



A FAMILY FOR
EVERY ORPHAN

BOUNDLESS HOPE



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BOUNDLESS HOPE: A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

I've done a lot of soul-searching this past year... pondering how many children have faced deep, heart-wrenching losses. Wondering when the "time to laugh" will come for them. Asking the Lord: "How long?"

But again and again, I come back to the same thing: **The Lord is in all of this.** He makes a way where there seems to be no way. He shines light into the darkest situations and provides not just a glimmer of promise, but **boundless hope.** In the lives of so many children traumatized by war, poverty and loss, you are an instrument of that hope... and I am deeply grateful for you.



In the pages ahead, you will read stories of faith, resilience, and restoration that you fueled — stories that I pray will encourage you. One such story is that of Ksenia, a courageous young woman who, along with her young brother, was abducted by Russian forces as a teen. Both

were orphans and separated from each other. For nine long months, she clung to hope, believing that she and her brother would one day be rescued and reunited. And by God's grace, through the work of an A Family for Every Orphan partner, Nikolai Kuleba, that hope became reality.

I had the privilege of meeting Ksenia, and her strength and faith moved me deeply. She shared how, even in the darkest moments, she refused to give up hope. Now, safely reunited with her brother in Ukraine, she is not only rebuilding her life but also choosing to be a voice for the countless children still trapped in Russian-occupied territories, advocating for their rescue.

Your generosity is part of **God's redemptive work** around the world. In Ghana, families struggling to make ends meet are receiving support to build sustainable incomes, keeping them together and preventing separation. In Paraguay, legal reforms are cutting through red tape, ensuring children don't get stuck in orphanages but instead find the love and care of a family — just as God designed.

At a time when so many families face overwhelming hardship, your support is answering prayers. You are providing children with the love, stability, and future they deserve. Thank you for standing with us in this mission, for believing in every child's

right to love and safety in a family, and for being **the hands and feet of Christ in their lives.**

Thank you for helping protect children and strengthen families, so that every child can remain in, reunite with, or regain a family.

With utmost gratitude,

Heather Dyer
Heather Dyer

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MAY THE GOD
OF HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL THE JOY & PEACE
IN BELIEVING SO THAT
BY THE POWER OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY
ABOUND IN HOPE.

Romans 15:13

YOU ARE BRINGING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

A Family for Every Orphan (AFFEO) is a Christian organization committed to advancing family-based care for orphans and vulnerable children.

We achieve this by mobilizing churches, communities, and governments around family strengthening, foster care, and adoption.

Because children belong in families!

OUR MISSION

To create paths for orphans to find care in loving and stable families in their home countries.

OUR VISION

A world without orphans.

HOW IT'S DONE

YOU are helping orphans know the real, tangible love of a family. With your support, we champion efforts to see children in families through work to:



PREPARE

Ensure foster and adoptive families, as well as emancipated teens, have training, mentorship, and support along their journey.



PROTECT

Ensure child welfare and protection policies and processes protect children from harm and create paths for orphans and vulnerable children to be in loving and stable families.



PREVENT

Strengthen families to prevent children from entering orphanages and/or support family reunification.

