



# Sunrise of Life

'No Boundaries'

Annual Report  
2021/22



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# Greetings!

This past year we celebrated many successes for our organization. Our new Strategic Plan, a plan that builds off of all the momentum we have created over the past 11 years, was approved by the Board of Directors.

We continue to strive for our shared vision of “a world in which every child’s rights are protected”. A world where children have access to education, nurturing relationships, and feel a sense of community connectivity.

Building strong partnerships with local leaders has always been our passion, and it is through these relationships that we ensure our efforts remain sustainable and meaningful to the communities we serve.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their extraordinary efforts this past year in guiding the organization forward. Through our ongoing commitment we hope to continue this work in the coming year.

Sandra Moreno  
Board Chair, Sunrise of Life.

# No Boundaries In Commitment



In 2021 Sunrise of Life, in partnership with Youth Power in Social Action (YPSA), continued its efforts to support children facing barriers in and around Arusha, Tanzania.

Our relationship with YPSA helped guide our actions to the everchanging circumstances of 2021. Our priority was the health and safety of the children under our care.

With the strength of the community and local leaders, 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:



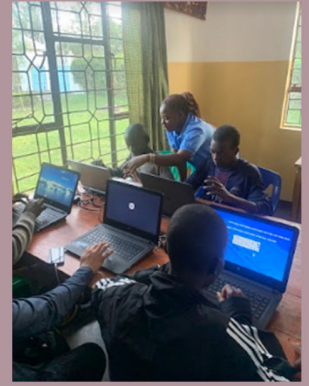
# Community Outreach Program

This was our third year running the Community Outreach Program. Sunrise of Life was able to support 50 youths in their home communities. Working closely with the ward, village authorities and the social welfare office, Sunrise of Life was able to identify children dealing with barriers and provide school essentials to them as well as basic needs within their homes.

Ongoing Community Outreach visits allows Sunrise of Life to tailor support to the needs of each specific situation. Adding 22 additional children to the Community Outreach Program, we were able to surpass our goal set last year of the addition of 20 children to the program.

Sunrise of Life is excited to continue to grow and expand the Community Outreach Program in the coming years.





# Children's Home

The Sunrise of Life Children's Home is located 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 proves to be unattainable, therefore we welcome them to our Children's 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 Children's Home also allows them to attend 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 Sunrise of Life Projects that help create sustainability within the organization. This year's project 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 38 youths under its care at the Children's Home.



# Transition Program



The final stage in Sunrise of Life's mission is to build on the strength of the children and encourage them to develop skills, which can influence self sufficiency, through the Transition Program.

This program gives the youth a opportunity to obtain higher education, whether that be vocational school or technical training. The organization is proud to say that there are currently 10 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.





# Our Social Impact

Sunrise of Life, in partnership with its beneficiary organization in Tanzania, Youth Power in Social Action, continues to have groundbreaking successes in the communities we assist. This past year our board Chair, Tom Kuperus was able to visit the projects. He witnessed the amazing work of the leaders in Tanzania, and was struck by the power of the approach our projects have taken, to support local leaders and communities in developing change. This model has allowed us to grow and thrive throughout the pandemic, and assist even more communities in and around the Arusha Region.

From re-uniting children who live at the Children's Home with their families and communities, to growing community support by 15 children, one story that demonstrates these efforts is of Maria; a Grandmother. Like many grandmothers she takes care of two of her grandchildren as their parents are no longer in their lives. Kasam and Nasabi attend a local primary school in Arusha. They are supported through the community outreach program. Without this support they would be at high risk of street dependency. In addition to helping the children the program is also looking at ways Maria can improve her local business of selling vegetables. She is dedicated to her business and enjoys what she does but the income does not meet the needs of the family.

Sunrise of Life continues to have an impact on the lives of over 90 individuals, from children, to youth, to parents to Grandparents. We are excited to be growing and expanding our reach through the construction of a new centre that will focus on providing vocational training to caregivers, and youth, giving them usable vocational skills with which they can support themselves. The impact of Sunrise of Life is only realized by the dedication of the Tanzanian people, who continue to bring passion, creativity, and structure to the projects we fund.

# No Boundaries Through Volunteerism

As the world has shifted in relation to travel, so has our volunteer program. Sunrise of life has pivoted the volunteer program to support operations within the organization as opposed to facilitating volunteers to attend the centre with projects in mind. We recruited mainly Canadian based volunteers who could support the needs of the organization virtually. We were still able to support a long time volunteer to attend the centre twice in the past year. She worked to continue assessing the needs of the centre and develop stronger relationships with the Tanzanian board. This volunteer is planning a visit in September 2022 and hopes to support the recruitment process for an open position at the centre. We will continue to assess safety and accessibility for volunteers to attend the centre and interest may change in the future.

