

Annual Report
2020/21
'No Boundaries'

Sunrise of Life



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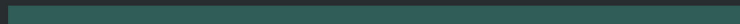
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We often refer to ourselves as “the little organization that could.”

It is that willingness, dedication and perseverance that has helped Sunrise of Life survive through each adversity. This year is a clear demonstration of the resilience of our team, our staff, volunteers, and children. Living through a global pandemic, change is the only constant, and the pace of change continues to accelerate. There has never been a more critical time to plan for the future; to lay down an aspirational path that ensures continued success for years to come.

The Board’s commitment to governance excellence has been demonstrated in many ways this past year. In particular, we have made significant efforts to increase communication with our counterparts in Tanzania. We welcomed new members with expertise in project development, strategic planning, and grant writing. The board policies were updated, new volunteers joined our team and we began developing a strategic plan that will help guide and hold ourselves accountable to the mission of the organization.

One of our greatest successes was reporting zero COVID-19 cases at our Centres. We are immensely grateful to the Tanzanian staff who continue to keep the children/youth protected throughout the pandemic.

We end this annual term with hope. Hope that our world will return to a new normal, one that is stronger and more compassionate. A world that understands that humanity has no boundaries.

I am humbled to work with such a dedicated, talented group of Board Directors. Our commitment is remarkable; as together, we will continue to ensure Sunrise of Life remains accountable, transparent, and fulfills the expectations of our donors and children.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, my sincerest thank you to the volunteers, funders and other partners who have remained dedicated to Sunrise of Life during another unprecedented year.

Sincerely,

Sandra Moreno
North American Board Chair



Dear Friends,

Again you have demonstrated beyond doubt that, it's not about abundance of wealth but rather the dedication and determination to make a lasting impact in our societies. You have managed to sail through the very tough times of COVID 19 due to your strong undeterred belief in doing the little precious things in life, which contribute to the wellbeing of uncountable souls in need.



We, the Tanzania board would like to extend our gratitude to all for sharing with us your love, passion, the willingness and readiness to build a foundation that not only provides basic needs for the less fortunate, but also promises a better future for them and generations to come.

May all of you enjoy good health and whatever you do bring joy, happiness, hope and courage to all around you.



Kind Regards,
John CW Mbatia
Board Chair

No Boundaries In Commitment

In 2020 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, Tanzania.

Through this partnership Sunrise of Life was able to react to the ever-changing circumstances that 2020 brought to us all, keeping the youth, which reside under its care, safe and healthy. With the strength of the community in which it works, Sunrise of Life was able to continue its mission to create “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 being the second year of the Community Outreach Program, Sunrise of Life was able to aid 28 youths in their home communities. 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. Continued Community Outreach visits allows Sunrise of Life to tailor aid to the needs of each specific situation. A nurse was added to the community outreach team this past year. This added resource was instrumental in addressing the ongoing public health challenges in the communities Sunrise of Life has an impact. This past year 8 children were added to the community outreach program, and in the coming year the organization has set a goal to add 20 children and their families to this program! Sunrise of Life is excited to continue to grow and expand the Community Outreach Program in the coming years.

The Sunrise of Life Childrens Home 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 home community. Sometimes this is impossible, and if so these youth are taken into the Childrens Home where they live in a community setting with other children. Every child's home community is continually assessed and steady contact is kept with every child's family and community. The team in Tanzania will do ongoing assessments of these home situations, and if improvement is seen the child is unified with their family and community. The Childrens Home also allows the youth 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. Sunrise of Life currently has approximately 50 youths under its care at the Childrens Home.



Childrens Home



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 8 youths in this program. 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.



