

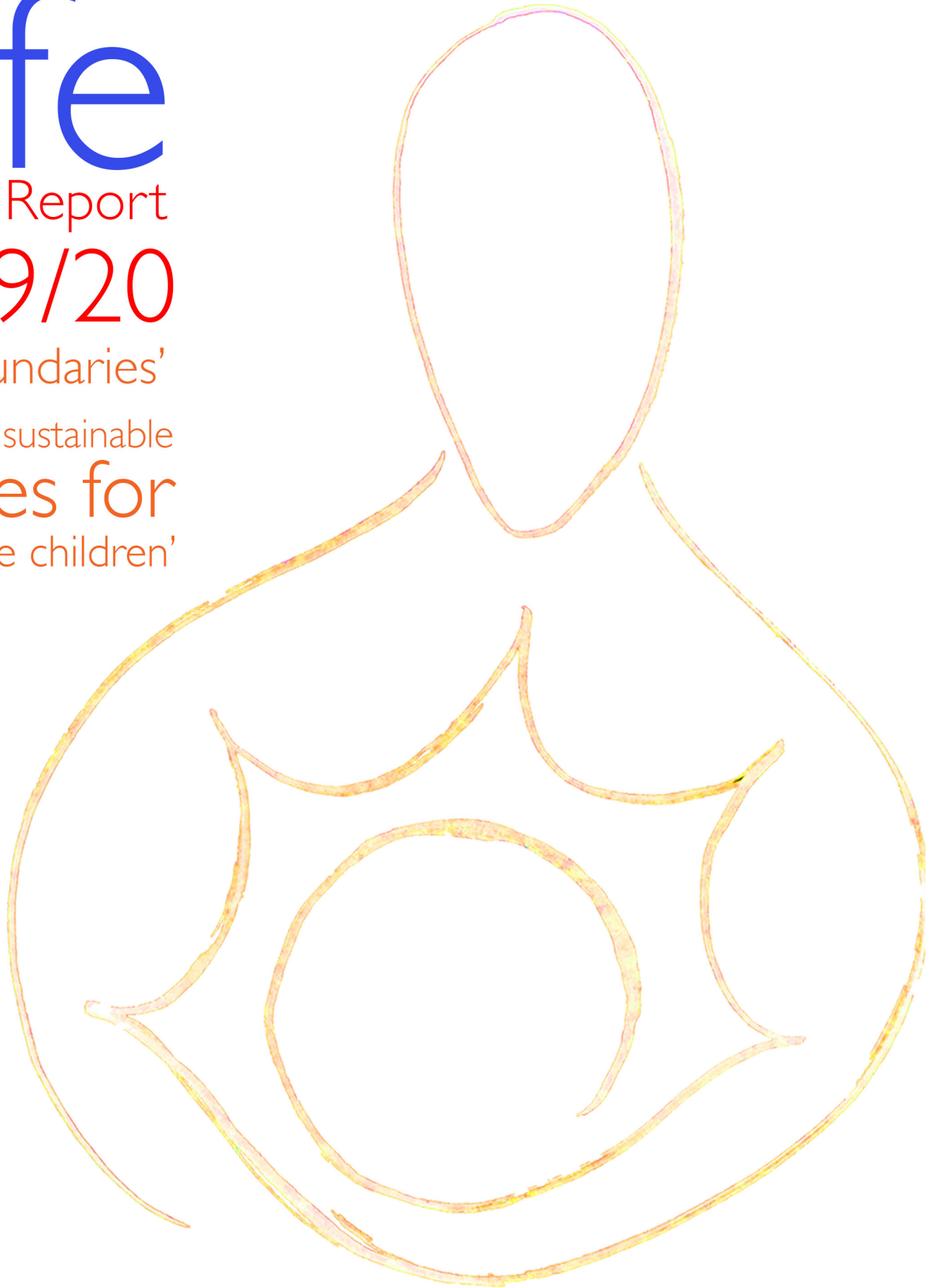
Sunrise of Life

Annual Report

2019/20

'No Boundaries'

'Fostering sustainable
futures for
vulnerable children'



