



# 2021 Annual Report

*A world in which every child has a safe, nurturing place to call home,  
and a chance to achieve their potential through education.*



# Our Mission

Children are often helpless victims of poverty and disaster, yet they will be the ones to shape our future.

Our mission is to provide support and education for orphans and vulnerable children in the poorest countries around the world.

# What We Do

World's Children has cared for orphans and vulnerable children around the world since 1965. We assist the most desperate children—orphans, unwanted girls, abandoned or abused children, and children with HIV/AIDS.



*The children show exuberant gratitude for donors' kindness*

# A better life for the children

Dear Friends,

Last year – 2021 – was a year unlike any other. Covid engulfed the world and almost no country was hit as hard as India. By government decree children were made to leave their orphanages and stay with relatives, if they had any. Huddled in mud huts with thatch roofs or in tiny concrete houses, the children knew people all around them were dying of covid.

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They longed to return to the security and love they previously had in their orphanage.

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But even as they were forced to stay in rural villages and urban slum areas, their caretakers from the orphanages brought them food and medical supplies, provided by you, their sponsors. Over \$46,800 was given for medical needs of the children and their caretakers. The children knew then that they weren't forgotten.

Finally, when they could joyfully return to their children's home, they were safe. But a new problem quickly confronted them. The state governments would not allow schools to reopen for in-person classes. Every student had to use a computer, smart phone or tablet to access their lessons. The orphanages often had only one computer, primarily used to communicate with World's Children. We appealed to you and you responded. Almost \$24,000 was donated to purchase the technology the children would need to continue their education in 14 orphanages.

We learned that the economic downturn due to covid had substantially increased child trafficking in India. Children were still a commodity to

be sold in many locations. But not, thankfully, in one area where you have continued to fund a Prevention of Child Trafficking Project. In that area, 120,000 people – including 16,800 children – have learned about the tricks traffickers use and now, thanks to you, 241 villages are safe for children.

You also stood by those children who wanted to attend college so they could become self-sufficient young adults, free of the poverty they were born into. You provided the means for 278 students to attend college. Just think of that; many colleges in the U.S. don't give out that many scholarships to their students!

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Everything you did in 2021 has led to a better life for the children. And what that says to over 3,000 children whose fate is to grow up in an orphanage, is that they are loved.

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They know they are loved because people half a world away cared enough about them to give their own money to make the children's lives safer, healthier, happier. They are loved and you are loved in return. You will clearly see by the faces of the children in this annual report that they are happy. They are happy because of you. Thank you for all you did for the children in 2021.

With deepest gratitude,



David Purviance  
Executive Director



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# 2021 Financials

## Overview

Revenue	\$ 913,767
Expenses	\$ 907,162
Grants	\$ 584,218
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 756,786

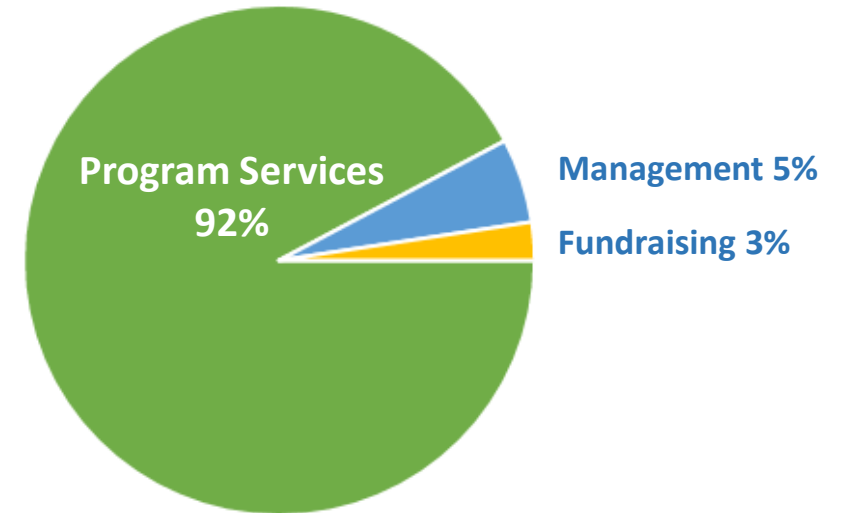
## Expenses

Program Services	\$ 836,806
Management	\$ 48,525
Fundraising	\$ 21,831
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 907,162</b>