2020 has been a year of constant change in our world, and this change and challenge did not leave Tanzania untouched. Through all these changes Sunrise of Life worked hard to maintain a sense of stability in the communities we work, while still moving the needle of change forward. Sunrise of Life is proud of these efforts, and the life changing impact in these communities. While working diligently to support the health and wellbeing of the children in the Sunrise of Life Children's Home, the team also worked to support the broader health of the community we work in, as well as the communities targeted through the Community Outreach Program.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Sunrise of Life was able to provide a salary for a nurse, who aided in supporting the health of the children in the Community Outreach Program, and the Sunrise of Life Children's Home. At the Sunrise of Life Children's Home, we were able to support agriculture efforts through growing vegetables and corn, both of which contributed to lowering the food costs of the program, while teaching the children valuable life skills. A playground was also installed, which continues to bring invaluable joy in such uncertain times.

Supporting families and youth in the growing Community Outreach Program has been a rewarding aspect of the program this past year. Through the steady and sure growth of this program Sunrise of Life is able to have a lasting impact on children that are vulnerable to street dependency, through providing these children resources so they can remain in their home communities. For the children living at the Sunrise of Life Children's Home the team continues to monitor their home community closely to constantly assess the possibility of reunification.

Sunrise of Life is a program developed by Tanzania for Tanzania, which gives confidence in our long term impact. Looking forward Sunrise of Life hopes to increase our sustainability programs, including the sewing project at the Sunrise of Life Children's Home.

Ongoing partnerships through organizational collaboratives like the Arusha Street Children Network ('NoChildSleepStreet') and "Families and Futures Coalition are instrumental to the success of the Sunrise of Life efforts. Sunrise of Life has also become an active member of the Consortium for Street Children a network of 130+ organizations, researchers and practitioners working together to make street children's voices heard. Sunrise of Life continues to be active in all available partnerships allowing for maximum impact.

Our Social Impact



No Boundaries Through Volunteerism

This year has created some unpredictable changes which have impacted Sunrise of Life's volunteer program. In previous years the organization has facilitated volunteers to attend the centre and support with special projects. In early 2020 Sunrise of Life supported one of its seasoned volunteers to attend Tanzania accompanied with a peer. While at the centre they worked on building relationships with the Tanzanian board, spent time understanding the centre's current needs and subsequently started a fundraising project in Belgium to raise money for special projects. Sunrise of Life looks forward to welcoming volunteers to the centre in the coming year!

After Covid restrictions the organization pivoted to include volunteers in a new capacity. Sunrise of Life has been working on updating some administrative tasks which have included grant writing and more user friendly financial reporting methods. This past year the organization has fielded a few dozen applications and interviewed approximately 10 individuals, bringing on 4 volunteers. This expansion of the organization has provided more diversity to the team and is proving to have a positive impact. The volunteers have brought special talents and interests to the team. As we grow Sunrise of Life is excited to support a variety of volunteer positions.

The efforts of Sunrise of Life would not be successful without the enormous impact of our volunteer base, both in Canada and in Tanzania. From our Volunteer Board of Directors, to the multiple Fundraising Committees the depth of gratitude for these individuals supporting the organization is great. Thank-you.