YOUR IMPACT



22,941
Children and families helped



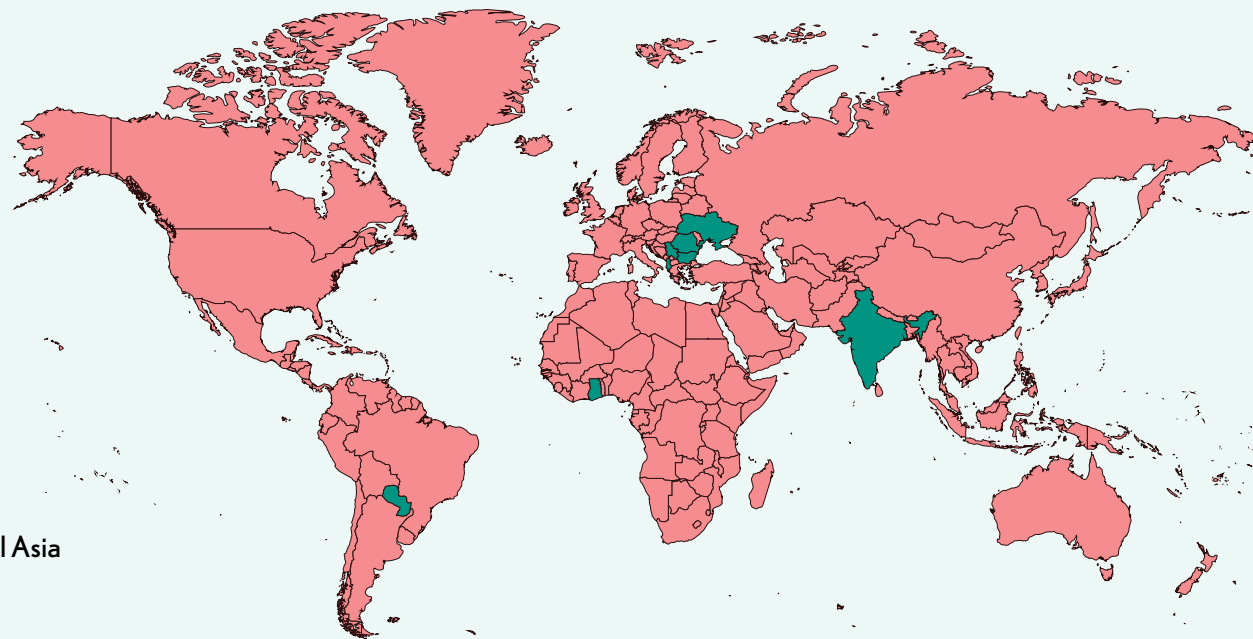
537
Churches engaged to support orphaned and vulnerable children



1,105,536
People reached through awareness efforts

Serving in 10 countries:

Albania
Bulgaria
Ghana
India
Paraguay
Romania
Serbia
South & Central Asia
Ukraine





STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND FUTURES

In the heart of Ghana, two young teenagers, Beth and Joseph, faced the heartbreaking possibility of being separated from their mother, Esther. Struggling to meet her children's daily needs, Esther was on the brink of sending Beth and Joseph across the country to live

with a relative who could meet their physical needs. **This move would not only split the family, but it would also force the teenagers to drop out of school, since there were no education opportunities where they would be.**

When children are separated from their families or forced to drop out of school, the risks of ending up in an orphanage, living on the streets in poverty, or being trafficked increase significantly. **Preventing separation helps prevent tragic outcomes.**

BECAUSE OF YOU

An organization focused on family strengthening — that you generously support — stepped in to prevent the teenagers from being sent away! **Through your contributions and dedicated team members on the ground, Esther received essential monetary aid to keep her children in school.**

Most importantly, Esther, Beth, and Joseph were able to remain together as a family.

Esther invested a portion of the funds into her yam business. With determination and hard work, her business began to thrive. This newfound stability allowed her to pay her rent for the year, save for the future, and provide for her children's needs. This wrap-around support created an environment where Beth and Joseph could focus on their education and thrive together as a family!

This family's story is a testament to the power of your generosity. **Your support didn't just provide temporary relief, it gave them hope and the tools to strengthen their future.** By empowering Esther to become self-sufficient, you **prevented** the pain of family separation. Your support also helped Beth and Joseph continue their education, which is critical for their futures. When you give, you are helping transform the lives of the next generation! Thank you!



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Aged-out teens educated and supported toward independence



291

Children remained in their families



645

Families received daycare services



2,643

Individuals trained



PREPARE



A FAMILY'S PATH FROM HURT TO HOPE

Brother and sister Maksym and Alona were haunted by the devastation of war in Ukraine. Maksym, especially, was deeply scarred after sadly witnessing his neighbor's home destroyed by shelling. **The trauma left**

him emotionally withdrawn, unable to express his pain, and struggling to trust the world around him. Even after their family fled to safety, the memories of war continued to torment him. His childhood had been stolen, and Alona, while more reserved, carried her own unspoken grief.