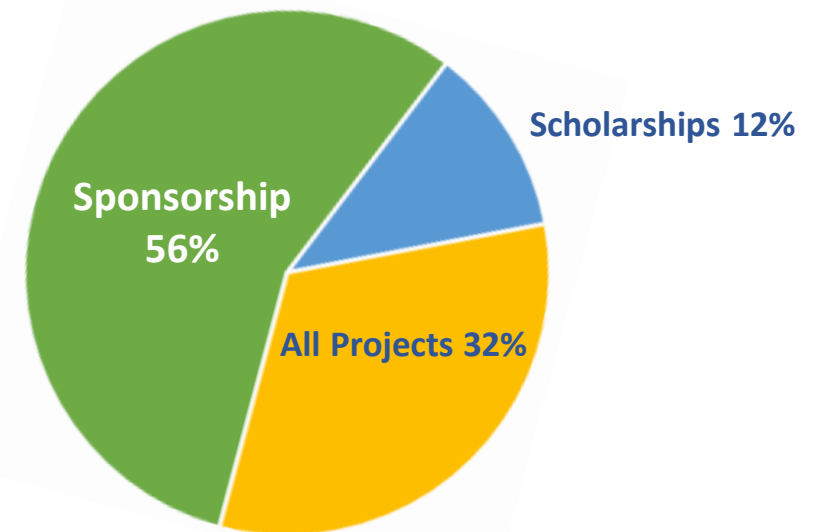
## Grants

Child Sponsorship	\$ 281,670
Scholarships	\$ 68,150
Special Projects	\$ 173,411
Prevention of Child Trafficking Project	\$ 14,142
Healthy Child Fund	\$ 46,845
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$ 584,218</b>

## 2021 Expenses



## 2021 Grants



To see the 2021 Financial Review and 990: [www.worldschildren.org/financials/](http://www.worldschildren.org/financials/)

# Where we work

World's Children works in 32 orphanages and children's homes. 30 homes are in India, one in Ethiopia and one in Guatemala.

## India



## Ethiopia



## Guatemala



# Program overview

World's Children has three primary programs: sponsorships, scholarships and special projects for children.

## Child Sponsorship

The World's Children Sponsorship Program is our largest program. We help orphans and vulnerable children who live in an orphanage or children's home due to a wide variety of circumstances. The children's homes are like large families.

Your sponsorship fee is used to purchase nutritious food, clothing, medicine, books, supplies, and other necessities. Sponsors receive yearly letters, photos, drawings, and progress reports about their child.

## Successful Outcomes

We put a strong emphasis on education and successful outcomes because this will uplift not only the child you will come to know and love when you sponsor them, but society as a whole.

## Scholarships

Our college scholarship and vocational training program for disadvantaged young men and women in India changes lives and lifts families out of poverty. World's Children provides scholarships for children who grow up in our sponsorship program and other needy students we identify through our partners. We also provide scholarships for vulnerable students at two nursing colleges in India.

## Special Projects

World's Children helps our partner organizations meet their moments of special need. We have a yearly campaign to help the children's homes we support update their infrastructure as you will see from the projects featured below. Sometimes we help with special medical needs for the children. We also fund a Prevention of Child Trafficking Program in India.



# Impact in 2021



**868** sponsors and donors contributed to WC programs.



**278** students received college scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year.



**813** children were sponsored in 2021.



**32** homes (housing >3,000 children) received direct support in the form of sponsorship and/or project funding.



**120,000** adults and children in 241 villages were educated about child trafficking in India and how to prevent it since the project began in 2017.



**51** projects were funded to improve the children's homes in 2021.

**16,800** Since 2017, girls and boys in 131 schools in the region of Telangana, India were educated about child trafficking and formed groups to help prevent it.

