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A LETTER FROM OUR CO-FOUNDERS

When we held our first Awards Ceremony in Columbus, Ohio, we never could have imagined the impact World of Children would have on the lives of children all around the world. The last two decades have been the most rewarding and gratifying adventure for us, and we are thankful that you have been part of this journey.

Each year, we are humbled and honored as our new Honorees, some of the most dedicated and deserving humanitarians across the globe, are brought into the spotlight. This year was no exception. The high-impact programs run by our 2017 Award recipients are serving the needs of at-risk children in ways that are making a profound difference. From life-saving medical assistance for children in Syria who have been injured as a result of war to a safe-house and long-term home for sexually abused children in South Africa, these Honorees are some of the best of the best.

It is our greatest joy to share their stories with the world, upholding the vision for why World of Children was founded in 1998: to create an award similar to the Nobel Prize for those who were tirelessly and selflessly serving children in need around the world.

As we reflect on the last 12 months, we are incredibly grateful for your support and generosity. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments, and without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for changing a child's life.

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With deepest gratitude and boundless hope,

Harry Leibowitz
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Kay Isaacson-Leibowitz
Co-Founder and Co-Chair



OUR MISSION

World of Children unlocks the future for vulnerable children by funding, elevating and educating the most effective changemakers worldwide.

WHO WE ARE

Since 1998, the organization has dedicated more than \$13 million to high-impact programs for children, led by nearly 120 Honorees working in over 50 countries. World of Children is recognized in the media as the "Nobel Prize for Child Advocates" and is the only global recognition and funding program that exclusively focuses on a broad range of children's issues including health, education, safety and human rights.

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THIS YEAR, we received

2,435

NOMINATIONS FROM

101

COUNTRIES.

467

APPLICANTS WERE PRESENTED FOR DETAILED REVIEW BY

100 REVIEWERS.

FINALISTS

WERE REVIEWED ONSITE BY
AN INDEPENDENT
INVESTIGATION FIRM.

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NEW HONOREES WERE WELCOMED TO THE WORLD OF CHILDREN FAMILY.

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CRISIS AWARD

In 2017, we presented our

INAUGURAL

Crisis Award in partnership with
US Fund for UNICEF. This award
recognizes an individual making
extraordinary contributions to children
affected by war, natural disasters,
or other global crises.

HERO AWARDS

Our Hero Awards Benefit in
Los Angeles pays tribute to past
Honorees who have leveraged their
original award far beyond what we
could have anticipated, delivering an
even more profound impact for
children. In 2017, we recognized

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past Honorees with Hero Awards.

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CONNECTICUT PALESTINE NEW YORK TURKEY IN 2017, GRANT FUNDS OF SOUTH AFRICA \$574,341 INDIA WERE PLEDGED TO 9 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE. INCLUDING OUR

NEW HONOREES



AWARDS CEREMONIES WERE ATTENDED BY

655

GUESTS INCLUDING MAJOR PHILANTHROPISTS. CELEBRITIES. MEDIA AND HUMANITARIAN INFLUENCERS. **ELEVATING OUR** HONOREES ON AN

INTERNATIONAL STAGE.





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nni Award, which is a testament to the hard work of our inspiring team of youth leaders. This award has energized us to wo harder, train and support more young peopl









WORLD OF CHILDREN HONOREES WERE FEATURED IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION. PRINT AND ONLINE MEDIA.

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A WORKSHOP

was held for 2017 honorees on the theme of

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

THE PROGRAM WAS HELD AT BARUCH COLLEGE

AND FACILITATED BY

MARTI FISCHER,

A MARKETING AND BRANDING PROFESSIONAL DEDICATED TO HELPING NONPROFIT LEADERS EXCEL IN THEIR FIELD OF WORK.

ADDITIONALLY, HONOREES RECEIVED GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

FROM WORLD OF CHILDREN ON PROCURING IN-KIND DONATIONS. RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS, AND EVOLVING THEIR FUNDRAISING STRATEGY.

INVESTIGATIONS AND MONITORING

We employ a rigorous initial investigation and follow-up monitoring process for each of our Honorees. Every program has been investigated by one of the world's leading security firms to ensure that they meet World of Children standards. Investigations include a criminal background check; an on-site visit; interviews with law enforcement, community leaders, and experts in the areas of impact; and a review of all financial data.





MEET OUR HONOREES



2017 WORLD OF CHILDREN HONOREES

HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNIE BARRON

Makindu Children's Program Kenya

EDUCATION AWARD

MAUREEN ROVER
The Reading Team
Harlem, New York

HEALTH AWARD

DR. ÜSTÜN EZER LOSEV Hospital Turkey

YOUTH AWARD

TEAGAN STEADMAN Shred Kids' Cancer Farmington, Connecticut

PROTECTION AWARD JACKIE BRANFIELD

Operation Bobbi Bear South Africa

2017 HERO AWARD HONOREES

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

DR. JUMANAH ODEH
Palestine Happy Child Centre
Palestine

YOUTH AWARD

MEGHAN PASRICHA Global Youth H.E.L.P, Inc. India

HEALTH AWARD

DR. JORGE ROJAS-ZEGERS COANIQUEM Chile

CRISIS AWARD

ARWA DAMON INARA Syria

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS SERVED IN 2017

World of Children allocates grant funding over a multi-year period. In 2017, grant funds were paid to the following 15 programs:

