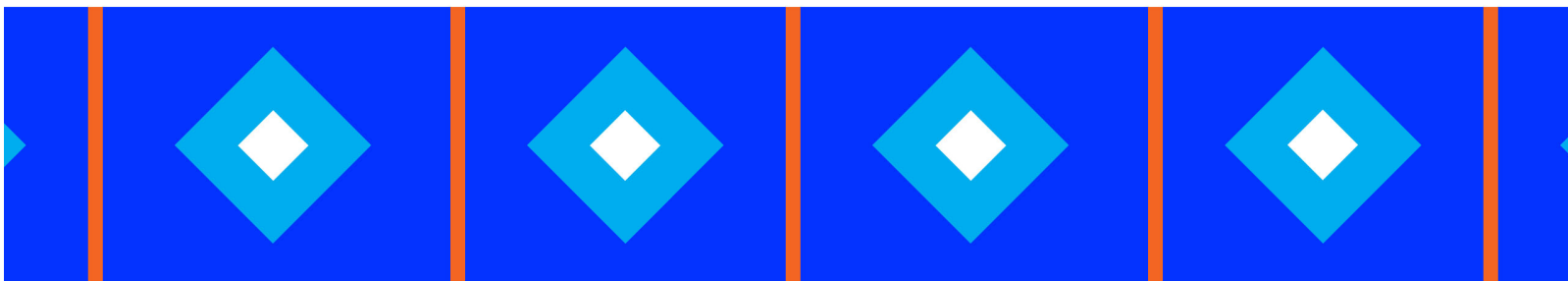
Moreover, Sponsorship also allows Sunrise of Life to have a reliable, steady stream of funds coming into the organization. These funds will help as many children as possible in the long term and in an impacting manner. With over 90% of the children at Sunrise of Life being sponsored throughout the past year, the organization is able to offer sustainable futures to those children making better lives for themselves.

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# No Boundaries through our Annual Fundraising Events

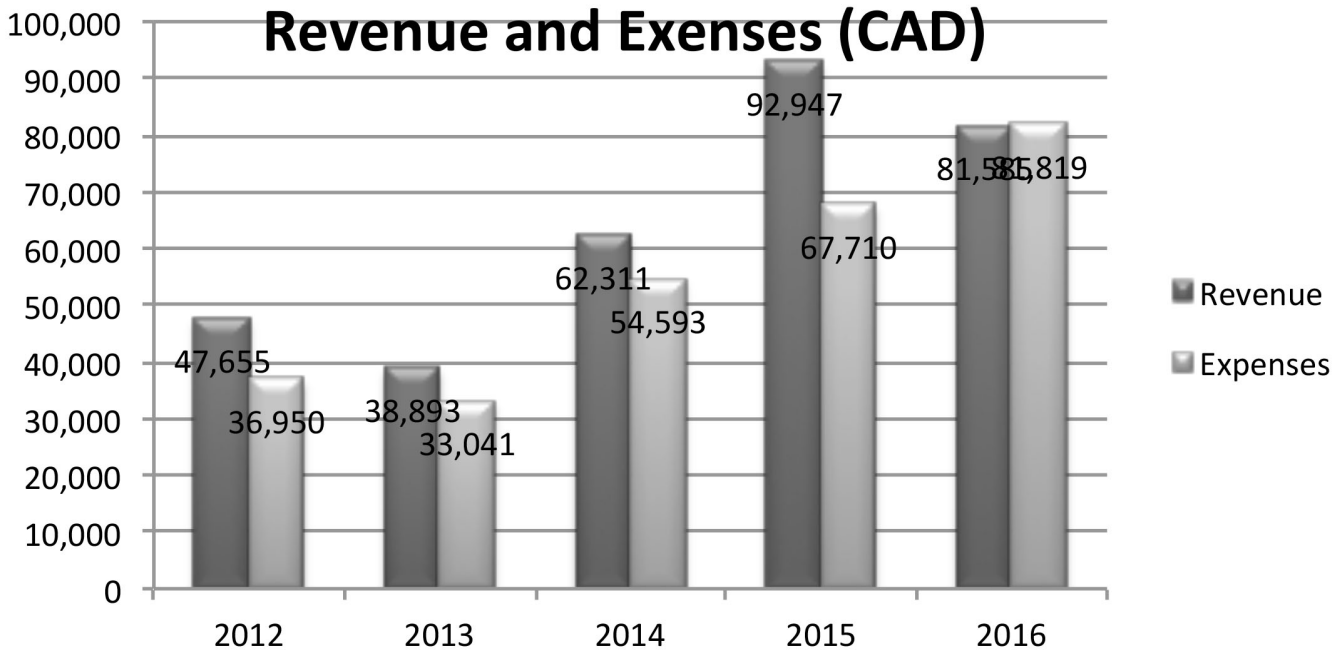
In addition to the Child Sponsorship, the two fundraising committees in Alberta have done an outstanding job of hosting multiple fundraisers this past year. From the Annual Social Evening and Charity Dinner to a sunny day on the Golf Course and a delightful evening of Wine and Cheese Pairing, these events brought together hundreds of people in the effort to help vulnerable children in Tanzania.