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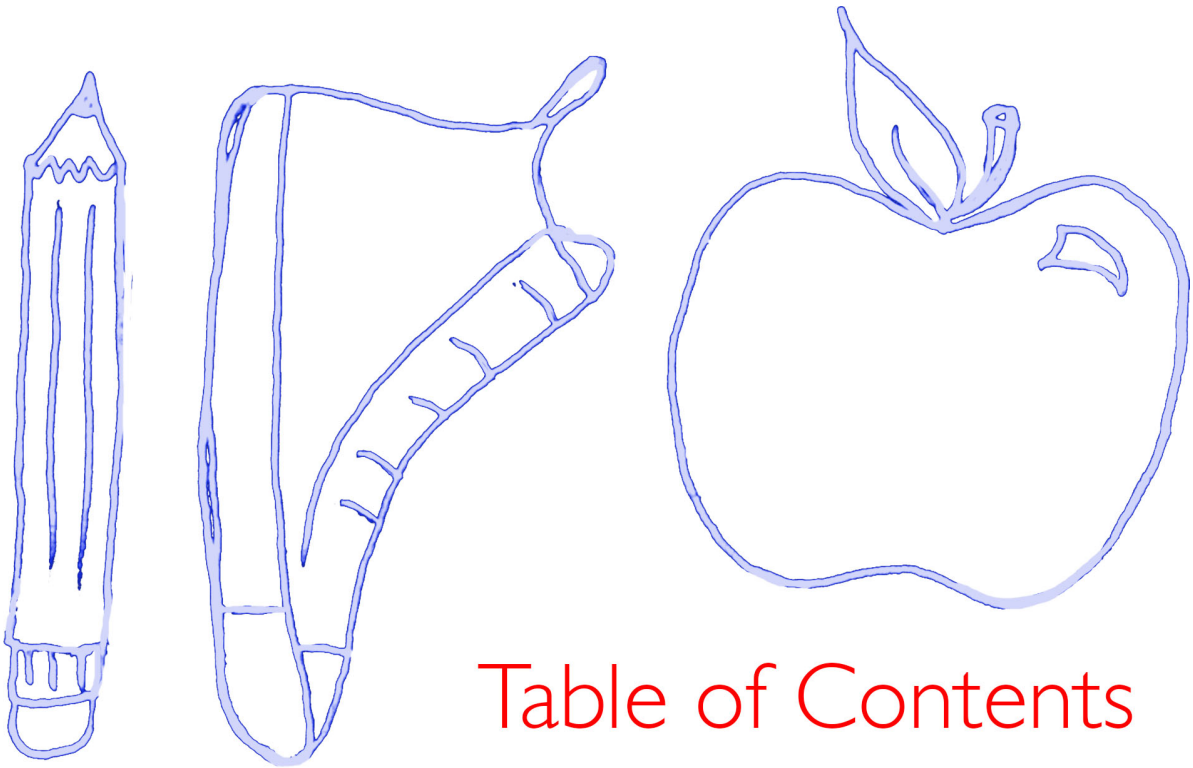


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Dear Readers,

This past year has been one with successes and challenges, one of celebrations and observance. One of our board members from Canada, Joseph Balinda, had the privilege of visiting the centre and outreach project in Tanzania, and his key take-away from his experience was the amazing work the Tanzanian board, and the staff at the centre do day in and day out. It is this dedication that has ensured the success of so many children. Some graduated with certificates from vocational mechanical college, while another graduated with an Education Degree from University. Still, others continue their schooling in primary, secondary, and in various college institutions. Alongside the Tanzanian board we could not be more proud of them all.

This past year saw the transition and re-direction of the Drop-in Centre program. In order to continue to adequately meet the needs of those we serve, the Drop-in Centre portion of the program had to pivot, to move into the communities where the most vulnerable children continue to survive. The expertise of the Tanzanian board was instrumental in ensuring this pivot happened seamlessly, and through ongoing partnerships, with other local organizations, we have been able to broaden our reach. The new Community Outreach Program not only ensures services are not duplicated by various organizations but also ensures the funds you donate reach the right populations.