Their foster parents desperately wanted to help, but the children's emotional wounds were too deep for them to heal on their own. Maksym and Alona struggled to connect with their parents or engage socially within their new community and school. **The children were "slipping away" and their parents felt exhausted and lost, unequipped and doubtful of their ability to provide the support the children so desperately needed.**

BECAUSE OF YOU

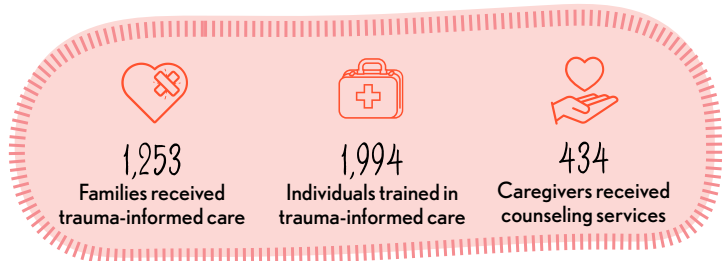
Your generosity helped this family begin to heal and reconnect! Both children were able to attend an AFFEO



partner's specialized therapeutic camp, where Maksym learned calming and stabilization techniques that have been critical in easing his fears, anxiety, and panic attacks. Alona also showed incredible emotional growth. And while the journey to recovery continues, both children are making significant progress. **This intervention was life-changing, turning their path from one of hurt to one of hope.**

While the children enjoyed camp, their foster parents participated in trainings designed to equip them with the tools needed to support children processing trauma. They also met a community of adoptive and foster parents navigating similar challenges — a vital source of encouragement and understanding. They left the program feeling hopeful and **prepared** with skills and strategies to create a more nurturing environment at home for their children. **These tools have been instrumental in fostering resilience and healing, strengthening the family bond, and providing the stability and security their children need to thrive.**

Your compassion empowers foster and adoptive families to support children like Maksym and Alona, guiding them through trauma and back to the joy of being kids. Thank you for being a beacon of **hope** to this family in the face of unimaginable challenges, allowing them to **remain** together, stronger than before!



Your faithful generosity is empowering AFFEO partners in Ukraine and Romania to **bring life-changing support to precious orphans and vulnerable children** impacted by relational trauma, family separation, and the devastating effects of war and violence.

When a child experiences intense trauma that goes unaddressed, they can become "stuck" in their pain. Unaddressed trauma can hinder their development and ability to build relationships, placing significant strain on families and the child. These children face a greater risk of isolation, withdrawal, anxiety, self-harm, and even child and family separation. After three years of significant family displacement, loss, and trauma from war, **the need for trauma-focused interventions in Ukraine has never been more urgent.**

Thanks to your support, Trauma-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is making a profound difference. Through trauma therapy camps, one-on-one counseling, and other therapeutic programs, children (and parents!) are learning how to process and heal deep hurt.

Your compassion is helping these children find healing, resilience, and **hope** for the future, while encouraging them to reach their God-given potential. Thank you for being a vital part of their journey to restoration!

NOW THRIVING THANKS TO TBRI

“Before [TBRI], I didn’t even realize how much my sons needed professional help. **They struggled to use their voice, maintain eye contact, and regulate their behavior.** As a teacher, my approach was more focused on correction...

Thanks to TBRI and the strategies I learned, I started to support and listen to my children more. I balanced correction with care... I make sure they understand that they are not alone and that I am here to take care of their needs.

I began to identify the reasons behind my sons’ behaviors and find the right approaches for them. I see how, day by day, **with the implementation of TBRI strategies, my children are learning, with my help, to regulate their emotions and reclaim their voice.**”

-SANYA, MOTHER OF TWO



A HOME FULL OF HOPE

In 2023, you helped a young couple, Mariah and Umar, make a pivotal decision that allowed infant twin boys, Karim and Taalay, to grow up in a loving home instead of an orphanage!

Born prematurely and with health complications, the twins faced an uncertain future as their birth mother abandoned them. **AFFEO partners in their Central Asia homeland became aware of the boys’ situation and worried that they wouldn’t survive in an orphanage.** But hope emerged as AFFEO partners quickly stepped in and contacted prospective parents Mariah and Umar. They previously worked closely with the couple during their required trainings and consultations to become approved adoptive parents. Mariah and Umar — excited to expand their family — felt prepared to adopt the twins.

Through tireless efforts, partners guided Mariah and Umar through the complex adoption process, and eventually helped them welcome the twin babies home. Now toddlers, Karim and Taalay are thriving in Mariah and Umar’s family... but that’s not the end of this wonderful story.