Casa de la Amistad Para Niños con Cancer

Children at Risk Foundation

Claire's Place Foundation

EducAid Sierra Leone

EPF Educational
Empowerment Initiative

Friends of Yemin Orde

Friends Without a Border

Gotta Have Sole

Incest Trauma Center, Belgrade

Juan Felipe Gomez Escobar Foundation Ponheary Ly Foundation

Rescue Foundation

Reverse the Course

Simbu Children Foundation

Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust





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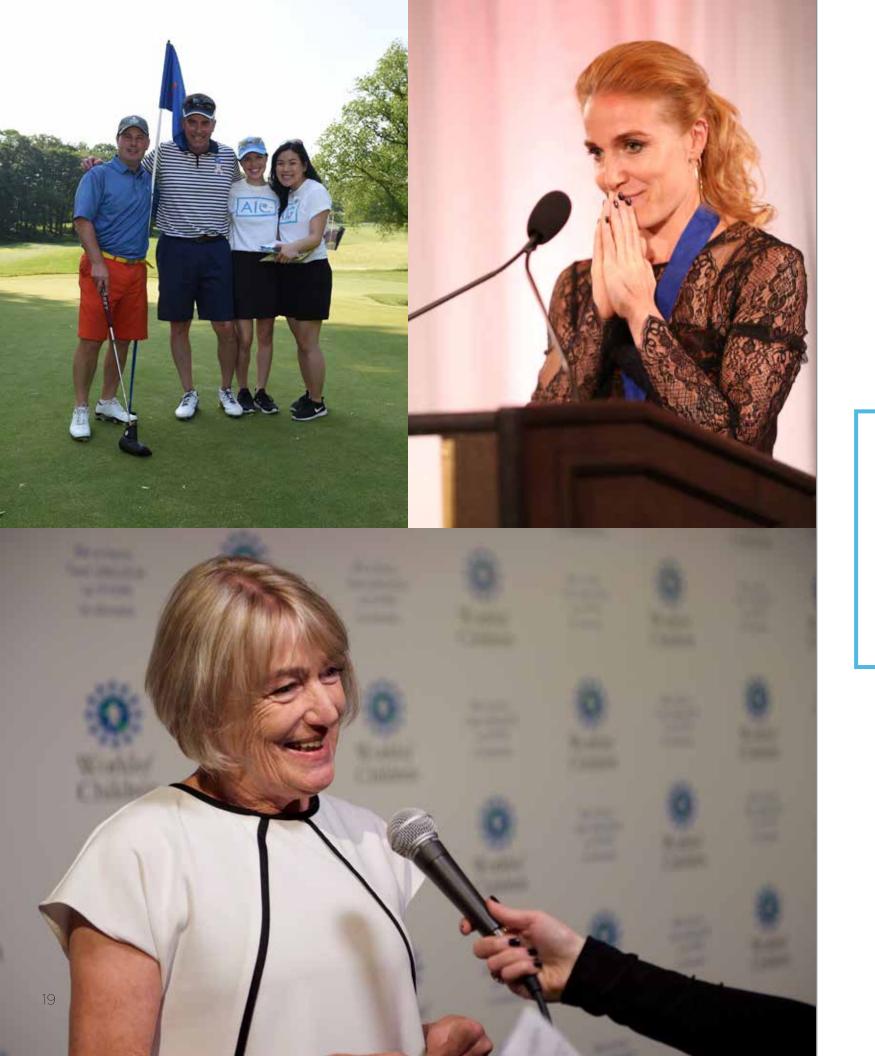
Our 2017 Health Award Honoree Dr. Üstün Ezer has been providing life-saving medical care for children with leukemia for the last 20 years. With the grant funding from World of Children, Dr. Ezer will be constructing a dedicated intensive care unit within LOSANTE Children's Hospital in Ankara, Turkey. The unit will include five long-term stay rooms to accomodate children in need of bone marrow transplants who will be admitted to the hospital for two months, or longer, increasing the treatment success rate by providing private and specialized care.

NEW BEDS FOR ALL!

In Makindu, Kenya 45 children supported by Makindu Children's Program, an organization founded by our 2017 Humanitarian Award Honoree Winnie Barron, received household goods to better equip their huts from the grant funding provided by World of Children. Each guardian received a new mattress, mosquito nets and solar lanterns for the child in their care so they no longer have to sleep on the mud floor where mosquitoes are relentless. Their solar lanterns will allow them to study after dark, which frees up more daylight to help with chores ... or simply play!







HERO AWARDS BENEFIT

APRIL 19, 2017 BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Our third annual Hero Awards Benefit held at Montage Beverly Hills honored three previous World of Children Award Honorees along with our first-ever Crisis Award recipient. The star-studded event was attended by President and CEO of US Fund for UNICEF Caryl Stern, actress Amanda Seyfried and her husband Thomas Sadoski, international model Lily Aldridge Followill, actress and TV personality Brooke Burke, actress Alyssa Milano, fashion designer Rachel Roy, and many more. Together, we raised \$350,000 to unlock the future for even more children.

SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 12, 2017 MANHASSET, NEW YORK

120 golfers joined us for our third annual Summer Golf Classic to support vulnerable children around the world. Championed by Board Member Devin Beresheim and his wife Sarah, the tournament teed off at Deepdale Golf Club, one of the country's most acclaimed golf courses, and raised more than \$265,000 to fund our Honorees' high-impact programs for children.

AWARDS CEREMONY & BENEFIT

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 NEW YORK, NEW YORK

This year's Awards Ceremony at 583 Park Avenue celebrated our 20th anniversary, honoring five new heroes and raising nearly \$850,000 for children. We were thrilled to have the support of celebrities, child advocates, philanthropists and business leaders, including President and CEO of US Fund for UNICEF Caryl Stern, Victoria's Secret Angels Martha Hunt, Lindsay Ellingson, and Daniela Braga, plus Andy Adler, Lauren Bush Lauren and David Lauren, Stephanie March and Rachel Roy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME SOURCES

TOTAL INCOME \$1,902,366*

PUBLIC FUNDS \$1,293,773

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED BOARD GIFTS \$110,238

IN-KIND DONATIONS \$156,557

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CASH AND EQUIVALENTS \$666,987 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS \$209,371 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT \$14,800 RENT DEPOSIT \$7,086

TOTAL ASSETS \$898,244

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

GRANTS PAYABLE \$583,107

OTHER LIABILITIES \$311,906

RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS \$634,906

EXPENSES

ASSETS

PROGRAM COST \$1,361,446

Honoring, Elevating and Vetting Honorees

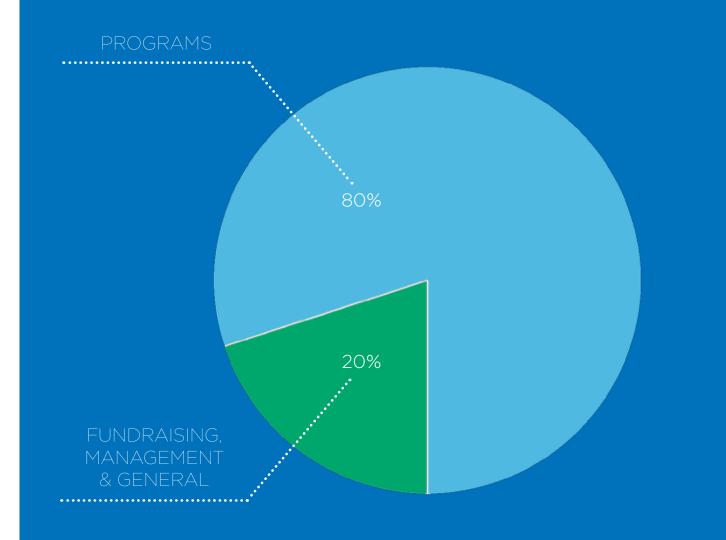
FUNDRAISING, MANAGEMENT AND GEN

FUNDRAISING, MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL \$338,105+
TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,699,551**

*Includes \$341,798 Direct Donor Benefit. DDB is defined as the value of food, beverage, and venue that the donor benefits from.

†100% funded by contributions by our Board of Governors.

**Includes \$119,304 in one-time transition expenses related to World of Children's move to Orange County.







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THE FUTURE FOR WORLD OF CHILDREN

Our goal is to support our Honorees to have an even greater impact on children's lives. As we continue to work to find, fund, elevate and educate the world's leading humanitarians for children, we will create the foundation for the following initiatives:

- Beta testing a secured Honoree intranet to spark collaboration, creativity and community among our current and former award winners.
- Streamlining and expanding our global nominations process to reach more qualified humanitarian applicants in countries we have yet to serve.
- Implement a more robust reporting process for our supporters to track the impact of their donations.

GET INVOLVED, AND CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

BECOME A RECURRING DONOR worldofchildren.org/donate

For just \$50 a month, you can provide four orphaned children in Africa with three meals per day. Providing children with food and basic nutrition is vital, and it costs so little. Your ongoing donation will make a tremendous impact.

SHARE YOUR DAY worldofchildren.org/share-your-day

Do you have a birthday, wedding, graduation, anniversary, marathon or other important day coming up? Celebrate your big day with vulnerable children, and ask your friends and family to donate to change a child's life as their special gift to you.

BECOME A CORPORATE SPONSOR worldofchildren.org/fundraise

Aligning your business or brand with World of Children offers a unique opportunity to engage your community of stakeholders in supporting your shared values through employee engagement programs, donor trips and tailored cause-marketing campaigns.

VOLUNTEER AS A REVIEWER worldofchildren.org/reviewer

Each year, World of Children receives thousands of nomination applications for individuals who are dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable children. We rely on volunteers (like you!) to read and score these applications to help select the child advocates who will be honored each year.

