



**World's Children**

**Annual Report  
2016**

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## Our Vision

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

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# Letter from David Purviance

Dear Friends,

What a difference you have made this past year in the lives of the children!

So much is better in their lives because you wanted it to be better. This annual report describes many of those improvements and I hope you'll take pride in knowing this is all because of you. When I visit the orphanages I like to sit on the floor and be surrounded by the children. I want to hear their voices, their laughter, their singing, because that tells me they are having happy childhoods.

Do you know what else tells me the kids' lives are better? When I visit a children's home where you paid for a water filter, I know that I don't have to refuse a glass of water that will be offered me for fear I might get sick. Or when I visit a home where you paid for mosquito nets on the doors and windows, I don't have to be as concerned about whether I slathered on enough mosquito repellent that morning. Without you, those concerns are often daily anxieties for the children.

Most of you will never meet your sponsored child in person. But they love you nonetheless. They love you because they realize that you have changed their lives forever. Their great fortune in having you

sponsor them and improve their lives is something they experience every day – in every glass of water they drink, every time they go to sleep on a mattress under a mosquito net, every time they pick up a book to read, every meal they eat that is such a far cry from what little they ate at home or while living on the streets.

The true legacy of a life well lived is to have helped other people rise out of poverty, escape misery or gain an education. You are the world's real heroes!

On behalf of the children whose fate is to grow up in an orphanage, we thank you so much.

With all our gratitude,

*David Purviance*

David Purviance  
Executive Director



# Leadership

- Patrick Spiger  
*Board President, retired business owner*
- Jean Purviance  
*Board Secretary, Financial Director*
- Bruce Moore  
*Board Treasurer, business consultant*
- Sridevi Talluri  
*Director, policy analyst*
- Roslyn Moore  
*Director, author and retired teacher*
- Amisha Shah  
*Director, clinical geneticist*
- Marie Long, MD  
*Director, neurosurgeon*
- Meghan Fitzgerald  
*Director, health policy graduate student*
- Rev. Elizabeth Oettinger  
*Director, retired minister*



*Not pictured, Amisha Shah*

# Our Mission

Children are often helpless victims of poverty and disaster and yet they will be the ones to shape the future. Our mission is to provide support and education for orphans and vulnerable children in the poorest countries around the world.



# 2016 Highlights

We kicked off a new program:  
**Sponsor a Home!**

Donors can make a one-time or recurring donation to help an orphanage. The first sponsored home, Balavikasita, received \$5,000 in additional support through this exciting program.

**We partnered with Rosie to reduce the stigma of menstruation in India and improve menstrual health. Read more on page 15.**

**2016 was our BIGGEST scholarship year yet! Read more about it on page 14.**

**4 new homes  
received support:**

- **Pandaravedu Orphanage** (new dormitory building, books)
- **Annai Scholastica** (water purifier)
- **Athipet Children's Home** (books)
- **Nirmala Matha Home for Children** (borewell, water purifier, books)