No Boundaries Through Child Sponsorship

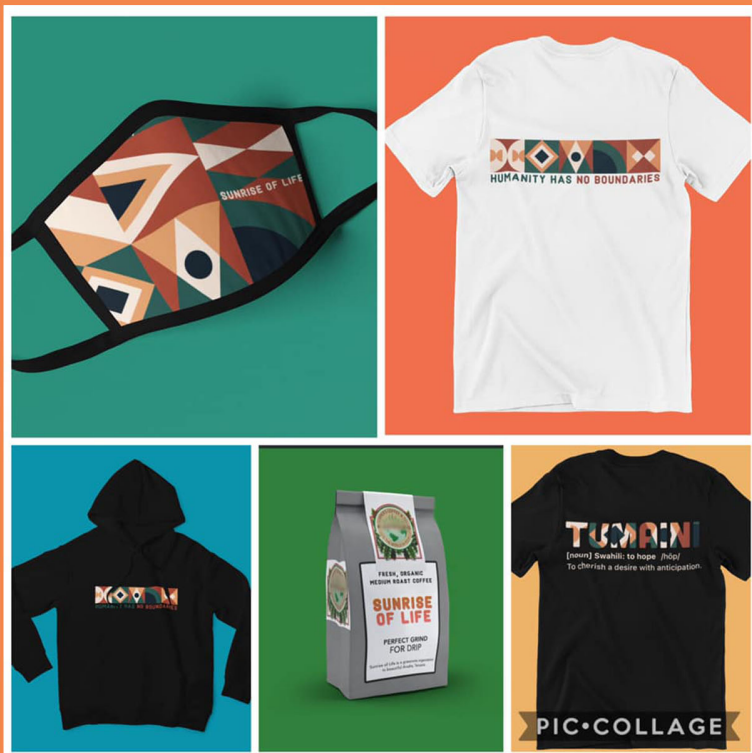


The sponsorship program allows individuals of our broad community to support a child at Sunrise of Life through \$45/month donations. This amount is sufficient to provide for an individual child's daily needs, health and education expenses. By having this consistent stream of income for each child's 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.

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. In the past year 2020, Sunrise of Life has been able to reach out to more children, via the newly initiated Outreach Program. The goal of this program is to support children's needs while they remain in their home and family environment. At this time, there are 16 children who are receiving daily food and education support, as well as wellbeing check ups.

This past year 38 children in the Children's Home are being supported by global sponsors. 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. This year Sunrise of Life will also be moving forward to seek sponsorship for the 28+ children in the Community Outreach Program. Stay tuned!

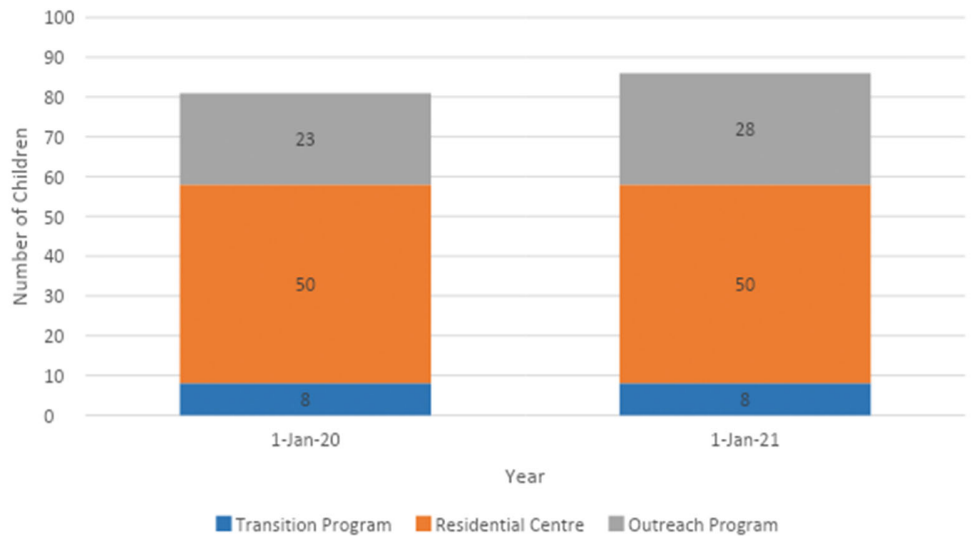
No Boundaries Through Our Annual Fundraising Events