# Child Sponsorship



In 2021, through the child sponsorship program, World's Children sent monetary aid in the amount of \$281,670 for the care of approximately 813 children sponsored in 30 orphanages in India, Ethiopia, and Guatemala.

This support ensures that children living in the orphanages we support receive nutritious food, clean & warm clothes, medical care, a good education, and a safe and loving environment.

# Healthy Child Fund



In 2021, World's Children sent \$46,845 for children's health needs. This included \$6,300 for soap, masks, and hand sanitizer for prevention of covid-19 and \$34,500 to help pay medical bills for children and administrators who were in the hospital with covid-19.

It also included \$2,145 to support the Healthy Girl Initiative at Balavikasita Orphanage in India that helps girls going through puberty. The girls received education and support, supplies, added nutrition, and doctor visits. This successful pilot project began in the fall of 2016.

World's Children also sent \$1,950 for needed medical equipment at Balavikasita Orphanage. During a time of political unrest in Ethiopia, WC sent \$2,000 for purchase of medical supplies at Bridge of Hope Orphanage, a home for children affected by HIV,

# Scholarships



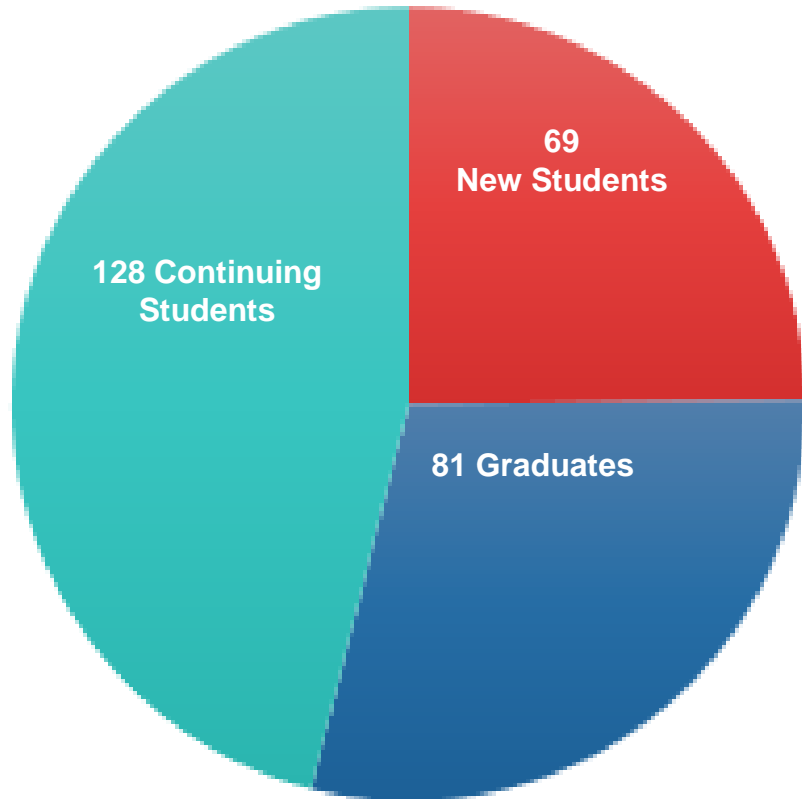
World's Children aims for successful outcomes through our scholarship program for disadvantaged young men and women. In 2021, WC provided scholarships for 278 students for a total amount of \$68,150 in aid.

This includes children who come up through our sponsorship program and other needy students at two nursing colleges where we support the most vulnerable students.

In 2021, 98 students graduated with degrees in nursing, engineering, banking and accounting, computer technology, teaching and vocational training.