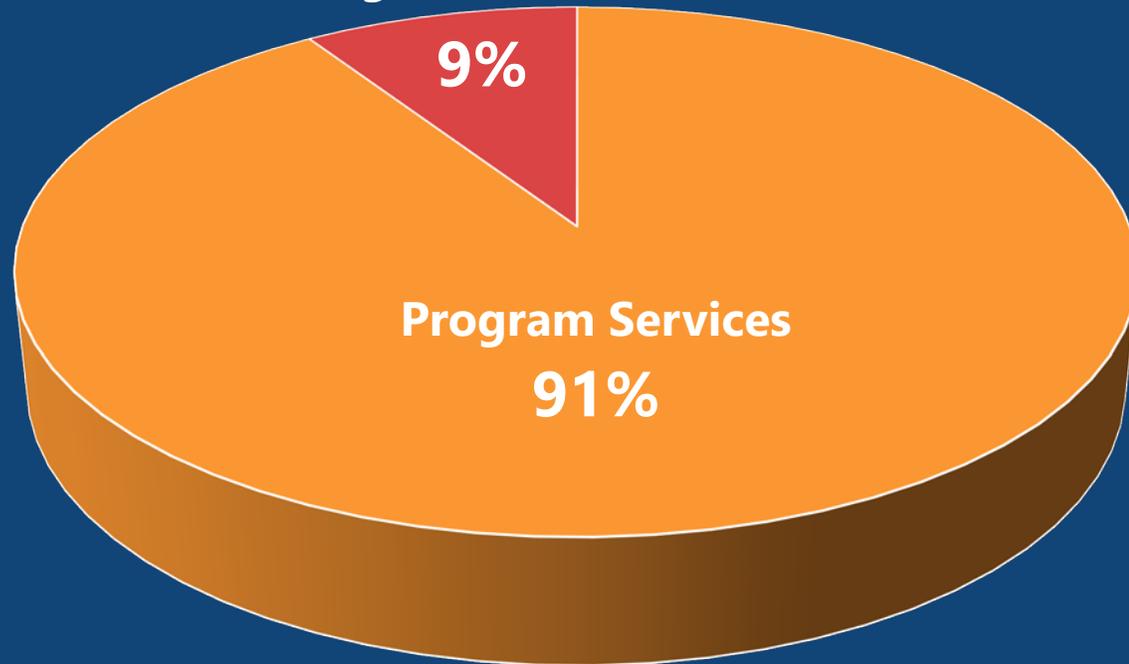
**36**

**projects  
funded**

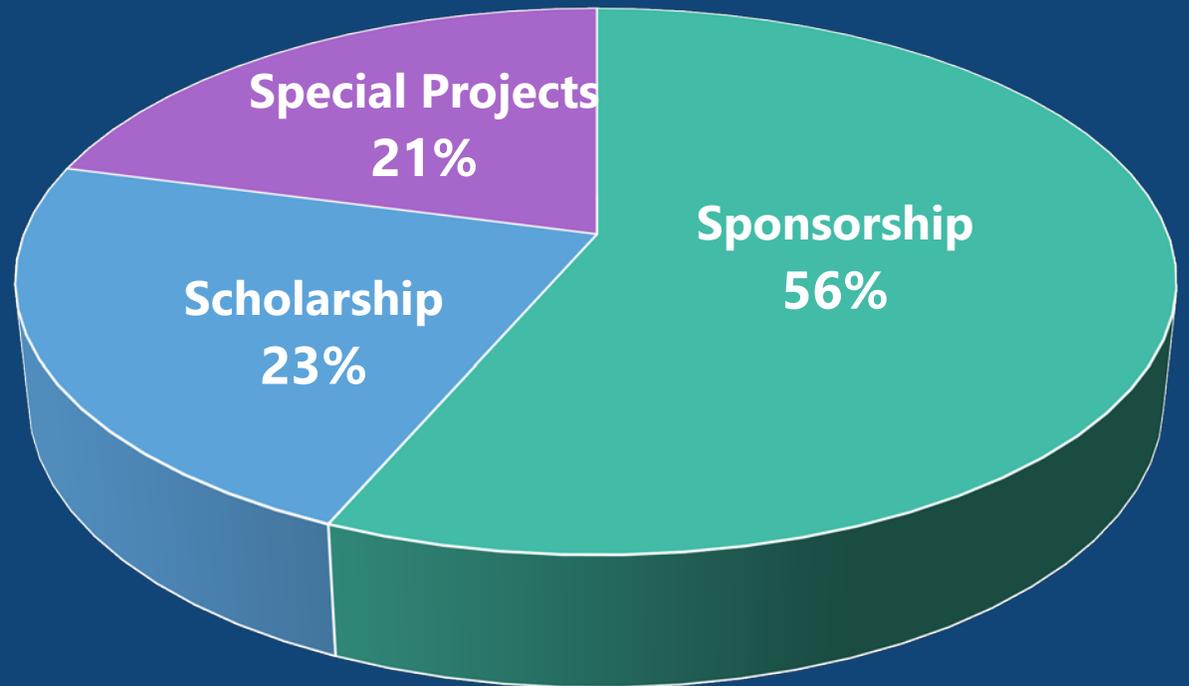
# 2016 Financials

World's Children adheres to strict standards of accountability and transparency both at home and abroad.

**Fundraising and Administration**



**2016 activities**



**2016 grants**

# 2016 Financials

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<b>2016 Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$706,475</b>
2016 Total Expenditures	\$693,474
2016 Total Overseas Support	\$482,805
2016 Net Assets (including WC Endowment Fund: \$235,675)	\$754,972

<b>2016 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$693,474</b>
Program Services	\$629,014 (91%)
Fundraising & Administration	\$64,460 (9%)
<b>2016 Total Overseas Support</b>	<b>\$482,805</b>
Sponsorship	\$271,237 (56%)
Scholarship	\$109,095 (23%)
Special Projects	\$100,100 (21%)
Healthy Child Initiative	\$1,472 (<1%)
Disaster Relief	\$901 (<1%)

These figures were derived from WC's 2016 Financial Statements as of December 31, 2016. They were reviewed by an independent certified public accountant.