Fast forward to 2024: Our AFFEO partners discovered that Karim and Taalay had older, biological, twin brothers living in an orphanage. When Mariah and Umar learned this, the eight-year-olds Yarin and Adis were heavy on their hearts. After much reflection,



prayer, and counsel from our partners, Mariah and Umar were determined to give all four brothers the opportunity to grow up together and **began pursuing the adoption of Yarin and Adis.**

BECAUSE OF YOU

Your support enabled dedicated professionals to provide Mariah and Umar with comprehensive legal assistance. This included navigating government systems, ensuring proper social investigations were completed to determine the children’s adoption eligibility, **and ultimately securing guardianship of all four brothers.** Additionally, you helped our partner find a generous sponsor who gifted the family a larger apartment free of charge, allowing their growing household to flourish. Along with Mariah and Umar’s oldest son, their five children are now forming bonds and relationships to last a lifetime!

You helped give Mariah and Umar the resources and opportunity to open their hearts and home to children who deserve a family. **Thanks to you, four brothers have transitioned from a life of uncertainty to one filled with hope and belonging.** Your generosity has **protected** these young boys from a life in an orphanage and given them the gift of a loving, safe family — forever!



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Children regained a family
through adoption or foster care



With your generous support, vital improvements are being made to child protection laws and policies in several countries, including Central Asia, Ghana, Ukraine, and Paraguay. These policies are crucial to protecting every child's right to a family.

Your generosity is helping drive decisions that prioritize the best interest of the child while also ensuring existing laws are properly applied for orphans and vulnerable children.

Thank you for helping remove red tape and breaking down legal barriers that children often face during adoption and reunification. **You are protecting children from languishing in institutions and protecting their right to a family!**



100
Video profiles created
for orphans



49
Social investigations



TOGETHER AT LAST: A JOURNEY TO REUNIFICATION

At just thirteen years old, Sasha had already endured a turbulent childhood. For four years, she cycled in and out of an institution. Despite intermittent returns to her biological mother, she was repeatedly removed due to her mother's neglect to fulfill parental responsibilities and provide proper care. Eventually, her mother's

parental rights were permanently revoked... and Sasha ended up back in an institution.

The instability continued. Sasha was placed in a foster family, but tragically, it was not a healthy family environment where she unfortunately once again faced inept care. She was promptly removed and returned to the orphanage. You can imagine her heartbreak – how lost she felt within a broken system. Through it all, **she often thought of her father, longing to be reunited with him before aging out of the orphanage.**

In early 2024, an AFFEO partner met Sasha and discovered her heartfelt hope to reunite with her father, Xavier. Xavier shared the same dream to be reunited with his daughter, but he was uncertain about how to make it happen. There was a significant obstacle standing in the way. **Xavier was not listed on Sasha's birth certificate and therefore had no legal claim to her.**

BECAUSE OF YOU

After meeting Xavier and hearing his heart's desire, our local partner was quick to jump in to help. They worked with social services to ensure Xavier could provide a safe, nurturing home to properly care for Sasha, paving the way for their reunion. They helped provide the father and daughter with extensive psychological and social consultations, and initiated the legal proceedings to establish Xavier's paternity and secure his parental rights. **Xavier and Sasha are excited and hopeful for their future together!**

Sasha's journey to a stable family has been long and difficult, but the pieces are finally falling into place. Your kindness is **protecting** her from spending the rest of her teenage years in an orphanage and has set in motion the path for her to be joyfully **reunited** with her father... **a dream she has held onto for years!** Thank you for empowering partners to guide families through reunification efforts, ensuring they receive ongoing support as they start a new chapter together filled with hope, healing, and love.



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Children reunited
with their family

FROM HOPE-FILLED PARTNERS

AFFEO partners with local leaders in each country served to best help vulnerable children and families.

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Thanks to the support of AFFEO, Save Ukraine helps families who have suffered from war and lost their homes. Among them is a mother with a newborn who had to flee an occupied territory, or a woman who, after forced displacement, found new purpose in serving others. Children who once feared stepping outside are now attending school and making friends. Families who have endured pain and separation receive psychological and spiritual support, rebuild relationships, and discover the power of faith. **Together, we help people find safety, healing, and a fresh start, bringing hope even in the darkest times.**

—NIKOLAI KULEBA, UKRAINE



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God is steadily and significantly expanding the vision of family care for vulnerable children in Paraguay through the Paraguay Protects Families movement. Years of faithful effort have led to a major breakthrough: The president of Paraguay has declared family care a national priority and asked PPF to help engage the church and equip families. Paraguay has also become the first Latin American country to join the UK's foreign policy campaign, leading a new global alliance for lasting reform in children's social care. These efforts are ensuring that vulnerable children grow up in safe, loving families rather than institutions or high-risk environments. **With God's guidance, Paraguay is becoming a model for transforming child protection and family care worldwide.** We are grateful for AFFEO's steadfast support over many years. It has been instrumental in these accomplishments.”

