

THE VILLAGE OF HOPE AND LOVE

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Village of Hope and Love:

Helping the vulnerable, one child at a time

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Village of Hope and Love is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to help impoverished children by providing education, nutrition and access to healthcare in a nurturing and spiritual environment. It was established in 2018 to help children in need. Since its inception, we have distributed over \$257,000 to help children gain access to proper nutrition, education, medical care, clothing and spiritual enrichment.

In 2025 VHL continued its partnership with Upendo Na Tumaini Village (UNTV) in Ikali, Kenya, seeing another student complete his program of studies and qualify for work. Other students facing medical emergencies were provided with ongoing medical care. Improvements in infrastructure, sanitation and security were made at the UNTV Center. In addition, VHL began expanding its scope, giving aid to impoverished children in the slums of Nairobi along with refugee children in Lebanon, children of poverty in Haiti and orphans in Zambia.

We thankfully report an increase in donations and are so grateful to all those who have given generously to transform the lives of these precious children. It is our pleasure to highlight some of the milestones of this year.

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“Sharing Grace and Mercy to the Least”

2025 MILESTONES

This year, sixteen children from primary to secondary received nutrition, healthcare, emotional and spiritual support and access to education in partnership with Project UNTV (Upenda Na Tumaini Village). Under the supervision of the Kenyan Ministry of Education, sanitary and security improvements were made to facilities to accommodate instruction to three different age groups, and library holdings increased to match Kenya's CORE curriculum. Investments were made so all children received scholarships from the Ministry of Education.

So far, four of the secondary students attended the Polytechnic School and graduated with marketable skills, giving them a better chance to support themselves and their families. Next year three secondary students are due to graduate.

Chronically ill children and those in need of occasional urgent care received treatment at local hospitals and clinics. Because of the generosity of our donors, lives were saved. Many improvements have been made in field accounting and reporting measures. In addition, more accountability is being asked of

both students and guardians to insure all those in the program are giving their best efforts and deserving of their place in the program.

At the end of 2023, UNTV began the registration process for the UNTV Academy. Improvements were made to the center in security and sanitation. However, numerous life-threatening illnesses this year quickly changed our priorities to saving children's lives rather than building schools. We seek long-term solutions to medical emergencies and investments in preventative care like clean water and vaccinations.

We are pleased that Village of Hope and Love investments now extend beyond the UNTV project so that vulnerable children in other areas are being helped.

Camp Nasaru is a beautiful camp in the Great Rift Valley that is a place of refuge for city kids who live in the slums of Nairobi and throughout Kenya. **Heart for Lebanon** is a ministry to refugee families, and provides education for refugee children. **TeacHaiti** has schools in Port au Prince and St Michel, giving educational opportunity to children of poverty. **All Kids Can Learn in Zambia** provides homes and training in business, nursing and education so orphans grow up with a forever home and means of caring for themselves.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Project Clean Water

Several of the children from the UNTV Project were sick this year from diseases related to drinking dirty water. While their medical needs were taken care of, something more had to be done. Teaming up with Just One Africa, Uzima water filters, a quality filtration system manufactured in Kenya, were provided giving a simple yet effective and life-changing solution to a potentially life-threatening problem. UNTV and VHL combined resources to provide the filters.



A Second Chance

When Goldstein first came to UNTV, he was homeless and without any family to care for him. He was brought into one of the guardian's homes and given the opportunity for an education. Unfortunately, he got in with the wrong group of friends and got in trouble with the law. After serving his sentence, he asked for a second chance. He has indeed turned his life around, and this year completed a course in welding. He hopes to gain employment and give back to the program.





Towards Sustainability

The dream of every non-profit is to empower the people they help to succeed and achieve long-term sustainability. To that end, Village of Hope and Love has invested in sustainability projects like growing crops of maize and beans at UNTV. The past year enough was grown to feed the children but also sell to local schools at a profit. The profit also paid back the cost of leasing the land and farming as well as helping with other program costs.

Through the Kenyan Ministry of Education, scholarships are applied for so the children can attend school at a greatly reduced cost. As of this past year four children have graduated from Polytechnic High School, gaining skills to make them employable in the community.

In addition, local fundraising efforts have been increased so that in 2025 6% of the budget was raised from donors in Kenya. These donations contributed to helping pay food, nutrition and medical costs.

A photograph of three young children, two boys and one girl, standing in front of a traditional thatched-roof building. The children are wearing school uniforms: maroon and white dresses for the girls, and white shirts and dark pants for the boys. They are looking towards the camera. The building has a long, open porch area with wooden posts and a thatched roof. The background shows some greenery and trees.

