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Annual Report 2016



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Children's Fund

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Cover photo shows children celebrating the dedication of the new Sherlie Children's Home in India on April 10, 2015.

Children's Fund is a non-profit [501 (C)(3)] public charity dedicated to improving the health, education and well-being of children and youth in the U.S. and internationally.



CEO's Report

As of 2016, Children's Fund completed nineteen years of service. We continue to support orphans and vulnerable children in India, Pakistan, Haiti and Uganda.

Anytime a child loses a parent, it is devastating, but if the child lives in poverty, the situation is precarious. Vulnerable children in places where there is no government social safety net have few if any choices but to leave school and go out to work at a very young age. There they are often exploited, abused and sometimes enslaved, and they face a lifetime of unmitigated poverty. Every child that we rescue from these desperate circumstances gets a chance for an education and hope for a better future and a productive life. Children's Fund works with grassroots community leaders to address the needs of these children. We have worked in many countries over the years bringing hope to many children in difficult circumstances.

One community where we have worked since 2008, in Andhra Pradesh, India, is providing a safe home for the children who lost one or both parents. In 2016, we added a security wall on a home for 51 children that was formally dedicated April 10, 2015. We continue to support them daily to enable them to attend school. They chose to name the home for me, and there is a Sherlie Children Home page on Facebook where you can see photos of the children we are helping. In this home, the children have nutritious meals, new clothes and clean school uniforms. They get the medical care they need, and they all go together to school every day. They come home to study and have enriching experiences.

When I first started Children's Fund in 1997, the vision was to maintain personal connections with all the projects we support as we help local leaders care for the children in their communities. That is still true today. We care for these children as we care for our own, and we want to provide them the best opportunities to give them a secure future so they can become productive members of their communities.

We are grateful to those who have joined with us to support this work. This is an investment that is changing lives.

With gratitude,

Sherlie Scribner, Ed. D., CEO

Dr. Sherlie Scribner is on the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College. She has three masters and a doctorate in education. She was a senior program evaluator with the U.S. Government Accountability Office where she researched children's issues internationally. As a result of her work at GAO, she founded Children's Fund in 1997 and currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer.

INDIA

Sherlie Children Home

Payakaraopeta, Visakha District, State of Andhra Pradesh

Security wall added in 2016



Apna Sahara Orphanage in Hyderabad,

Apna Sahara is located in Talab Katta, a semi-slum area of Hyderabad, India. In 2005, Shahzad Khan began working with the home to improve living conditions and the education of the 40 children now enrolled. In the spring of 2010, Apna Sahara became a full-time primary school.



Calcutta Chamber Orchestra in Kolkata

Fran Caterini established this orchestra with children from the Oxford Mission in the 1990s to give them the opportunity to continue to use their musical skills. An endowment fund was established for the Orchestra which became a part of the Calcutta School of Music in 2005. Children's Fund administers the endowment fund to provide sustained support for the orchestra.



ZAMBIA

Children's Fund works with Patrick Chanda to support children in the Chande Orphanage in Kitwe. Students attend classes in rooms with no light except from the windows. Nonetheless, they are serious about their studies and enjoy their free time. Many of these children are AIDS orphans.



UGANDA

Children's Fund provides grants to Foodstep which gives orphaned children a place to live and provides them with food, clothing and medical care. The government had imprisoned these children because they were living on the streets and begging.



PAKISTAN

Since 2005, Ashraf Naheed has cared for the children of the Abba Home for Girls in Lahore. These girls abandoned by their families, now have a chance for an education.



HAITI

For 4 ½ years after the 2010 earthquake, Simone Saint Louis Morquette cared for orphaned and abandoned children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In 2015, she fell ill and found herself unable to continue her mission. Most of the Children were welcomed into the **Source of Light Center** in Port au Prince. Children's Fund continues to support these children with Michele Zimmer-Forster LCSW as the Northern Virginia volunteer coordinator for the project.



EVENTS

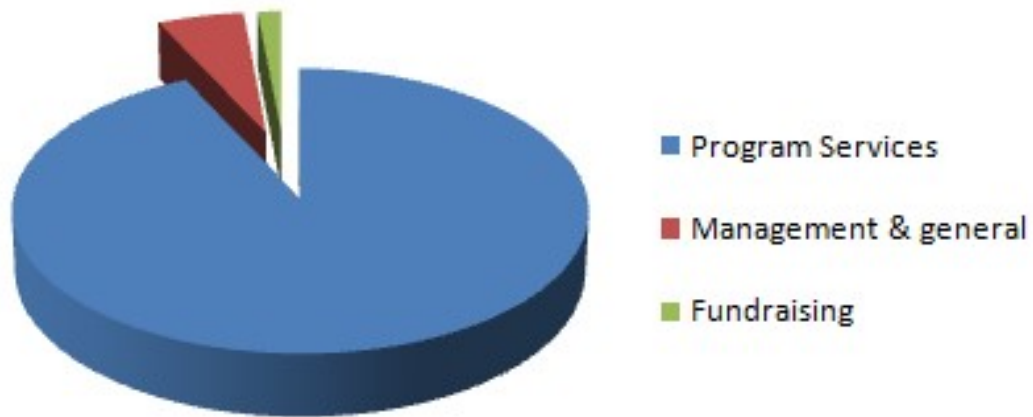
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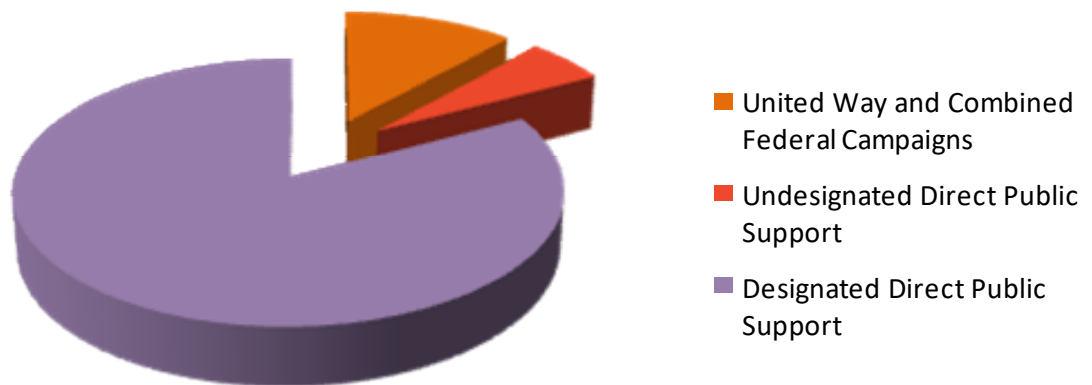
FINANCIALS

Children’s Fund fiscal year is January to December. The accrual method of accounting is used. In 2016, Children’s Fund net assets were \$187,413. Revenue was \$123,763. More than ninety one cents of every dollar spent in 2016 went to programs.

Expenditures



Income Sources



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