—ANJA GOERTZEN, PARAGUAY



FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD CHAIR

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of A Family For Every Orphan, I want to take a moment to express our profound gratitude for your unwavering support of our mission. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the power of boundless hope — a hope that lights the way for the children we serve and fills the hearts of those who walk alongside them.

This annual report is a testament to the incredible difference you have made in the lives of vulnerable children. **Thanks to your generous contributions and by God's grace, we have been able to offer safety, stability, and the promise of a brighter future to so many children who once faced uncertainty.** Through your partnership, we have seen firsthand how hope transforms lives.

This year, we've celebrated countless milestones. Each success, no matter how big or small, is built on a foundation of hope — a hope that, with your support, we will continue to nurture in the hearts of children who have faced unimaginable hardships.

As we look ahead, we are filled with optimism and excitement. We know that there is still much work to be done, and we are confident that together we can continue to bring hope to those who need it most. **With your support, we can expand our reach, improve our programs, and pursue our goal of a family for every orphan. Thank you.**

We hope this report gives you a clear picture of the profound impact you have made. **Your dedication to our mission and belief in the power of hope make all of this possible.** We are deeply grateful to have you as a partner in this life-changing work, and we look forward to another year of bringing hope to children who need it most.



David Melilli

David Melilli, Board Chair

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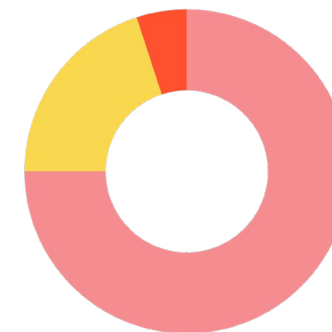
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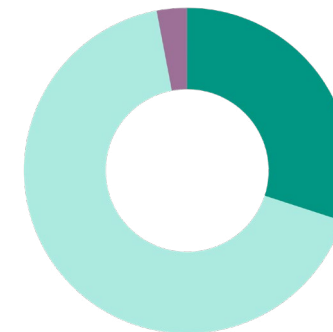
REVENUE
\$915,042



SOURCE OF FUNDING

- Individuals – 67%
- Grants – 30%
- Other – 3%

EXPENSES
\$856,148



USE OF FUNDING

- Ministry to Orphans – 75%
- Supporting Services – 20%
- Fundraising – 5%

LOOKING AHEAD

Boundless hope. The theme of this year's report reflects not only our vision for the coming years, but also the deep faith that fuels our work — faith that with God's guidance, no challenge is insurmountable, and no child is beyond the reach of restoration.

Looking ahead, AFFEO will continue to focus on programs that help children remain in, reunite with, or regain a family.

Here are some key priorities we have for 2025:

- **Protect a child's right to a family** by developing and strengthening new services and models of care for children and families. These efforts not only respond to the urgent needs of today, but lay the foundation for lasting change to serve children for generations to come.
- **Strengthen families to prevent child and family separation** by targeting and supporting the most vulnerable families that have been impacted by war, poverty, disease, and disability, including families with children with disabilities.
- **Promote trauma-based relational intervention (TBRI)** for orphans and vulnerable children who have experienced relational trauma, giving them the hope and resilience they need to thrive, and preventing further trauma or family separation.
- **Empower local communities and churches** to care for children. By providing training and capacity building, families, caregivers, and local leaders will be **prepared** with the skills and knowledge they need to create safe and supportive environments where children can flourish.

We are more hopeful than ever for all that's to come. God is opening doors, and your support makes this work possible. **Thank you for helping transform systems, heal hearts, and restore families — thank you for bringing boundless hope to precious children!**

BECOME A MONTHLY GIVER!

Join our community of monthly donors, and create lasting change in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children. Any monthly amount makes a difference in a child's life. It ensures their needs are consistently met while allowing investment into long-term solutions. To start giving monthly, visit afamilyforeveryorphan.org/give.

"I am so thankful to God for this great help. If we don't receive this support we would be struggling. This is a great relief for me."
-SWAPNA, AGE 14, INDIA



THANK YOU!

"RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD, THE FATHER, IS THIS: TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION."
JAMES 1:27





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