



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Kulea Childcare Villages
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FROM OUR DIRECTOR



As I reflect on last year, I am thankful for God's continued provision through you, our generous donors. It was a year of challenges and triumphs, which increased my dependence on God and my reliance on our wonderful USA Board.

Kulea Villages increased our outreach to new children in 2021 and to other non-profit organizations in East Africa to improve our support of children. We entered a social franchise with **Forever Angels** and ten months later opened a Maisha Matters Center in Dar es Salaam, welcoming the first baby November 2nd!

At the end of 2021, a pastor we have worked with since 2010 decided to end working together. The primary issue prompting this was how funds are distributed to him. We follow Tanzania & USA law and could not agree to changes in fund distribution.

The joy of starting Maisha Matters followed by a sudden end to a long-term partnership (affecting 6 sponsored orphans) carried many emotions for staff, Board and donors. We tried to keep you informed and are grateful for sponsors who chose to continue their support. We grieve the few sponsors who left but remain thankful for the years they sponsored children through Kulea Villages.

We look forward to helping more babies, children and families in 2022 through your support!

MISSION AND VISION

The **mission** of Kulea Childcare Villages is to equip families with the skills needed to care for orphans and vulnerable children in their community.

We **envision** a community where all children have a safe home, food, education, and medical care.



We believe every child deserves
a family
education
3 meals a day
to know the love of God



A father to the fatherless, a
defender of orphans is God in
His holy dwelling. God sets
the lonely in families, . . .

Psalm 68:5-6



OUR IMPACT THROUGH 3 PROGRAMS

In 2021, there were 109 beneficiaries of our child sponsorship programs in Tanzania and Kenya and 10 beneficiaries who benefitted from our support at Maisha Matters. (Beneficiaries are all those living in the child's home). The lives of these 119 people improved because of Kulea Villages. Check out a few stories.

1. CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Through sponsorship, we

1. ensure a safe and loving home and keep the family together
2. provide education, medical care & nutrition
3. empower women to get out of poverty through business creation



Tahrea & Chris Smith pray with Dorcas

DORCAS S'S STORY . . .



Dorcias lives with both parents, but they are very poor and struggling. They cannot keep 3 children in school and put food on the table. Mom works washing clothes, but the pay is very low. Dad works odd jobs when someone hires him for a few hours. Through her sponsors, Dorcas is now back in school and is assured she can continue her studies. Kulea social workers check on her family often, help them with food when needed and will work with her mother to see how she can earn more. Our goal is to meet the immediate crisis of Dorcas being out of school and not eating enough, then to turn our attention to helping her parents improve their business or start a small business so they can provide 3 meals every day and eventually handle her school fees. The holistic nature of our approach offers families dignity and a chance to get out of poverty.

EXPANDING OUR WORK

During 2021 we spent 10 months preparing to open our Maisha Matters center. We rented property, hired social workers, were trained in Mwanza by Forever Angels and completed all government requirements. In November we opened and were quickly called by a hospital referring our first baby, Blessing.

Our aim with this project is to stop the flow of infants who lose mom in childbirth to orphanages. 70% of children in Tanzanian orphanages went there because they lost mom and had no money for formula. We help poor families keep their babies and we give them the tools needed frato support a child. Read on . . .

2. MAISHA MATTERS

Through Maisha Matters, we give

1. nutrition for babies (formula)
2. preventative health training
3. crisis support
4. business training & set ups
5. health insurance
6. counseling for families



BLESSING'S STORY

The parents of our first Maisha Matters baby were excitedly looking forward to his birth along with their extended family in October 2021. However, his mom's blood pressure spiked during delivery and could not be controlled, resulting in a fatal stroke. An emergency c-section was saved the baby boy, but mom did not survive. The family was in shock. Then the hospital asked what they wanted to do with the baby, asking if they should call an orphanage. Later that day, the hospital administrator remembered a new program in Dar es Salaam called Maisha Matters run by Kulea Villages. He called us and our social workers hurried to meet the family.

Within a few days Blessing was discharged from the hospital to home and enrolled in Maisha Matters. He has been the happiest baby, smiling at everyone and is being raised by a sweet young aunt who adores him. His father says that without Kulea's Maisha Matters program, they could not have brought Blessing home due to the high cost of formula. He said, ***"This program allowed us to grieve only once, not twice!"*** What a statement and what a lifelong impact on that family.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

3. FEEDING PROGRAM

Through our feeding programs, we

1. increase the number of meals/day for a child
2. increase the variety of foods eaten
3. improve nutrition through teaching
4. help malnourished children gain weight

In Tanzania, feeding program funds are used as needed. Here is an example from 2021. God's Tribe Church referred a 3 year old girl to us for sponsorship in late 2021. Our social workers went to assess to see if the child meets our criteria. They found a young mother and child with no food in the house. They had only porridge that day. We immediately provided a late lunch and a month's worth of staple foods though the child was not yet enrolled in any Kulea program. It's wonderful to be able to provide immediate relief in such a crisis.



In Kenya, our feeding program supports **Hilltop School** so that their breakfasts and lunches are varied, nutritious and include fruit and/or vegetables. Families try to provide an evening meal (typically ground, cooked maize and beans), but sometimes the 2 meals at school are the child's only food for the day.