# Scholarships

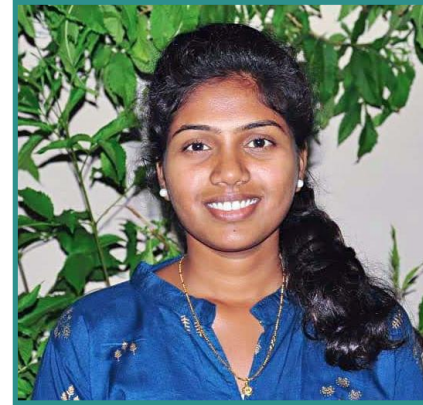
278 students received scholarships in 2020-2021



## Students by Program of Study

Nursing	87
Teaching	55
Engineering	37
Banking & Accounting	36
Business	14
Math and Science	13
Medical Specialist	8
Pharmacist	7
Computer Science	7
Vocational Training	6
Doctor	5
Defense	2
Lawyer	1

# What happens when they grow up?



“In the year 2008, I joined the children’s home when I was 8 years old. Sisters took care of me, especially my health and medication. The sisters are like parents. I felt very happy to be there from my childhood.

Recently, I completed my post graduation and I attended the interviews. Finally I got a job in Hyderabad. Now I am able to stand on my own foot. It’s all because of your love that allowed me to focus on my education and enjoy my time in the college. Confidence in my abilities has strengthened my resolve. I will remember your generous help towards my future. I am the luckiest to have you all who cared enough to donate funds to people like me who struggle.”—Rajini, Masters of Commerce in Financial Analysis

“No words could possibly express how happy I am, when I recall that it is your extending arm and love made me what I am today. I am currently a registered BSc nurse. Professionally employed in Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, which is a nationally and internationally certified 750 bedded multispecialty hospital. I was posted in Intensive Coronary Care Unit which deals with all the complications regarding cardiac system.

I promise that in my coming days I will also extend my hand to reach the unreached who are seeking aid towards their education and growth.” —Sunil

“What I am today is purely of your care, concern and love. I am a one parent child. Since you have shared the financial burden of my mother only, I am able to stand on my feet. I completed my tally course and at present I am working as an accountant in a hospital in Warangal, India.

Now very happy with my salary. With my salary I am taking care of my family and now they are also feeling great about me and I am also helping the needy people nearby me. I can surely say that this is possible only because of the scholarship.” — Karitha

“If I had not received this scholarship my offer from Kakatiya Institute of Technology and Sciences in Warangal, India would have lapsed.

Thank you for helping me continues my studies. With your help I was able to complete my bachelors in technology for electrical and electronics engineering and was able to fulfill my dreams, securing an admit at my dream university (University of Central Missouri) that is located in the United States. I have already begun with my advanced studies and can assure you that my academics are off to a first grade start. I hope to continue being good at academics so that I can make a good career for myself. Please uphold me in your prayers. Praying for you. Thanks again.” —Neelima



“My parents could barely support our livelihood and financing our education became burden to them.

I completed my chartered accountancy course in India and came to UK to study for master’s. I have done my Master’s in Accountancy and Finance from Cardiff Metropolitan University. Later I secured a job in a major accountancy firm in London. Your aid has motivated me to keep working hard to see this dream come true. Words fall short when I try to express my sincerest gratitude for your sponsorship. I assure you that I will make up for it by helping students who are facing the problems which I faced.” —Charan



“I feel extremely happy about you because I can’t imagine my life without your help. When I joined in BSc Nursing it was very difficult to pay fees in college. Then I never looked back because of your help. I finished my studies with good knowledge.

After completion of my nursing course, I attended a interview and got selected. Now I am working at Continental Hospital in Hyderabad. I am giving good care to patients, comforting and helping them for speedy recovery. I will never forget you in my entire life.” —Manisha



“I am currently working professionally in a multinational company, Wipro Technologies Limited in India. Your help came into my life when I needed it most and when my parents were unable to pay my college fees anymore. Today, I am able to fulfill all my family needs. My father is very proud of me.

All this happened only because of your generous help and support. I sincerely thank you for that. One day I will also sponsor a child and help him/her to complete their education and change their life. This is the motivation that drives me.” —Anudeep



“Now I am working as an x-ray technician in a prestigious hospital. It is the wonderful opportunity I got. I never forget the wonderful moments I spent with the sisters. They also encouraged me a lot to reach my goal. Finally I reached and I am enjoying myself every day while I am doing the job. I am writing this letter to extend my gratitude and respect to you for being my biggest support in my life. I would not get this job opportunity without your financial help. I will never be able to express how gratified and blessed I am because of you. If there is any chance to serve others, I am able to help others. Without you and sisters’ motivation and encouragement, I would not have reached this stage.” —Shirisha

***“Thanks again. I couldn’t have pulled this off without you.” —Ashrita, post-grad pharmacy student***

# Special Projects



World's Children provided \$149,553 for special projects to improve the infrastructure at the children's homes we support.