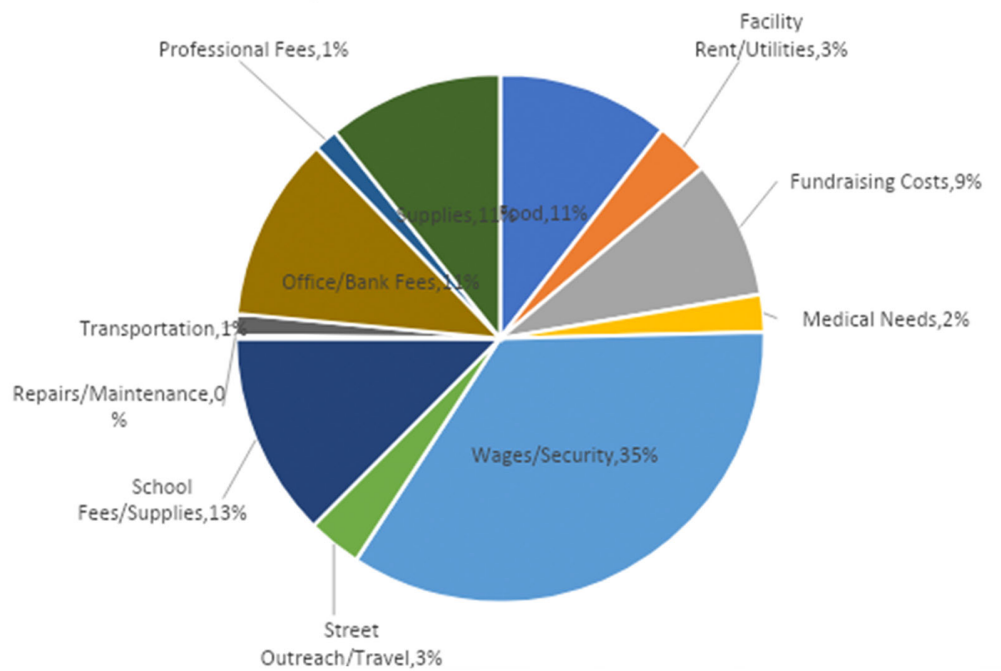
Sunrise of Life was privileged to have their Annual General Meeting in February 2020 before the pandemic limited fundraising events. Due to restrictions, the annual Lethbridge Golf Tournament and Edmonton Beer and Pretzel events could not occur. Sunrise of Life was required to pivot and became even more creative in their fundraising efforts. An online store was created by the Edmonton and Lethbridge Fundraising Committees and sponsored by many different Corporate Sponsors. The store went live in December 2020 and features products such as coffee, shirts, sweaters, and masks. Thank you to those who attended our AGM, supported us through our store, and/or continue to provide monetary support in difficult times! Stay tuned for some exciting events coming your way this year, and visit our shop at www.sunriseoflife.org/shop

Number of Children at Sunrise of Life & Financial Reports

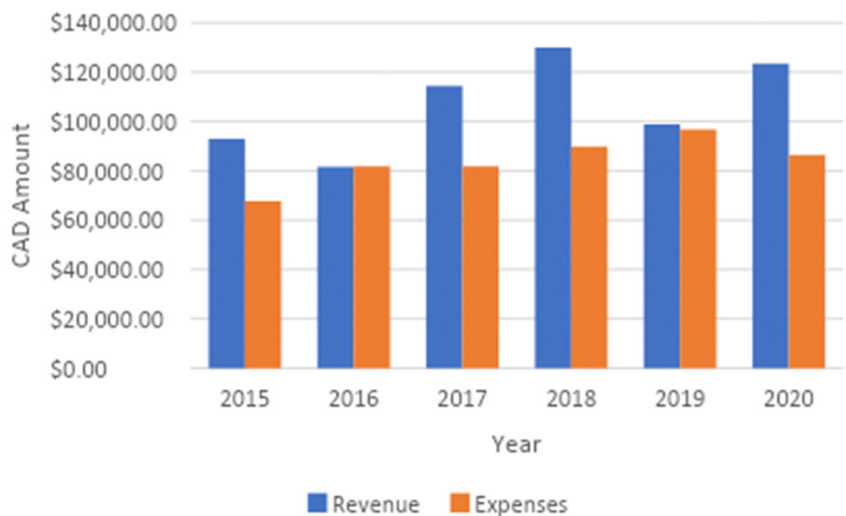
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Expense Breakdown 2020-2021



Revenue and Expenses 2015-2020



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