Financials

6.8%

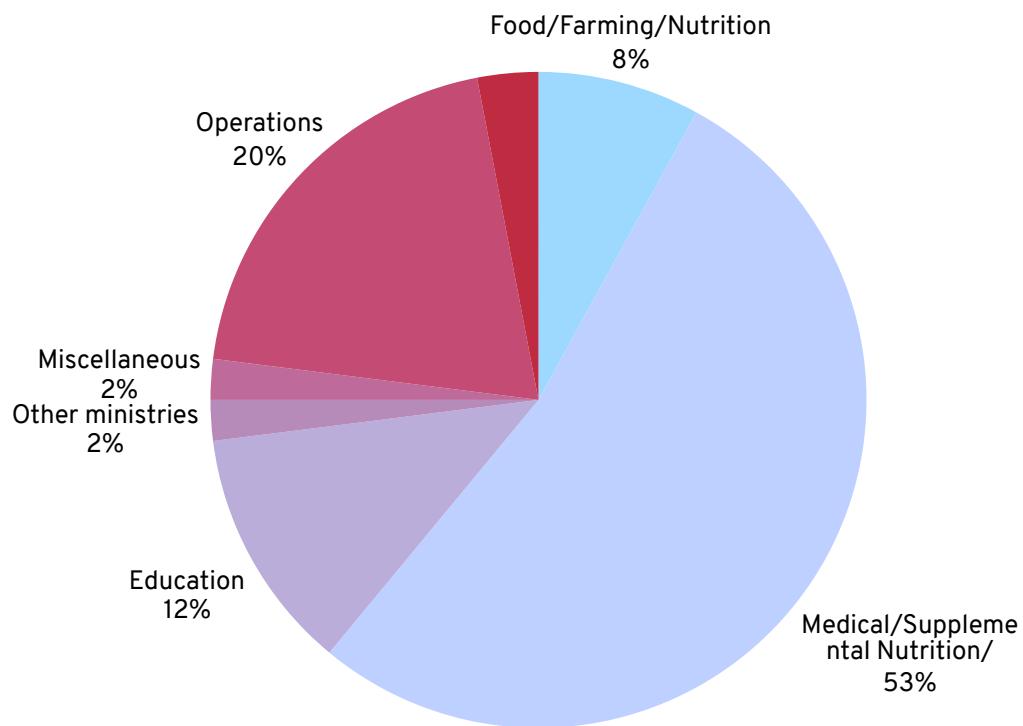
Increase in contributions to VHL from prior year. We received \$73,864 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

51%

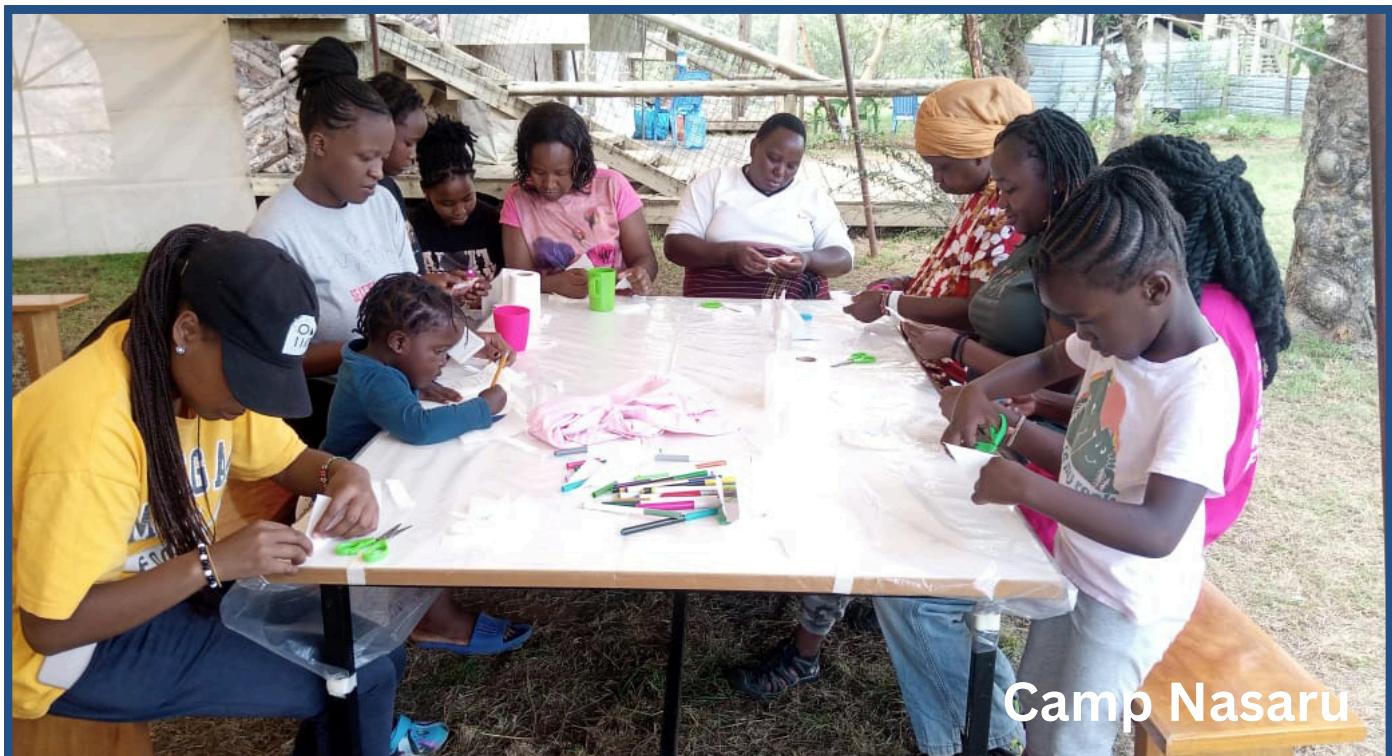
Increase in distributions to all projects from prior year. We dispersed \$86,864 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

2025 DISTRIBUTIONS

In Fiscal 2024-2025, funds were dispersed as follows:



Unmarked section represents VHL Overhead of 3%. All other distributions made were to UNTV and other organizations.





FUTURE

We look forward to our ongoing partnership with UNTV in Kenya- to opening a badly needed community building that serves both the UNTV children and the surrounding community, to finishing the community library and investing in other projects creating sustainability.

Village of Hope and Love also looks forward to continuing to develop partnerships with other organizations that share the same goals and vision.

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