



FAR AWAY
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**ANNUAL
IMPACT REPORT**
2020

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To our Friends both near & Far Away:

2020 was a year full of unimaginable challenges and seemingly impossible hurdles for all of us. When we were informed that lockdowns would close the doors of our school, Global Leaders Primary (GLP), our team wondered what miracles it would take to ensure that our 250 students and their families made it through this challenging time safely in the rural villages where we serve. After having to cancel all in-person fundraisers including our annual gala, the obstacles to keeping our students engaged, healthy and safe and our Teachers and staff employed, seemed insurmountable.... **and then you showed up in the most generous and miraculous ways.**

Because you showed up to stand with your friends far away through this crisis, over 1,000 vulnerable families received four tons of immediate food aid -- making National News in Uganda. When thousands of Teachers and school staff were laid off and sent home, YOU continued to Advocate for nearly 30 Teachers and staff at GLP each month, keeping them employed through lockdown so they could support their families. When we asked you to join us over the summer in launching the first (and only) Distance Learning Program in Amolatar District, YOU helped us purchase motorbikes, supplies and funded a training so that our students across 23 villages could receive weekly tutoring from their Teachers and continue learning while at home.

And finally, later this quarter, GLP will open its doors to welcome students back to their classrooms for the first time in nearly a year because YOU helped us *smash* our \$20,000 #GivingTuesday goal to reopen our school safely.

For all of us at Far Away Friends, 2020 won't be remembered as a year of challenges and pain, but as the year that we saw miracles unfold before our eyes. This past year, we saw the power of partnership, of global citizenship and most importantly, of friendship in action. Together, we demonstrated that no matter how far the distance, friendship has the power to impact lives forever.

In the deepest reaches of my heart, I know that our community -- the FAF-Family as we affectionately call our supporters, Advocates, volunteers & friends -- has made the most profound impact on the kids of Namasale, who through this crisis, saw "helpers" from across the world (that's you!) and from their own communities (our Ugandan Programs Team are the real MVPs!) show up to make sure that they were safe, healthy and could continue learning through this scary time.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" -- Fred Rogers

Thank you for being a helper, a far away friend, and a passionate Advocate for educational equity across the world. **#FORTHEKIDS.**

With Tenacious Gratitude,

Jayne Ward | Co-Founder & Executive Director

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OUR MISSION

TO EQUIP YOUTH IN RURAL UGANDA
WITH THE TOOLS

TO TRANSFORM THEIR OWN
COMMUNITIES

AND BREAK CYCLES OF POVERTY

FOREVER.

We are fueled by our belief that no matter how far away the village or how distant the community, **education is for everyone.**

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



1,000

VULNERABLE
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS RECEIVED
FOOD RELIEF



1,500

FACE MASKS
WERE DELIVERED
TO KEEP THE
COMMUNITY SAFE



190

ADVOCATES ARE
HELPING FORWARD
OUR WORK IN
UGANDA



22

UGANDAN
TEACHERS, ADMIN
& STAFF STAYED
EMPLOYED



\$12k

RAISED THROUGH OUR
#PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION
VIRTUAL 5K FUN RUN
IN JUST TWO WEEKS!



15

TEACHERS TRAINED
ON
CHILD PROTECTION
& TRAUMA
COUNSELING



2

NEW MOTORCYCLES
& BICYCLES
PURCHASED FOR
DISTANCE LEARNING



100

STUDENTS/WEEK
RECEIVING HOME
VISITS FROM THEIR
TEACHERS



\$30k

RAISED ON
#GIVINGTUESDAY
FOR THE SAFE
REOPENING OF GLP



122

DESKS FUNDED FOR
GLP BY HIGH
SCHOOL CLUBS
ACROSS THE USA



44

PRIMARY 7
STUDENTS AT GLP
REGISTERED TO
TAKE P.L.E.



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2020

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

PIVOTING OUR WORK THROUGH COVID-19

In 2020, our global team worked together to effectively pivot our programs in order to keep 100% of our Ugandan staff employed, continue reaching and educating kids across Amolatar and even protecting vulnerable members of the community through emergency food relief and mask distributions.