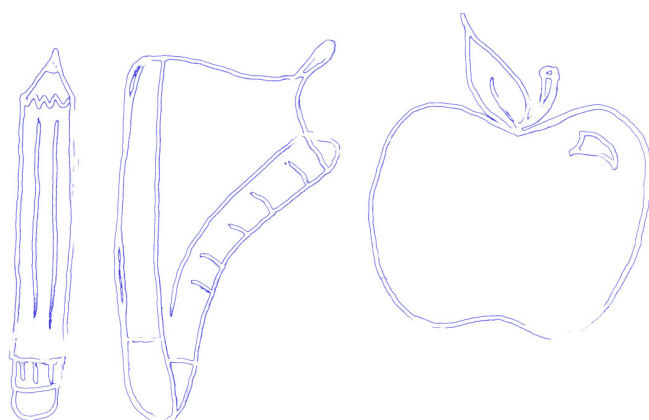
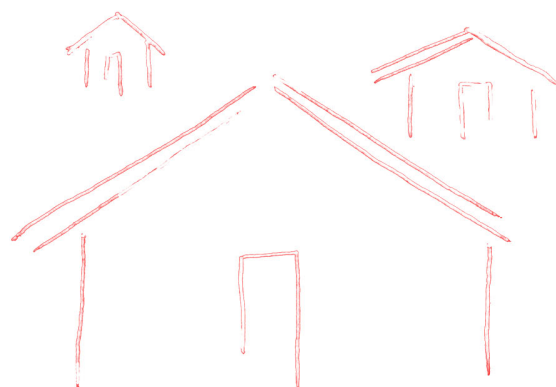
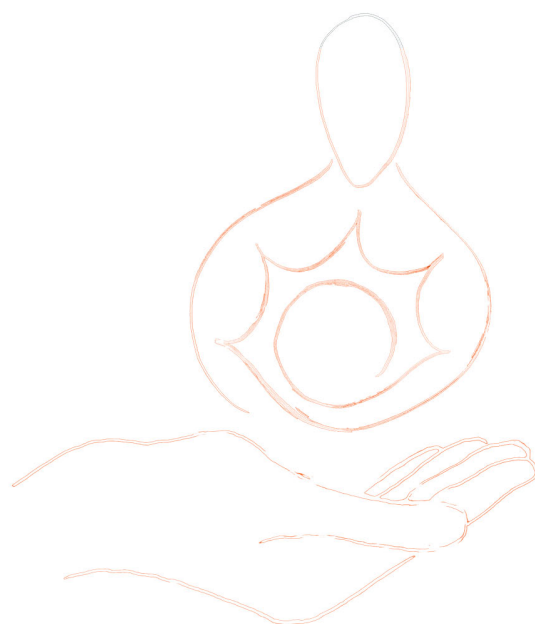
While in Tanzania we often ask the children and the staff what message they would like to pass on to the donors, and one word always comes up: "Asante Sana na Mungu awe nawe" which translates to "Thank you very much and God be with you". Your amazing support throughout these past 9 years has brought many smiles not only to the children Sunrise of Life serves but also to their families and communities. As a youth who graduated from University this past year so rightly put "education is everything". We hope you enjoy reading this year's annual report, and from the bottom of our hearts, Asante Sana.

With Thanks

Sunrise of Life Board of Directors
Canada
Tanzania

No Boundaries in Commitment

In 2019 Sunrise of Life, partnering with Youth Power in Social Action (YPSA), continued its efforts to aid the lives of vulnerable children in and around the city of Arusha, TZ. Through this partnership Sunrise of Life was able to broaden its impact by working with local organizations to identify the communities needs. Sunrise of Life was able to reallocate resources from efforts which were already being met by other organizations within the community, to new avenues of aid. With the strength of the community in which it works, Sunrise of Life was able to continue its mission of “Fostering Sustainable Futures for Vulnerable Children”.