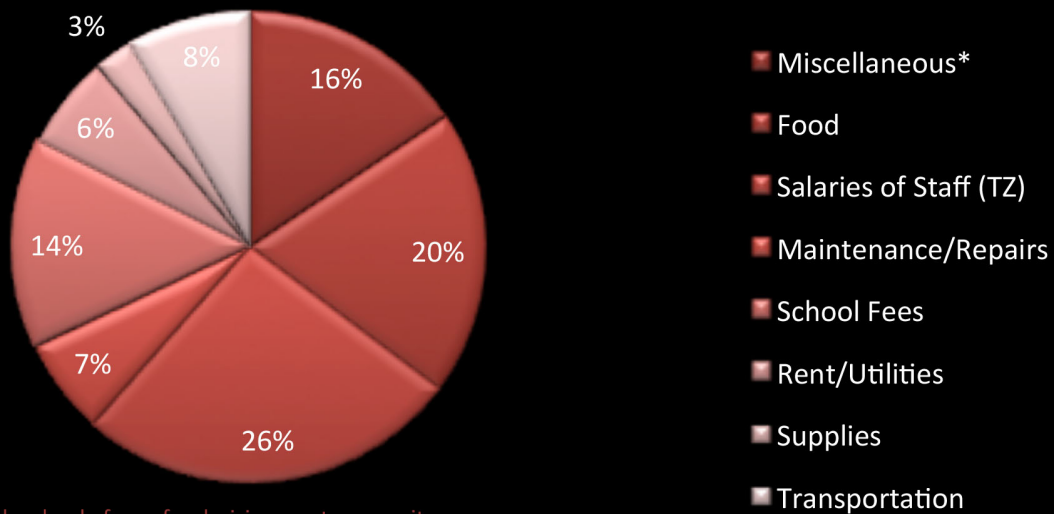
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# Financial Report

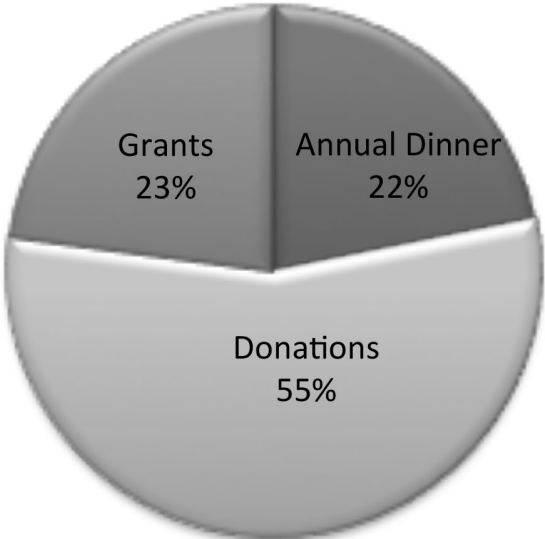


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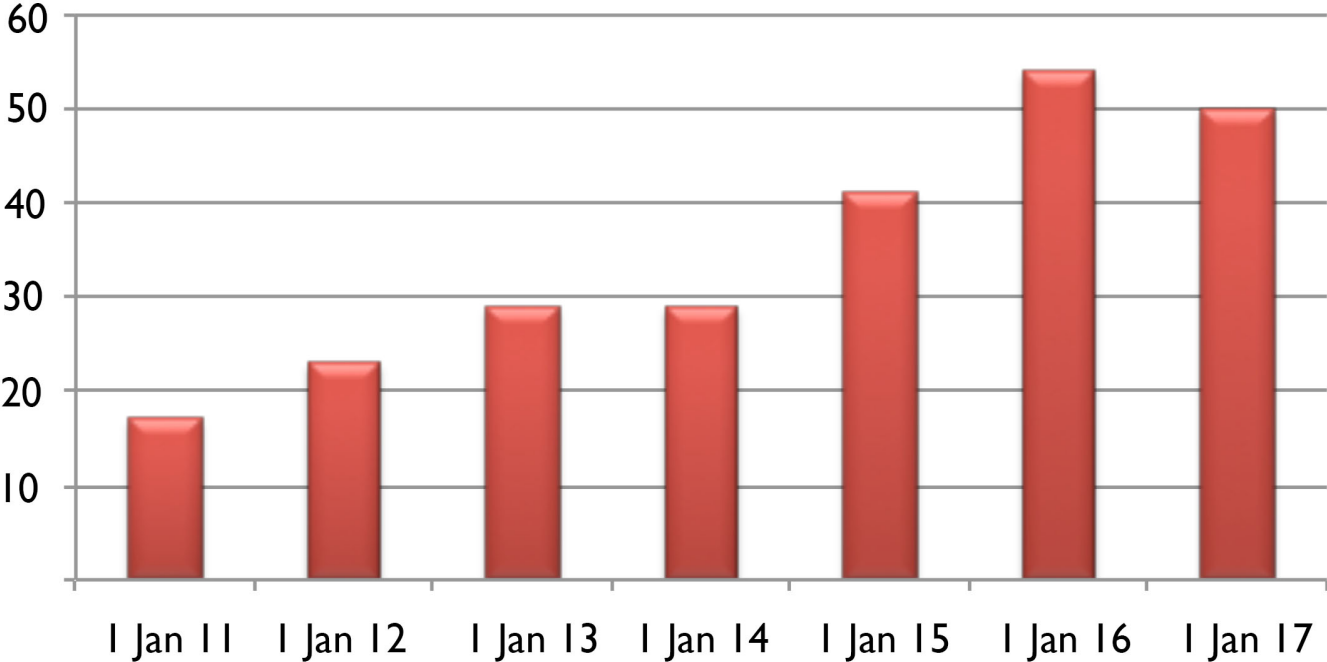


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# Income Summary 2017



## Number of Children at SOL



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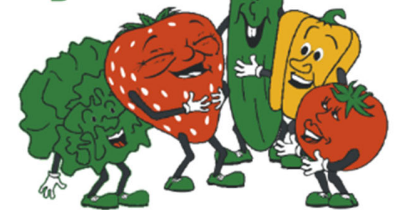
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