These projects positively affected the 813 sponsored children and over 2,000 unsponsored children living at these orphanages and enjoying the benefits of the projects and programs we support. 2021 projects are featured below.

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*“Someone said that whatever we possess becomes of double value when we share it with others. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for coming forward to render your helping hand towards our children. Without your donation, the children at our home would not be getting their urgent and dire needs met.” — Sister Eugene Leema Rose, Happy Home Administrator*

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# Prevention of Child Trafficking Program



The Prevention of Child Trafficking Program (PCT) is a project started in April 2017 with the goal of making villages in India 100% safe for girls and women by creating community protection. Since the project began, the five-member staff have educated 120,000 adults and children living in 241 villages, and 16,800 girls and boys in 131 schools in the targeted region of Telangana, India.

Prevention can be created through education that teaches how traffickers dupe women or simply snatch unwatched girls. The goal was to stop child trafficking in this area, which has a total population of about 151,000 people. 182 villages now have prevention of trafficking safety measures in place. The FMM Social Service Society in Warangal, India facilitates this project. We have worked with them for several decades and we currently support five orphanages that they operate. The project is currently targeting three districts in Telangana, India with a total population of 393,629 living in both rural and urban areas. In 2021, World's Children provided \$14,142 for this important project. To read the PCT Report, visit: <https://www.worldschildren.org/trafficking-update-2022/>



# Prevention of Child Trafficking accomplishments Apr 2017- Feb 2022



**153 victims** have been rescued from trafficking and given support services.

**130,985 villagers and children** in 211 villages have been educated about trafficking

**113,985 villagers** have watched trafficking awareness videos in 241 villages.

**16,800 children in 131 schools** also have watched the videos.

**473 women's self-help groups** in 182 villages, comprised of 25,200 women, have met to discuss prevention of trafficking. They also identified 30 victims of domestic violence and helped rescue some of the trafficking victims.

**182 Community Vigilant Committees** have been formed. They have stopped over 50 child marriages and identified 182 dropouts. They have educated 136,500 community members.

**131 Child Vigilant Clubs** were formed with 1,310 children. Each group is comprised 10 students, one teacher, one PCT staff, and one member of Childline. Child Clubs identified 187 school dropouts They also prevented 25 child marriages.

**Other Groups**—The PCT team also has worked with a variety of other parties affected by trafficking. They met with:

**240 sex workers** to motivate them to give up business and help them take up other occupations.

**410 taxi, bus drivers and truckers** are extending their support. These men frequently have provided the primary means of transportation for traffickers.

**Over 350 professionals** including police, school teachers, child protection, child welfare and rehabilitation services, revenue officers, village leaders, youth advocates and media personnel are extending their services to prevent trafficking and rehabilitate victims.

In one area, the number of trafficked children plummeted from 115 to almost zero.

# Technology for education

During the pandemic shutdown in India, schools were closed, and children were expected to attend classes remotely using computers and smartphones. Unfortunately many of the children in orphanages did not have the equipment to do this and were getting behind in their classes because they could not attend remotely.

World's Children donors provided \$23,858 for computers, laptops, tablets, projectors, printers, and smartphones to allow children in orphanages to attend their classes remotely and keep up with their peers in school.



