



## A Look Back

At Tree of Lives our mission is to strengthen the African family in our shared battle against HIV/AIDS and poverty. In 2019, our supporters hit it out of the park, and we cultivated new partnerships, expanded our ministries, and served more people than ever before.

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## Friends,

Hope is always new and fresh. It always speaks in the future tense. It always calls us to imagine. This has been a year of great imagining. Of throwing hopes out ahead of us and running, working - ceaselessly praying - to catch them. Because of your generosity, many of them have been realized. Through the newly-formed Susan Lilly Scholarship, all of our Allamano School students, 67 children of tea-pickers who make less than \$2 a day, will have the opportunity to attain a quality education through the eighth grade. That's an additional five years of schooling for each child! Imagine. The Joy Village, where 59 children continue to flourish, was equipped with new computers, tablets, and learning software to help our kids discover what is possible, in our world and in themselves. Imagine. The Holy Family Center's (HFC) Youth Mentorship Program was recognized by the First Ladies of two African nations and was held up as a benchmark for combating HIV/AIDS in young people. Imagine. International funding is decreasing for HIV/AIDS assistance, but the need remains. We've been blessed to be able to fill in many of these funding gaps, helping with increased patient support for hospitalizations, exams, medical tests, medicine, food support, and counseling. Through the HFC, we continue to serve more than 5,000 HIV+ patients. Imagine. All of this - and so much more - because of your unflinching hope and support. I thank God for you. I thank you for backing us, dreaming with us, and believing with us. You make us better. I'm excited to see what the coming year will bring us. Just imagine.

In Him,

Jim Wood  
President, Tree of Lives

# In 2019 Tree of Lives

Celebrated a **92%** viral suppression rate among the youth and adolescents at Nazareth's Holy Family Center, far better than the national suppression rate of 63% for that age group.

Hosted the First Ladies of Kenya and Botswana on a landmark visit at Nazareth Hospital making national headlines.

Launched the Susan B. Lilly Scholarship Fund to assist all **67** Allamano students in pursuing their education from the fourth grade through the eighth grade.

Counseled **2,347** patients through our Pastoral Care program at Nazareth Hospital with **2** Pastoral Care and Counseling personnel. We offered support to patients on a variety of personal issues including facing cancer, addiction and thoughts of suicide.

Sold a record number of Boxes of Love. We were able to provide much needed supplies over the Christmas holiday to **67** Allamano students and their families and **200** children enrolled in our HIV program at the Holy Family Center.

Increased total giving to Tree of Lives by **70%** in 2019.

Raised dough with our first ever Panera Giveback nights. During **2** events, we raised more than **\$420.00**.

Vaccinated **62** girls age 14 and older against HPV virus.



Funded **146** patients in surgical and inpatient & outpatient care, enabling the poorest of the poor to obtain treatment for life-threatening illnesses.

Screened **628** women for cervical cancer at the Holy Family Center - **440** of those women were screened for the very first time.

Supported **502** patients through our Charity Fund Account. This fund covers the medical expenses of the neediest patients at Nazareth Hospital.

Partnered with Eastern Virginia Medical School, to co-host some of their students at Nazareth Hospital. The students performed medical research in conjunction with the Hospital, shadowed Dr. James, Nazareth's lead surgeon, and volunteered at the Joy Village.

Provided **7** new computers and tablets to the Joy Village homes. Each computer and tablet was preloaded with educational software and reading material.

Distributed **1,066** food packs to food-insecure patients of Nazareth Hospital, including the elderly, orphaned children and child-run households. These food packs are comprised of maize flour, porridge flour and beans.

Continued, for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year, a **0%** HIV transmission rate for the children born to HIV+ mothers enrolled in the Mother to Mother program.

Encouraged HIV+ youth through our **15** youth mentors who carried out **900** home visits. Youth mentors support and educate HIV+teens by offering guidance on drug adherence, fighting stigma and building community.



# Looking Ahead to 2020 & Beyond

As we start a new decade, Tree of Lives is excited to look towards the future. From the journey we started 15 years ago, God has graced this ministry in ways we could never have imagined. Below we highlight the following vision and goals:

## **LONG RANGE PLAN ADOPTION**

Building on efforts begun last year, 2020 will see us adopt a comprehensive long-range plan to map out the next 10 years for our ministry. This will include community need assessments, job mapping, building updates and renovation schedules, as well as fundraising goals and initiatives.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF A KENYA-BASED NGO**

In late 2019, we started the application process to establish an affiliated non-governmental entity (known as an NGO) to better administer all of our on-the-ground ministries in Kenya. We anticipate finalizing the registration in the early part of this year and once official, the NGO, known as Tree of Lives Kenya, will begin to manage and distribute the funds that provide treatment to the poorest of the poor at Nazareth Hospital. We are excited by the possibilities that this will open up for us in partnerships, grants, and, most especially, in providing better opportunities and care for those who depend on Tree of Lives. Vinton Adika, longtime pastoral counselor and Tree of Lives partner, will become the first full-time employee of the NGO.