To see the complete 2016 Financial Review and 2016 990 Form, go to:  
**[worldschildren.org/financials](http://worldschildren.org/financials)**

# 2016 Program Services: Impact Summary



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



**36** projects were funded to improve the homes in 2016 (and 32 were completed)



**931** children were sponsored in 2016



**305** scholarship students received assistance in 2016 (including 220 continuing students and 85 who graduated in 2016)



**34** homes (housing >3,500 children) received direct support in the form of sponsorship and/or project funding

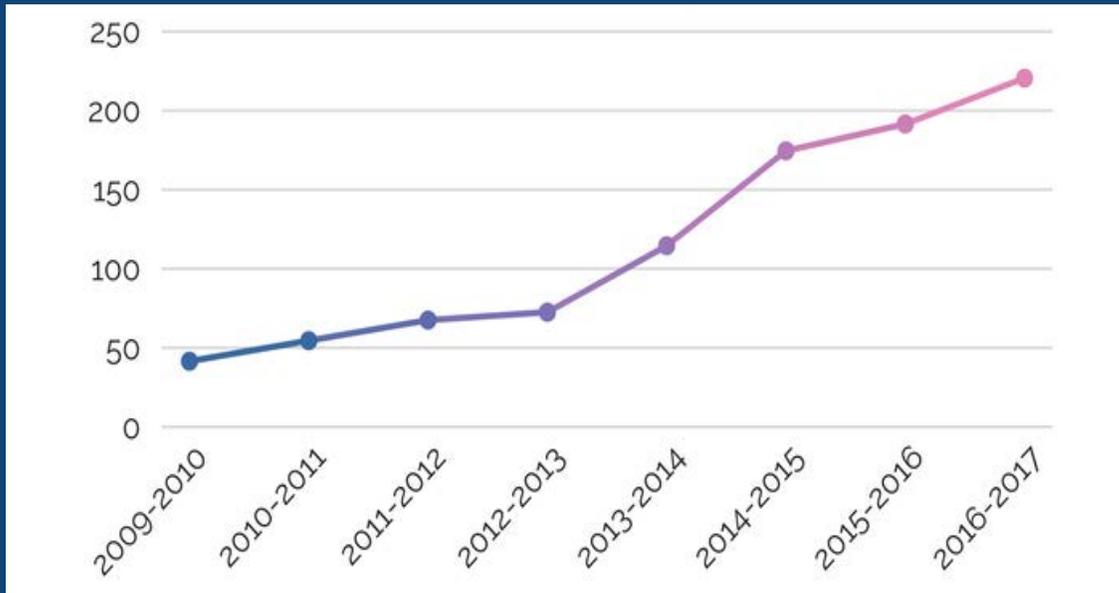


**16** girls were part of a Healthy Child Initiative pilot project to improve menstrual health and reduce stigma

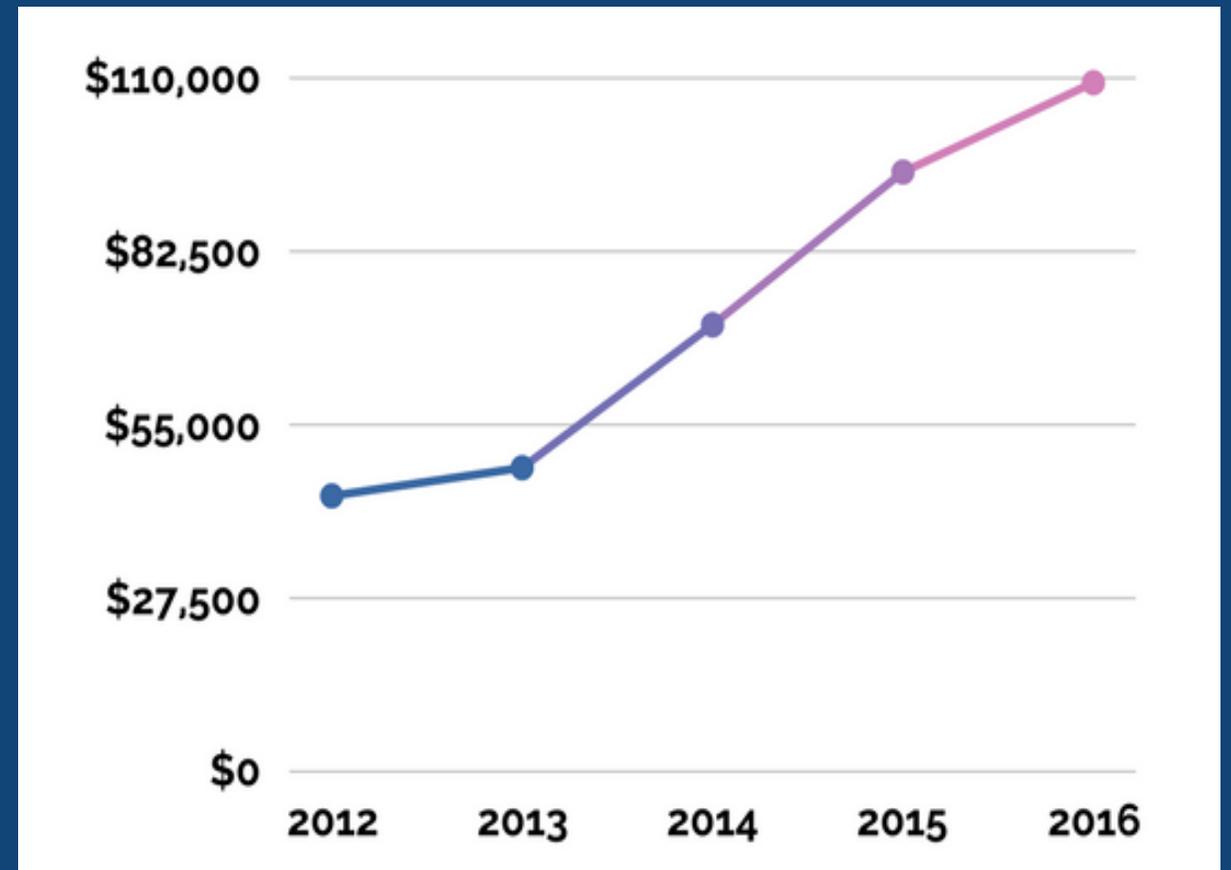
# 2016 Program Services: Scholarship

Thank you for making 2016 our  
biggest scholarship year yet!

Number of students receiving funding



Scholarship funding – last five years



# 2016 Program Services: Healthy Child Initiative (formerly Healthy Child Fund)

In 2016, World's Children partnered with Rosie to initiate a pilot project to improve menstrual health and reduce stigma for girls and women.



## Who is Rosie?

**Rosie** is a wonderful organization founded by college students at the University of Oregon in 2015.

Rosie is working to address the stigma surrounding menstrual health. They currently provide menstrual supplies and educational services to women's shelters in two counties in Oregon.

The pilot project is being conducted in one home, currently with 16 eligible girls. The Rosie Project provides:

- Menstrual supplies (sanitary napkins)
- Inner wear
- Supplemental nutrition
  - Milk
  - Fruit
  - Protein shake (Horlick's)
- Medical check-up every 6 months or as needed

# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects Impact

**845** children have new or improved access to clean water

**422** children have backup power sources and repaired wiring

**372** children have new or repaired toilet facilities

**110** children have a new, safe building to sleep in

**142** children have a comfortable pillow and mattress to sleep on

**218** children have an improved kitchen and dining facility

**184** children have safer and more secure facilities

**71** children are able to grow their own food with new gardens

**561** children have new libraries, books, and encyclopedias

**98** children have various home improvements

**316** children have new laundry equipment

**138** children have a new computer lab

# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Nambikkai Illam**

## Kitchen renovation project



Note: This project was funded in 2015, but was not completed until 2016

# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Balavikasita Sadan**

Dining hall roof and mosquito mesh



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Happy Home for Children**

Compound wall – boys' dormitory



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Shanthi Nilayam**

## Roof extension/rain cover



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Ushagram Girls' Hostel**