Other Canadian based volunteers have been an integral part of the development of the strategic plan which was completed alongside the board. The volunteers were able to survey the board regarding short term and long term objectives of the organization as well as determine what the core heart of the organization stands for. This was a big undertaking and the volunteer team supported multiple aspects of the development of the strategic plan.

Another area in which volunteers have been assisting the organization with its fiscal reporting, completing data entry/analysis and updating financial reports. We have also has also taken on a volunteer to support with updating and maintaining the website. The volunteers have been integral in monitoring grant databases and ensuring Sunrise of Life is applying for the respective grants that are relevant to SOL. Volunteers also helped with in person fundraising events. All the people that touched Sunrise of Life have not gone unnoticed and continue to inspire the organization to continue to work towards ending child suffering.

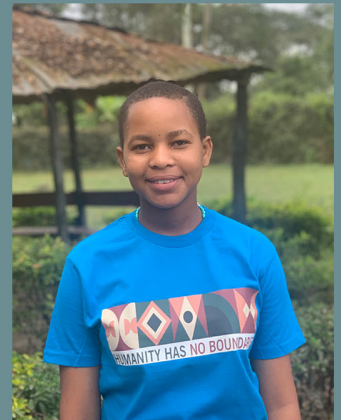
I would like to take this opportunity of reflection to thank the volunteers that have contributed to the continued success of Sunrise of Life and supporting the organization through a global pandemic.

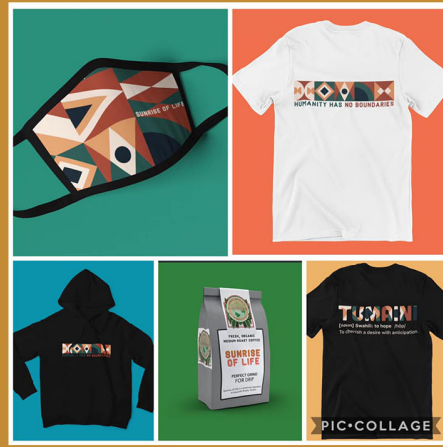
# No Boundaries Through Child Sponsorship

The sponsorship program allows members of our broad community to support a child at Sunrise of Life through \$45/month donations. This amount is sufficient to provide coverage for one child's daily needs. This includes health and educational expenses. 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 - such as, centre upkeep and renovations, and program improvements.

Sponsorship allows Sunrise of Life to support the children residing at the centre and provides the opportunity to keep our doors open to welcoming other children facing barriers. In the past year, 2021, Sunrise of Life has been able to reach out to more children, via the three year old Outreach Program. The goal of this program is to support children's needs while they remain in their home and family environment. Through this program, many children receive daily food, education, and wellness check ups.

This past year most of the children at the Children's Home are being supported by global sponsors. Our future goal is to obtain sponsorship for all children in the Outreach Program.





# No Boundaries

## Through Our Annual Fundraising Events

This year, Sunrise of Life was excited to host an in-person and virtual fundraiser. Our very first Online auction was held in February and was a great success due to the engagement from across Alberta.

In April 2022, Edmonton held their second annual Beer and Pretzel fundraiser and silent auction. This event proved to be a great networking and sharing opportunity. In June 2022, Lethbridge had a great turn out at their 5th annual Golf Tournament.

The Online store was created in December 2020 and continues taking orders throughout the year. We would like to thank all of our donors, sponsors and those that attend our in person events. It is your support and generosity that allows us to continue to strive for our goal of supporting a world in which every child's rights are protected.