# Remote learning technology was provided for these homes



Assunta Asha Nilayam Home for girls affected by HIV

Nithya Sahaya Matha

Sister Seline's Home for Children affected by HIV

Little Flower Home for Children

Sneha Sadan

Raichur Girls' Hostel

Lucile Colony Girls' Hostel

Swadhar Children's Home

Fatima Children's Home

Balavikasita Orphanage

Shanthi Nilayam Home for Boys affected by HIV

St. Anthony's Orphanage

Nambikkai Illam Orphanage

Nirmala Matha Orphanage

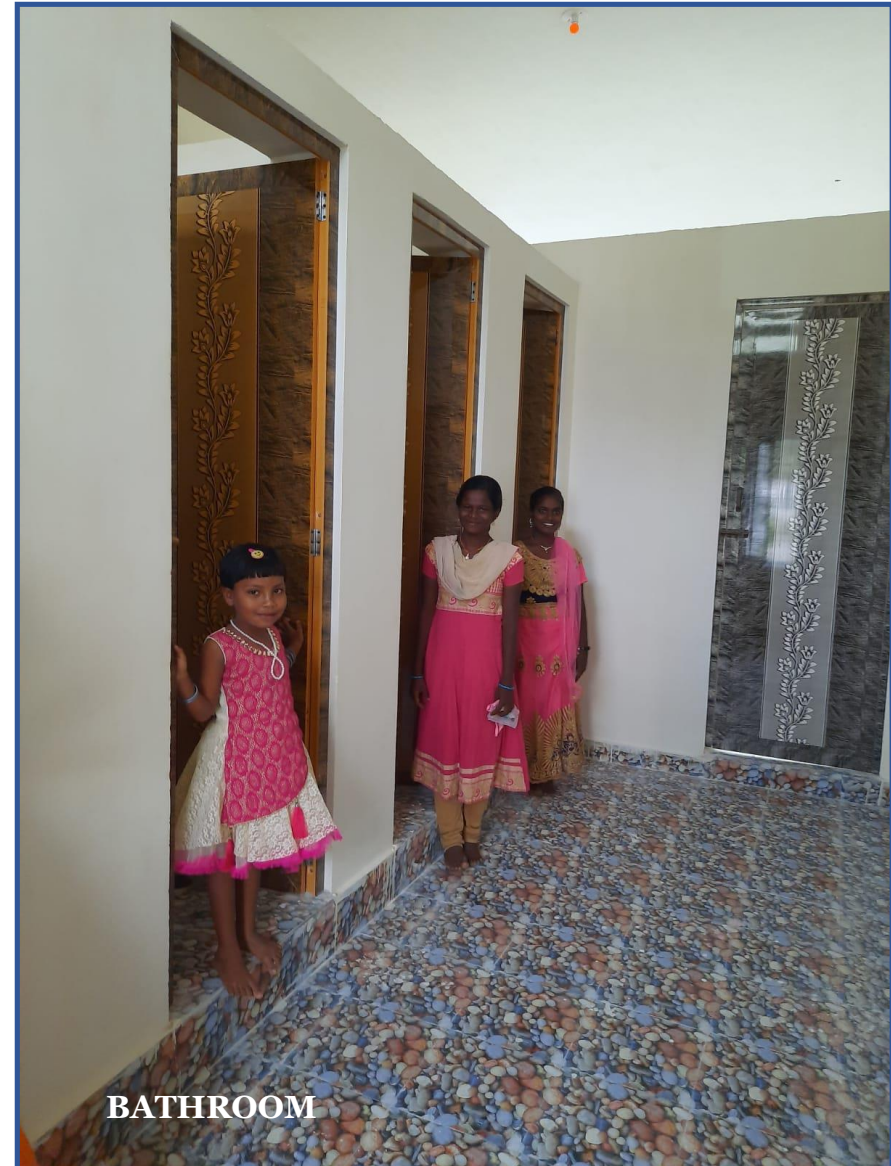
# Girls' dormitory at Nambikkai Illam Orphanage (NI)