## Dormitory renovation



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Ushagram Girls' Hostel**

## Toilet repairs



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Swadhar Home**

Reverse osmosis water filter



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Fatima Home**

## Toilet and washroom repairs



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Katihar Boys' Hostel**

## Nighttime toilet construction



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: Sherman Girls' Hostel

Power inverter



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Miriam Boarding Home**

Diesel generator



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **St. Mary's Orphanage**

Diesel generator



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Marian Orphanage**

## Wiring repairs



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Fatima Home**

## Whitewashing



Before



After

# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Raichur Girls' Hostel**

## Gardens



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Sherman Girls' Hostel**

## Mattresses and bedding



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Sneha Sadan**

Laundry extractor



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **St. Anthony's Orphanage**

Washing machine



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Nambikkai Illam**

Washing machine



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Swadhar Home**

Mattresses and pillows



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Gulbarga Boys' Hostel**

UPS backup power source



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Little Flower Home**

**Printer and scanner**



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **St. Anthony's Orphanage**

## Borewell repair



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Fatima Home**

Water purifier



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Fatima Home**

Dining hall renovation and tables



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **St. Mary's Orphanage**

## Refrigerator



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Nambikkai Illam**

## Institutional cooking stoves



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Nambikkai Illam**

Water purifier



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Annai Scholastica**

**Water purifier**



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Nirmala Matha Home**

**Borewell re-dig**



**Before**



**After**

# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Balavikasita Orphanage**

## Solar lanterns



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: **Multiple Homes**

Library books for 3 new homes:  
Athipet Children's Home  
Nirmala Matha Home for Children  
Pandaravedu Orphanage



# 2016 Program Services: Special Projects: Pandaravedu Orphanage

**IN PROGRESS: Dormitory construction**



# How to support World's Children in 2017



Sponsor a child



Sponsor a home



Sponsor a scholarship student



Donate to a project



Give to the scholarship fund



Give to the greatest need

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