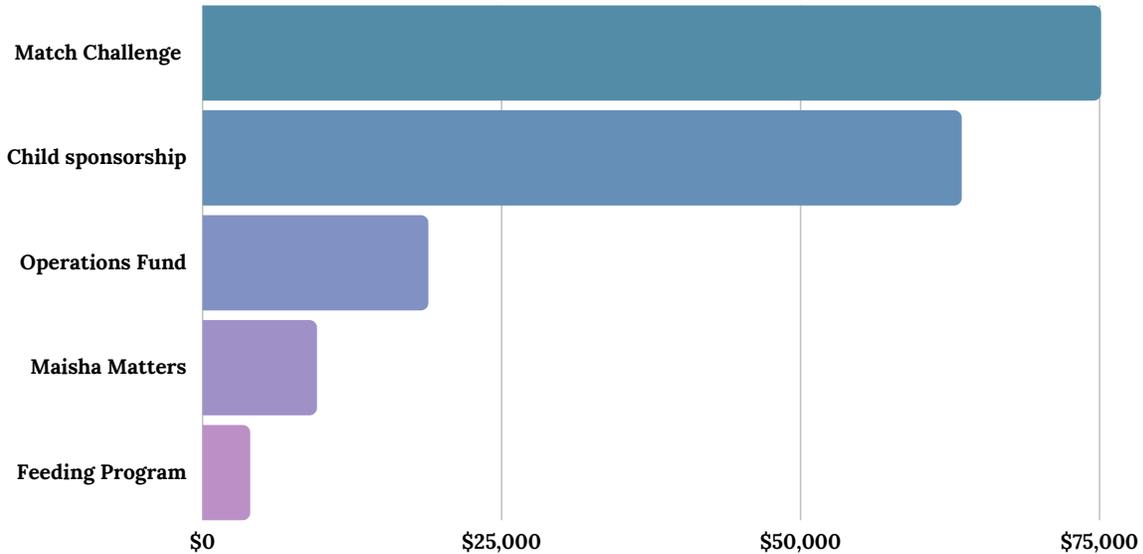


NETWORKING

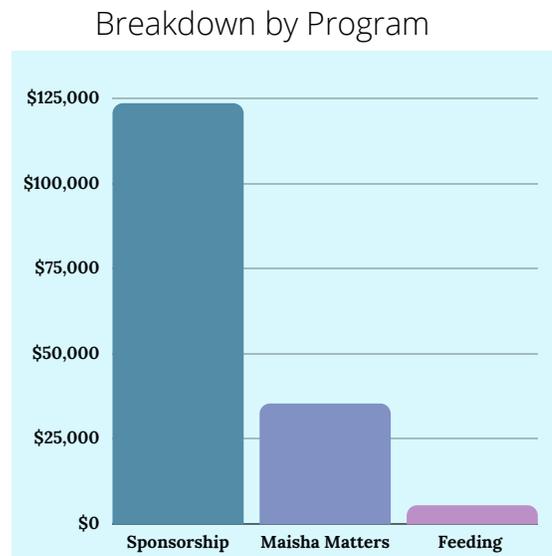
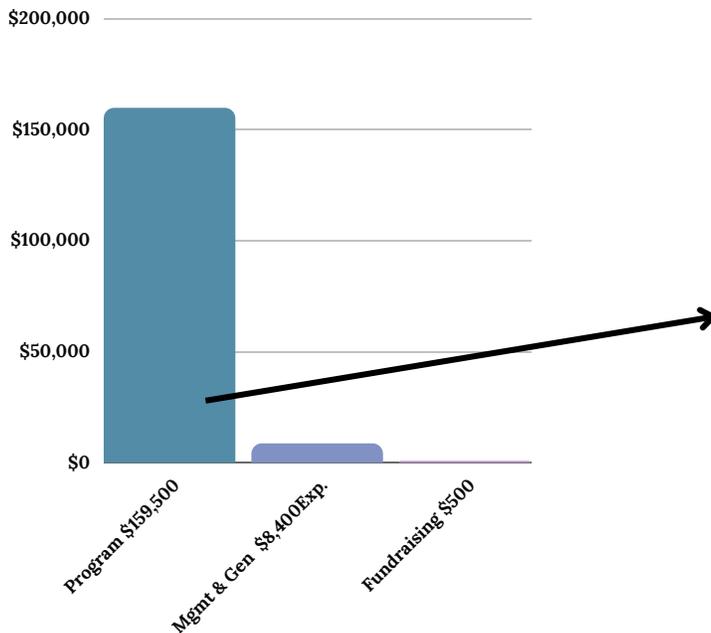
At Kulea Villages we intentionally network with other non-profits in Tanzania and Kenya and with the government to increase our effectiveness and to help with needs outside of our scope. Our sponsorship children and all of our Maisha Matters babies come to us by referral from those entities we network with. In 2021, our network with Forever Angels turned into a partnership and they helped us with everything needed to start a Maisha Matters center in Dar es Salaam!

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SOURCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS (\$170,560)



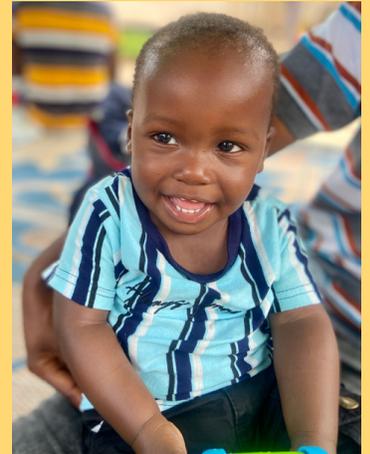
EXPENSES (\$168,000)



Reportable Income (W2s for all salaries: \$53,500)

"I support Kulea mostly because I know that the God-given drive and passion you have makes things happen there. It has always seemed to me that you have tried to help whenever a need crosses your path. I know you stretch every dollar. I am impressed that you stay flexible and find ways to tackle the obstacles to saving these vulnerable children." - a Kulea donor

GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE



Thank you for helping us do more for families and children in 2021. Your donations and prayers helped us accomplish all of this and more!
Let's do it again in 2022!

GIVE A GIFT

"I'm amazed at God's doings! God has already answered our prayer for divine interventions. God will finish what He started because He is faithful to do it." - Kulea donor