## **HIRING OF RESIDENTIAL COORDINATOR FOR JOY VILLAGE**

We intend to hire our first full-time residential coordinator for the Joy Village. This coordinator, reporting to our Joy Village Director, will reside full-time at the Joy Village and have direct oversight for our mamas and aunties. This will significantly strengthen the educational supervision, assistance, and accountability we offer to our Joy Village families to promote the success of our children.

## **NEW ROOF FOR JOY VILLAGE**

We will also replace the roof of the Joy Village main structure. Construction will begin in late spring. The days of buckets in living rooms and bedrooms disguised as furnishings will be gone soon.

# 2019 Pilgrims

Arianna Shipp  
Bill Rawls  
Carolyn Buzek  
Liza Baker  
Didi Theva  
Don Johnston  
Gale Manley  
Val Manley  
Jane Friddell  
Hunter Johnston  
Kristine Rand  
Sandee Ferebee  
Erik Van Strien  
Steve Story  
Glen Green  
Laurie Talty  
Greg Weber  
Marty Raiss  
Bob Gayle  
Herb Honaker  
Kathy Honaker  
Kelly Alcorn  
Megan Foard  
Jim Wood

*Interested* in going on a pilgrimage? Consider joining us June 16 - July 1 or September 29 - October 14 and see how we serve the people of Kenya.



# Our Major Donors

We are so thankful for all our donors and supporters. The following donors were major contributors in the 2019 fiscal year.

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\*\$1,000 or more during the 2019 fiscal year.

**TOTAL MAJOR DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS: \$302,627.64**



# Donor Partners

Thank you! None of our work would be possible without you.

## Church Partners:

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**TOTAL SPONSORSHIP: \$69,057.25**

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**TOTAL SPONSORSHIP: \$13,177.77**



# 2019 Financial Highlights

## Consolidated Statement of Activities

### Revenue

Contributions	382,203
167 Club/Joy Village Child Sponsorship	48,420
Special Events Revenue	13,627
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>444,250</b>

### Expenses

Administrative	16,460
Kenyan Based Grants	
<i>Community Support</i> .....	3,960
<i>Nazareth Hospital Charity Fund for Needy Patients</i> .....	40,000
<i>Holy Family Center Youth Program</i> .....	10,000
<i>Holy Family Center Food Pack &amp; Infant Milk</i> .....	12,000
<i>Holy Family Center Patient Support</i> .....	7,000
<i>Holy Family Center Cervical Cancer Prevention/Support</i> .....	10,650
<i>Holy Family Center Boxes of Love</i> .....	6,500
<i>Beatrice House Renovation</i> .....	1,000
<i>Mother to Mother Program</i> .....	12,000
<i>Allamano School</i> .....	6,724
<i>Allamano School Boxes of Love</i> .....	5,500
<i>Chogoria Women of Worth</i> .....	10,040
<i>Slum Child Foundation for Korogocho Children's Support Program</i> .....	6,700
<i>Mutomo Children's Feeding Program</i> .....	10,000
<i>Nazareth Hospital Pastoral Care &amp; Counseling</i> .....	20,000
<i>Consolata Mentorship</i> .....	1,510
<i>Scholars</i> .....	38,420
<i>Eastern Virginia Medical School Student Sponsorship</i> .....	3,000
Joy Village	94,150
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>315,614</b>

# what a year to celebrate

2019 was a year to celebrate! God was faithful and you were generous. We treasure each of your gifts, but we also know there is still much work to do. Government funding to combat HIV/AIDS at Nazareth Hospital and the Holy Family Center (HFC) has been significantly cut for the coming year. In fact, HIV/AIDS budgets for the country of Kenya have been cut in some places by 40%. These cuts could undermine advances we have made against the HIV epidemic, particularly among marginalized communities, like those that surround Nazareth Hospital and HFC, that struggle to gain access to health services.

In this year's budget we will be devoting additional funds to the Holy Family Center to offset some of those cuts and continue providing quality care for people living with HIV. Our promise is that we will keep our administrative costs low (currently about 4%) so that every dollar donated makes a difference.





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