From Hunger in Amolatar to **Food Distribution**

4 TONS OF FOOD DELIVERED TO VULNERABLE FAMILIES ACROSS AMOLATAR DISTRICT



From 35 Monthly Donors to **100+ New Advocates**

ADVOCATES SUPPORT HELPED KEEP 100% OF OUR TEACHERS EMPLOYED THROUGH COVID CLOSURES



From No In-Person Fundraisers to **First Virtual 5K**

PATHWAYS TO EDUCATION RAISED \$15,000, FUNDING A DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM



From School Closures to **Distance Learning**

FAF SENT OUR TEACHERS TO VISIT OVER 100 STUDENTS ACROSS 23 VILLAGES



2020 HIGHLIGHTS



100%

OF GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS STAYED EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC

While thousands of Teachers across Uganda lost their jobs when schools closed due to COVID-19, we chose to continue paying our Teachers with the support of our Advocate community. Thanks to the support of friends like you, our Teachers at Global Leaders Primary were able to stay healthy, safe and continue supporting their families (and students!) through the height of the pandemic.



COLLINS AGWECH - COUNTRY REP, FAR AWAY FRIENDS

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL NEWS!

WE MADE NATIONAL NEWS IN UGANDA DUE TO OUR COVID & FLOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS

One of our first initiatives at the start of the pandemic was to provide emergency food relief to vulnerable families and community members across Amolatar District who were facing hunger due to COVID lockdowns, extreme flooding and locust swarms. Together we raised enough funds to purchase over four tons of Posho - a staple food in Uganda - to be distributed in partnership with local leaders. Because of our early action taking, NBSTV (a national news station in Uganda) aired a segment on our initiative in Amolatar!

2020 HIGHLIGHTS



DISTANCE LEARNING

100 GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY STUDENTS
RECEIVED VISITS FROM THEIR TEACHERS
DURING THEIR TIME AT HOME

Thanks to our community of Advocates and friends who participated in our first ever *Pathways to Education Virtual 5K Fun Run* together we were able to fund new motorcycles and bicycles for our teachers to launch their own distance learning program. Traveling across 23 villages, our teachers paid home visits to over 100 GLP students during lockdown.