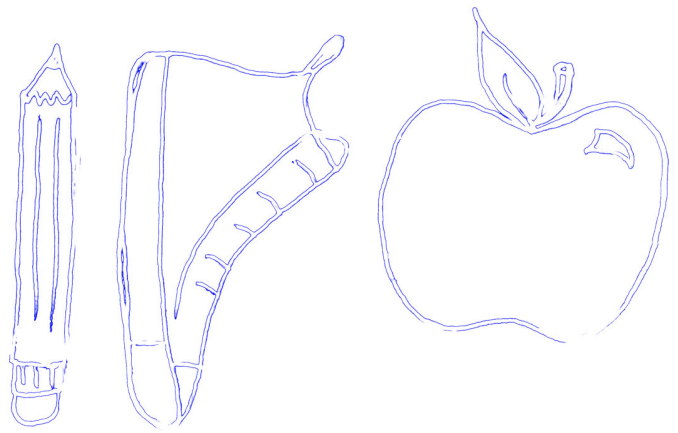
No Boundaries through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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 to have a direct impact in the following SDG’s:



Community Outreach Program



This year saw a shift in Sunrise of Life's efforts at the Drop-in Centre to a Community Outreach Program. Our partner organizations are now adequately fulfilling the needs of children who are street dependent so Sunrise of Life shifted its focus to keeping needy and vulnerable children from leaving their homes in the first place. By working closely with the ward, village authorities and the social welfare office, Sunrise of Life was able to identify children in need and provide school essentials to them as well as basic needs within their homes. This new initiative created a program pivot allowing more funds to directly and greatly impact those receiving the donations. Sunrise of Life was able to identify and aid 23 children from 17 families with its initial pilot. Sunrise of Life hopes to increase that aid as the program develops and expands.

Residential Centre



The Residential Centre is just outside the city of Arusha in Lerai. This centre is the second stage in the Sunrise of Life project. In the Community Outreach Program the Sunrise of Life team works hard to increase mechanisms in the community to stabilize the families of vulnerable children so they can remain in their community. Sometimes this is impossible, and if so these youth are taken into the Residential Centre Program where they live in a community setting with other children. The Residential Centre 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.

The 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.

Transition Program

The final stage in Sunrise of Life's mission is to empower and encourage youth to develop skills which can influence self sufficiency through the Transition Program.

This program gives the youth a chance to obtain higher education, whether that be vocational school or technical training. The organization is proud to say that there are currently nine youths in this program. Two of the youths are currently enrolled in University while five more are enrolled in College. The last two youths are just beginning the program with another step into a brighter future.

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



Our Social Impact

Our world is consistently shifting at a fast pace. The impact of climate change, migration, inequalities, aging infrastructure and increasing costs of crises are becoming bigger than any government or non-profit can solve on its own which is why many organizations are beginning to become more socially aware of their impact and how they can help their community. Sunrise of Life worked towards strengthening its partnership with the No Child Sleep on Street Network, a network of organizations who have an underlying mission to assist vulnerable children and youth in the Arusha Region. We are excited with the ongoing development of this network, and further aligning the programs of Sunrise of Life so that as a network our impact on vulnerable populations can increase.

As an example the Sewing Program at Sunrise of Life gained a wider access to the local community through ongoing partnerships with the village where the Residential Centre is located. The closing of the Drop In Centre program was reconfigured with an emphasize on community outreach. Our staff dedicated their time by empowering youth and their families to achieve their goals. The Outreach Program this year targeted 23 children and their families in 3 different communities by providing school uniforms, school fees, and other basic needs.

This year we also received a grant from Prizma Middensch in Belgium, that contributed to our goal of educating the children throughout quarantine. Thanks to their donation we were able to hire a teacher for the children in the Residential Centre. We also have funds for the purchase of laptops for the children to learn computer skills at the centre. Along with the global community, the children at Sunrise of Life have been coping with the new realities of COVID-19. As part of the safety strategy, the centre implemented strict measures to protect the health of staff and children. Thanks to an anonymous donation, Kulu African Creations was able to provide all of our members at the centre with a reusable mask. We also received a grant from VZW Medihulp, a Belgium foundation, that allowed us to purchase basic medical equipment for the centre. As a result the doctor can now attend the centre on a regular basis to tend to the health of the children, as well as the community members around the centre.

Other ongoing projects that will improve the lives of the children at the centre and the the broader community include playground equipment, thanks to the generous support of a long time donor. The Rotary Club of Urban Spirits, Edmonton has generously donated funds towards a solar project that will provide a consistent and stable power to the residential centre.