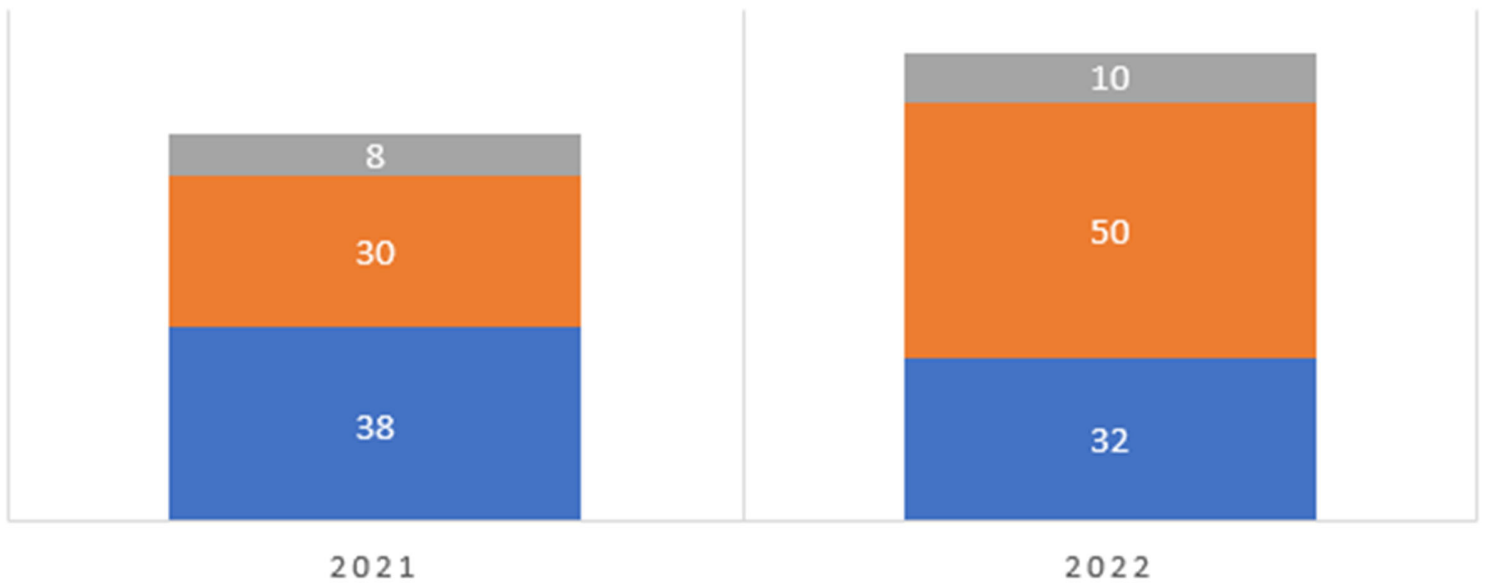
Asante Sana! (Thank you very much!)



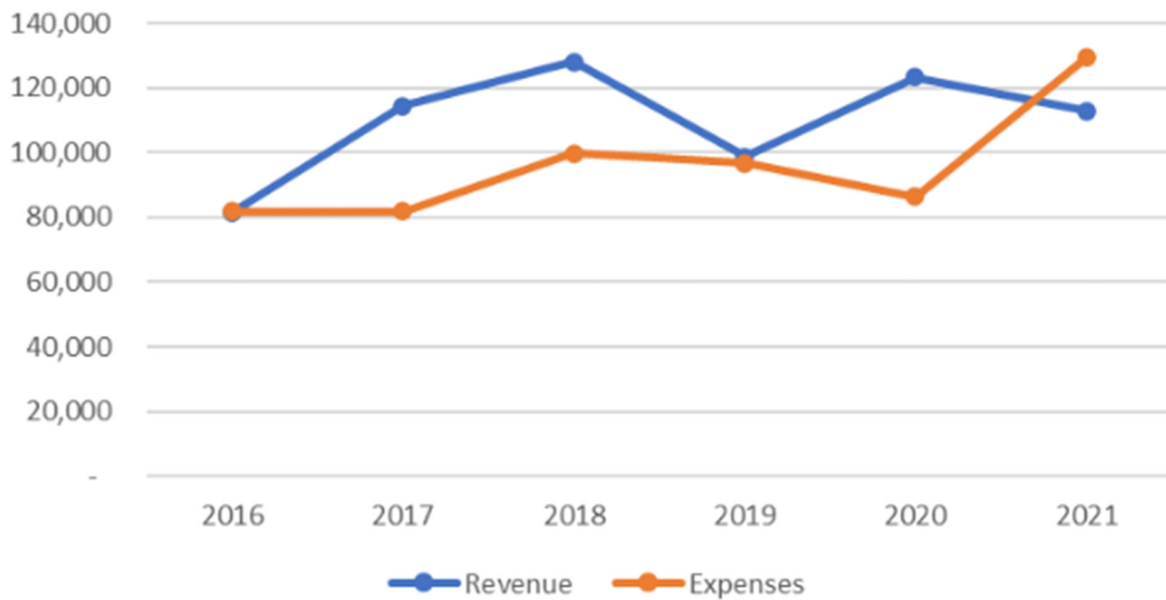
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## NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SOL PROGRAMS