2020 HIGHLIGHTS

A SAFE REOPENING

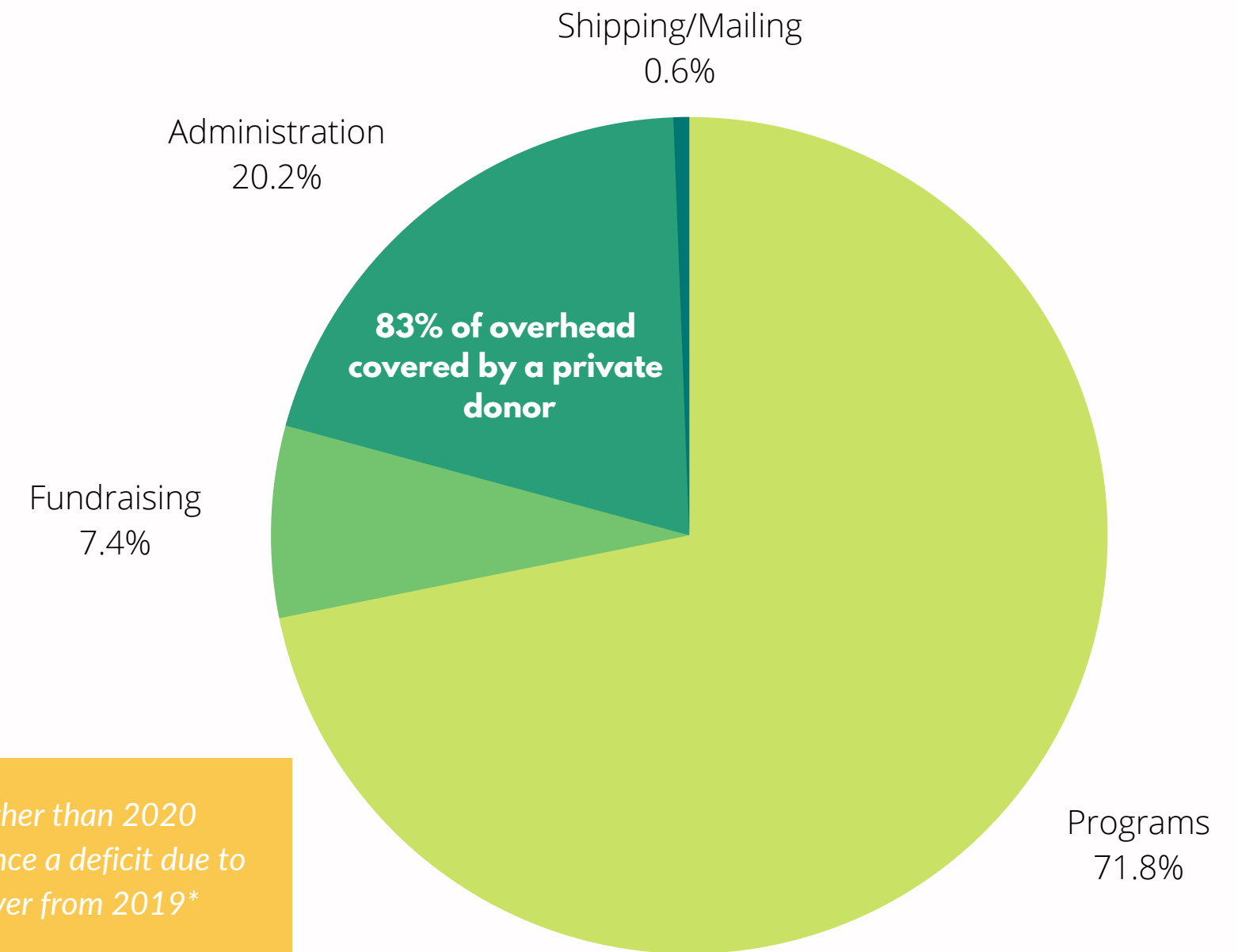
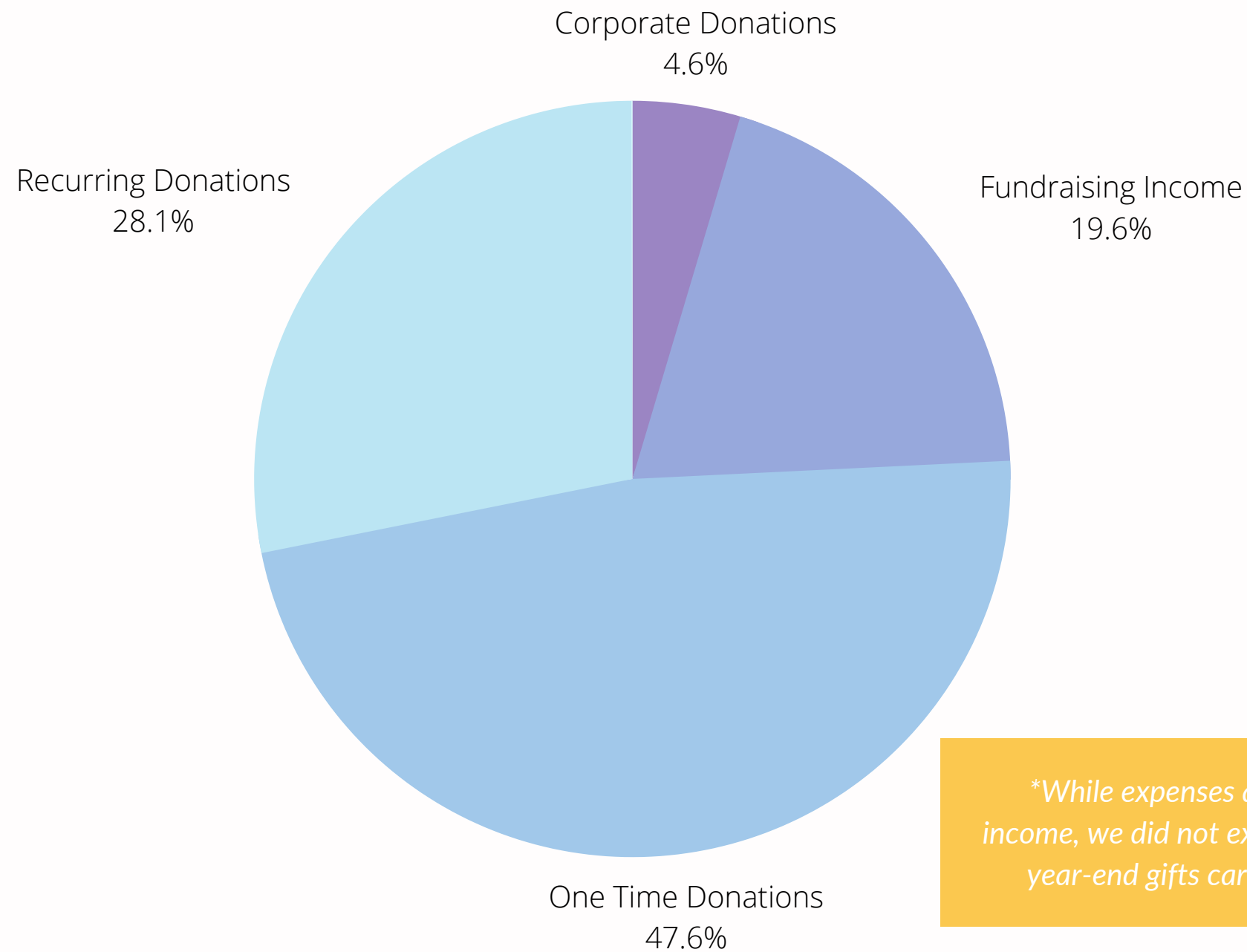
TOGETHER WE RAISED OVER \$30,000 ON #GIVINGTUESDAY TO RENOVATE & SAFELY REOPEN GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY

In order to bring our students back to school safely, we asked you to join us on #GivingTuesday in raising \$20,000 to renovate Global Leaders, including providing hand washing centers, socially-distanced desks, bat-proofing our buildings and constructing a new School Clinic. Together online in less than 24 hours, we raised over \$30,000 -- smashing our original goal and making FAF history!