No Boundaries Through Volunteerism



Sunrise of Life values collaboration and understands the strength in numbers and thus appreciates the volunteers that play a small or large role in the success of the organization. Sunrise of Life works in collaboration with many volunteers that help with fundraising events, networking and bringing projects to the centre in Tanzania. This year we had a loyal volunteer, Aster, return to the project for a few months. Jill was also able to join her for this trip. They were able to work with the Tanzanian board, build relationships, help with day to day activities with the children and bring back letters and content for our social media and donors.



Our fundraising events could not take place without dedicated volunteers and the 3 major events that had volunteers was the Lethbridge Annual Dinner, the Edmonton Beer and Pretzel Event and the Lethbridge Golf Tournament.

This year we are also excited to welcome two volunteers who will be assisting with administrative duties in Canada!

From all of us at Sunrise of Life, we extend our deepest gratitude for all of the time and efforts our volunteers have given to our organization.



The sponsorship program allows individuals of our broad community to support a child at Sunrise of Life through \$45/month donations. This amount is sufficient to provide for an individual child's daily needs, health and education expenses. By having this consistent stream of income for each child's necessary provisions, Sunrise of Life is able to utilize other monetary donations in areas where it is needed -namely, centre upkeep and renovations, and program improvements.

No Boundaries Through Child Sponsorship

Sponsorship allows Sunrise of Life to assist the children who already reside at the centre and gives further opportunity to keep our doors open to other children in need, with the hopes that we may make a lasting impact on as many children as possible.



This past year over 85% of the children are being sponsored, including 9 new children who are now receiving support. Given this support, the organization is able to offer sustainable futures to our sponsored children so that they in the future may make a better life for themselves and their families.



No Boundaries through our Annual Fundraising Events

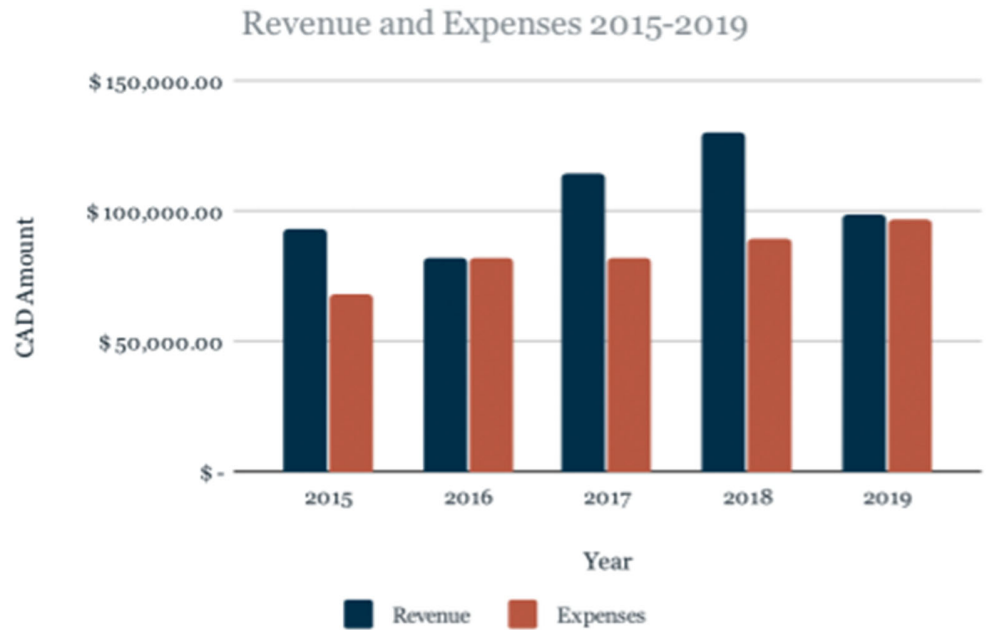
In addition to the Child Sponsorship, the two fundraising committees (Lethbridge and Edmonton) have done an outstanding job hosting multiple fundraisers.

Lethbridge held their Annual General Meeting and second Golf Scramble, while Edmonton hosted a Beer and Pretzel event. These events brought hundreds of people together to support the vulnerable children in Tanzania. Thank you to all those who attended our events!