■ Residential Centre   ■ Outreach Program   ■ Transition Program

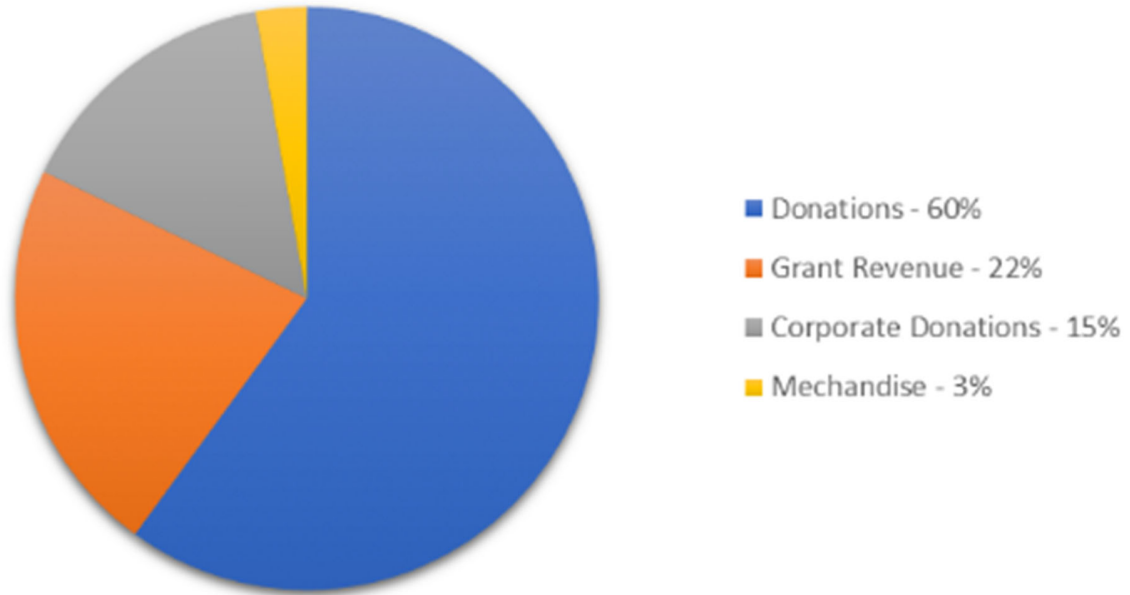


## Revenue and Expenses 2016 - 2021

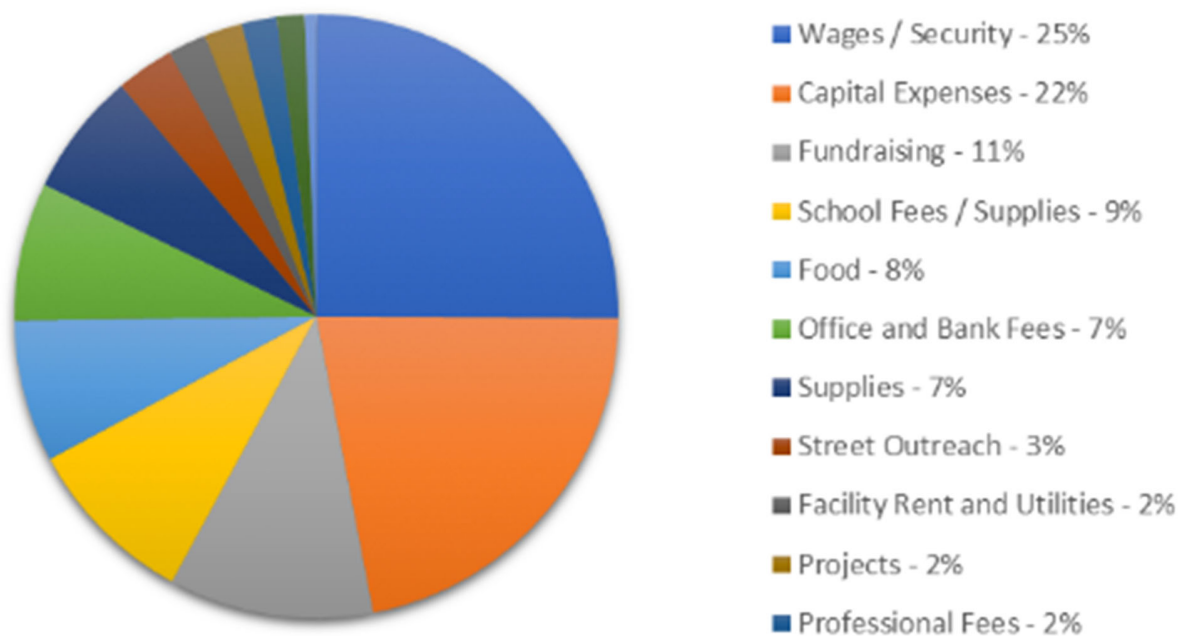


# Financial Reports

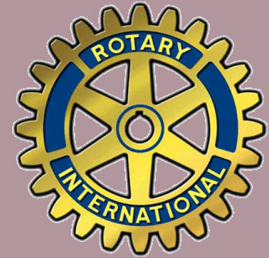
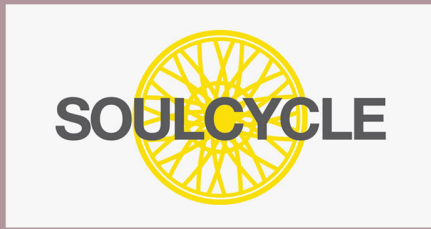
## Revenue Breakdown 2021 - 2022



## Expense Breakdown 2021 - 2022



# Thank you to our generous sponsors!



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