THE FUNDS THAT FUEL US

2020 FINANCIALS

83% our admin costs in 2020 were covered by a private donor which means
87% of public donations in 2020 went directly to Uganda



While expenses are higher than 2020 income, we did not experience a deficit due to year-end gifts carried over from 2019

INCOME: \$155,833.07

EXPENSES: \$175,194.39

OUR TEAM



**COLLINES
ANGWECH**

Co-Founder
Uganda Country
Director



**JAYME
WARD**

Co-Founder
USA Executive
Director



**RITAH
OMIA**

Executive Assistant
(Uganda)



**ROBERT
OMIA**

Programs Manager
(Uganda)

CORE TEAM

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Director

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People & Organization
Culture

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Media & Video

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Deputy Head Teacher

ODONGO WALTER
P7 Teacher & Examiner

ORUK ABRAHAM
P7 Teacher & Examiner

OLEE DENISH
Upper Primary Teacher

OYWEK DENIS "VEVE"
Upper Primary Teacher

ARUNA KERUZI
Upper Primary Teacher

OKOT DICKSON
Upper Primary Teacher

TIAN AMBROSE
Lower Primary Teacher

ABEJA JUDISH
Lower Primary Teacher

AMONGI SANDRA
Lower Primary Teacher

ANGULU MIKE
Nursery Teacher

AUMA LINDA
Nursery Teacher

APIO EUNICE
Nursery Teacher

ANWINYO AGNES
Girl's Dorm Matron

AKELLO JANET
Boy's Dorm Matron

OGWAL OWACHI
Campus Security

APIO SAM
Custodian

ALABA JENNIFER
Nutrition Team (Cook)

OCHEN BONI
Nutrition Team (Cook)

ACHEN ROSOLIN
Nutrition Team (Cook)

OUR PARTNERS

THE GREEN FAMILY
FOUNDATION

THE SOMMERS
FAMILY

SCHERLE & GODLASKY
FAMILY

FAF @ LAKEWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

ARVADA UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN

FAF @ RANCHO
BERNARDO

LIN MIKLAS
RE/MAX

THE OUT-OF-DOOR
ACADEMY
GLOBAL CITIZENS CLUB

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THANK YOU, ADVOCATES

Our work is made possible by our dedicated community of over 100 Advocates whose recurring gifts of \$25+ per month help to keep our Teachers & Staff paid, our students healthy and supported, and our mission fueled. Together, we're ensuring that every child has the tools to break the cycle of poverty *forever*.

Abbie L	Camela G	Emily H	Jordan S	Lisa C	Rachel A	
Alex M	Carson M	Erika &	Julia P	Maddie M	Rachel A	Susan C
Alex S	Cassidy O	Dennis O	Julie P	Berna N	Robin C	Taylor D
Alexa C	Christian W	Erin B	Kaitlyn P	Mariette J	Ryan C	Thomas D
Alexandra R	Christin H	Esther B	Karissa W	Mary H	Sandra S	Tricia H
Alisa W	Colton M	Grace D	Kathleen M	Mary R	Sarah G	Tudi T
Amanda P	Connor R	Hailey D	Kathleen S	Michael M	Sarah B	Tyra V
Amy P	Corey C	Hallie V	Kathryn C	Michelle S	Sean K	V. Catherine R
Anna A	Corey &	Hannah D	Kayla R	Michelle B	Shawn E	Valerie R
Anthony J	Lauren W	Jackson p	Kimberly I	Michelle B	Shylah O	Vezira C
Autumn F	Deborah K	Jaclyn R	Kristina I	Mike R	Skyler M	Victoria B
Autumn P	Diane K	Jenna M	Lauren M	Natalie D	Sophia J	Vincent L
Bill P	Elizabeth M	Joellen K	Laurie B	Nick W	Stephanie S	Wendy D
Brenda C	Elizabeth B	John & Jennie H	Linda B	Patrick G	Stephen &	Zeeshan K
Brit T	Elizabeth B	John N	Lisa L	Rachel G	Linda P	



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