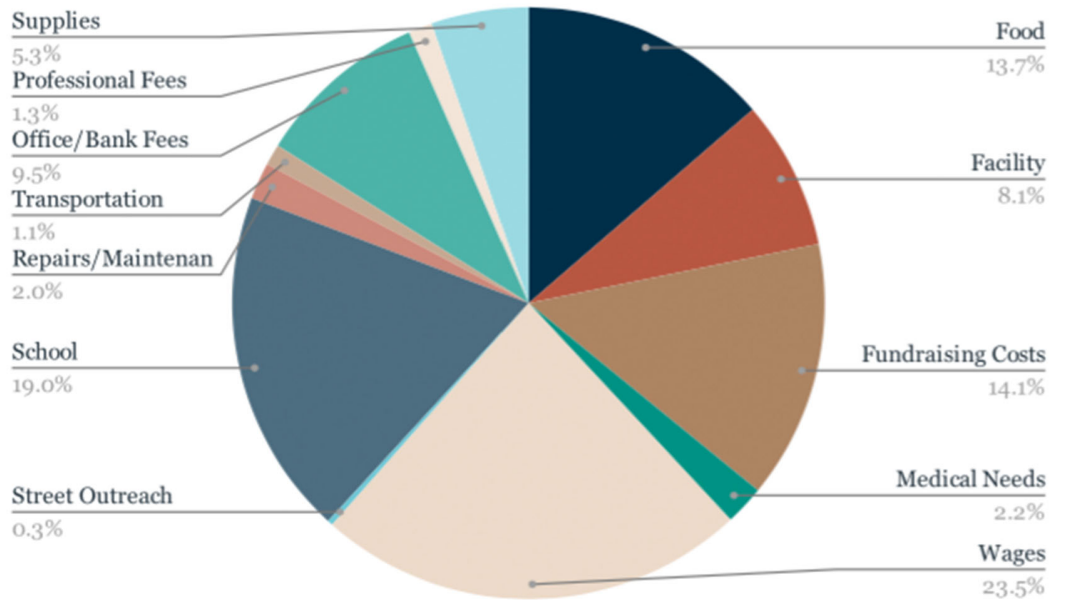
As seen in the expenses breakdown, fundraising costs account for a substantial part of the annual expenses. It should be noted, this is largely due to the expenses of green fees at the Golf Scramble and liquor costs at the Beer and Pretzel event. All fundraisers are considered low-risk and guaranteed to provide financial gain for the organization.



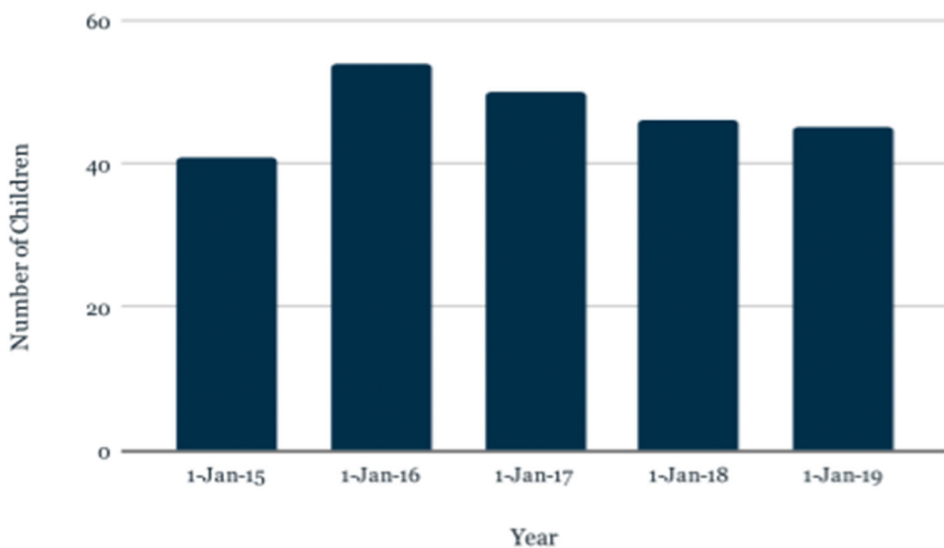
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Expense Breakdown for 2019-2020



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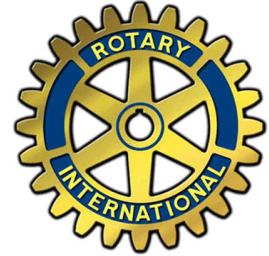


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