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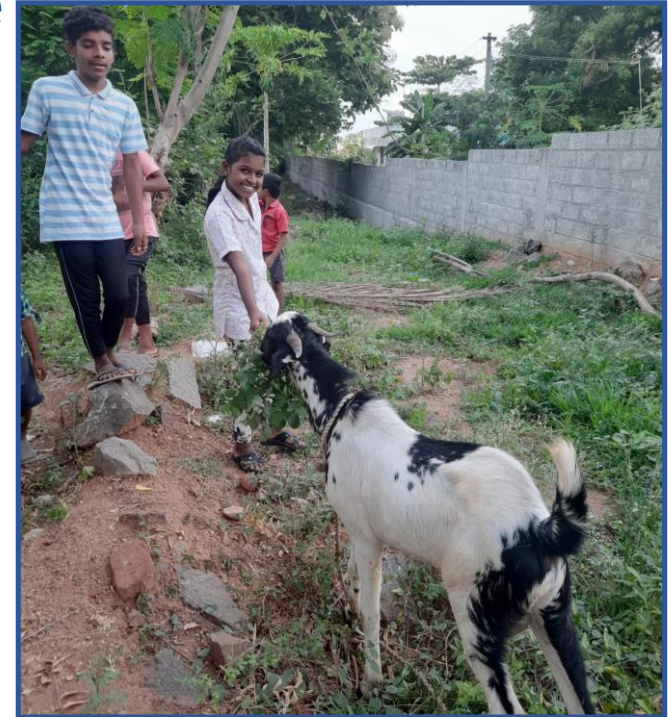
**BATHROOM**

# Compound wall for girls at Athipet Tribal Girls' Home





# Cows, goats, and hens for children at Annai Scholastica Home



# Study hall for children at Fatima Children's Home



# Happy Home Bathing Room



# Gate for Bridge of Hope in Ethiopia



# Toilet and bathing room renovation for St. Elizabeth's Home for Children



# Water and electrical repairs for children at Bethel Orphanage



# Sherman Girls' Hostel dorm renovation



# Sherman dorm, kitchen, dining and bathroom renovations cont.





# Sherman Girls' Hostel new drinking water tank



# Vehicle for Balavikasita Sadan orphanage



# Shed for drying clothes for girls at Nirmala Home



# Tile flooring on the ground floor at Little Flower Home for Children



# Balavikasita Sadan orphanage wall



# New kitchen equipment at St. Joseph's Home for Children



# Audio-visual system for Sacred Heart nursing students outreach to villages



# Balavikasita medical equipment and supplies





# Scooter to get supplies for children at Padaravedu Orphanage



# Water Buffalo for girls at Raichur Girls' Hostel



## 2021 completed projects not featured

- Dharani received a laptop to complete her Masters Degree.
- Television for 130 girls at Nithya Sahaya Hostel to help with school work especially during covid.
- Television for Raichur Girls' Hostel
- Bridge of Hope extra supplies because of political unrest
- Lucile Colony extra help for covid widows and children
- Tables and water filter for Marian Hostel

## 2021 projects in progress

- Bethel Aquaguard water filter
- Nithya Sahaya Matha Hostel cupboards
- Shanthi Nilayam washing machine
- Miriam Boarding refrigerator
- Miriam Boarding septic system
- Bridge of Hope guard tower
- Nirmala Matha laptop and projector
- Assuntha Asha Niliyam water treatment system
- Swadhar Home water treatment system repairs
- Little Flower Home for Children steam boiler for kitchen
- Nambikkai Illam beds, mattresses and bedding

# Fun and celebrations

The children love to celebrate birthdays and holidays



The children's homes have monthly birthday parties honoring all the children with a birthday that month.

# A birthday party at Bridge of Hope in Ethiopia



The children receive toys and games for birthdays that they can share



# Diwali and Sankranti are special holidays in India



# The children receive gifts of clothing at Christmas time



# Jumping and dancing for joy





# Looking forward



- ❖ With your continued support, we will fund as many sponsorships and scholarships as possible.
- ❖ So far in 2022, World's Children has funded 14 projects to improve life at the children's homes and we hope to fund more.
- ❖ The Prevention of Child Trafficking Project has been renewed for three more years and is moving into more villages in India.

The children thank you for all your kind support in 2021.  
Let's make 2022 even better!

# Your donation large or small can make all the difference in a child's life



Sponsor a child or help support an orphanage



Sponsor a scholarship student or give any amount to the scholarship fund



Donate for a project



Prevent child trafficking



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