



2019 IMPACT REPORT



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FROM JOE'S DESK

Dear friends,

As we enter a new decade, we look back with gratitude on 2019 – our greatest year of impact.

Seventeen years ago, a little local church in a refugee camp on the border of Thailand and Myanmar needed help funding a bamboo shelter for traumatized children whom the church had “adopted.” That need escaped the camp, found its way into an email, and pinged through space, around the world, into one couple’s in-box in Parkville, Missouri. Mike and Beth Fox said “yes.” Since then, we’ve been honored to connect courageous “yes” dots all over our nation and world, thousands and thousands of times over, with life change firing-out in all directions in the process.

Over the years, we’ve found new ways to increase the dots and accelerate the connections. But at the core, the ministry remains exactly the same as that first “yes.”

Through this Impact Report, we celebrate the sacrificial work of our local church partners all around the world. They are the heroes of the ministry. As are you, the unseen angel investors who make this ministry possible.

Thank you.

In Jesus’ name,

Joe Knittig, CEO

“There is no keener revelation of a society’s soul than how it cares for its children.”

- Nelson Mandela

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"He needs someone to say he is worth it."



Local, Family-Style Care

The Global Orphan Project exists to break the orphan cycle through the power of community, commerce and the love of Jesus. Setting traditional institutional orphan care models aside, we're connecting a global family united by a shared vision to care for children and vulnerable families along the entire spectrum: Orphan Prevention, Orphan Care and Transition. Focusing on one child at a time, we provide sustainable, local, family-style care that is deeply rooted in compassion, hope and the belief that every child deserves a chance.



Breaking the cycle

The Global Orphan Project's ministry is built on three pillars: Orphan Prevention, Orphan Care and Transition to independent living. Keeping children in a healthy, loving family environment is our highest goal. We call upon our local church partners and community to create wrap-around support for local kids and families in crisis.

ORPHAN PREVENTION

We have learned the best form of Orphan Care starts with prevention: stepping into a child or parent's story before a family breaks down. We offer culturally relevant Orphan Prevention programs that strengthen families through basic financial management skills, job skills, relational skills and spiritual healing.

FATHER'S FAMILY

GO Africa's Orphan Prevention and family-strengthening program, Father's Family, is flourishing. Currently, 45 Father's Family groups are operating in seven partner churches with more than 675 households participating, benefitting more than 3,000 children. Our goal is to scale from 45 groups to 135 groups in 2020, as well as expand similar culturally relevant programs in Haiti and India. We have received encouraging testimonies from families participating in the program and believe it is a great gift from God.

“We feel now strong, not only as individuals and family, but as a community. Together, we are empowered to do things we never dreamed of.”

— Chairman, Management Committee

SAVING LIVES AND GIVING HOPE TO HIV-POSITIVE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN INDIA

Nireekshana Clinic, our partner in Hyderabad, India, is saving lives and fostering hope within their community. This is a powerful Orphan Prevention and Care initiative of an inspiring husband and wife doctor duo:

“After coming here, doctors took care of me diligently. They brought me back to good health, otherwise I would have died.”

— Nireekshana Patient

In a city with one of the highest concentrations of HIV-positive people in the world, Dr. Lavanya Sujai Suneeth and Dr. Sujai Kumar Suneetha diligently serve their patients. Caring for parents and children, Nireekshana Clinic directly serves or impacts an average of 520 children a month through their health camp and 1,400 children each month through the clinic.

“Many of the kids we serve in India are HIV-positive or need a family because they lost their parents to HIV/Aids. Our goal in this partnership is to wrap around families with the support of an HIV clinic, with medication, and with nutrition, so that we can literally keep families together and keep parents alive.”

— Jake Barreth, Director of International Ministry

8,138

Children benefited directly
from Orphan Prevention programs
each month in 2019

2019

Children received education through
GO Project partners - **5,945**

Children served each month through
Father's Family in East Africa - **1,650**

Children served through HIV clinic
in Hyderabad, India - **1,400**

Children and individuals served through
HIV camp in Hyderabad, India - **520**

Children served in the Middle East
(including CarePortal International) - **392**

Children served through CarePortal
in the United States - **18,496**

One Child At A Time

ORPHAN CARE

GO Project embraces community. Focusing on one child at a time, we work together with our local church partners to provide sustainable, family-style care that is deeply rooted in compassion, hope and the belief that every child deserves a chance. We strive to be attentive to the heart and potential of each individual child.

PROVIDING SAFETY AND COMFORT DURING CONFLICTS

In 2019, we expanded our initiatives to care for children who have lost their families and homes due to tribal conflict and ethnic cleansing. We united with local church schools to care for children and families affected by the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The church schools opened their doors to the children, providing a safe space, education and daily lunch. They ensured the children’s needs were met despite the terrible circumstances. Truly orphaned children were taken in, cared for and loved by the local church. This initiative is rapidly growing and we expect more churches to join in caring for these children and families.



Father's Schools



Children served

Equipped for a Healthy Adulthood

ORPHAN TRANSITION

Investing in the futures of children aging out of care is crucial to breaking the orphan cycle. We equip kids transitioning into adulthood with life skills, job skills and the spiritual development necessary to better prepare them for a successful future as adults. The GO Transition Academy is our two-year vocational-technical training program located in Haiti and in India, where students have the opportunity to study a vocational trade like sewing or agriculture.



Graduates from GO Haiti Transition Academy class of 2019 - 28

Total enrolled in Transition Academy - Haiti (106) + India (12) - 118

“The Transition Academy not only gives me access to trade skills, but also teaches me how to manage my own life and prepare for my future. My character has developed and my leadership skills have enhanced.

After the two years, the Transition Academy sent me to an internship that I successfully completed and resulted in employment. Now, I am working for an agriculture school and I love my job! I can help myself and make a difference in the world because of the Transition Academy.

— Ricardo Will Joseph,
2019 Haiti Transition Academy graduate

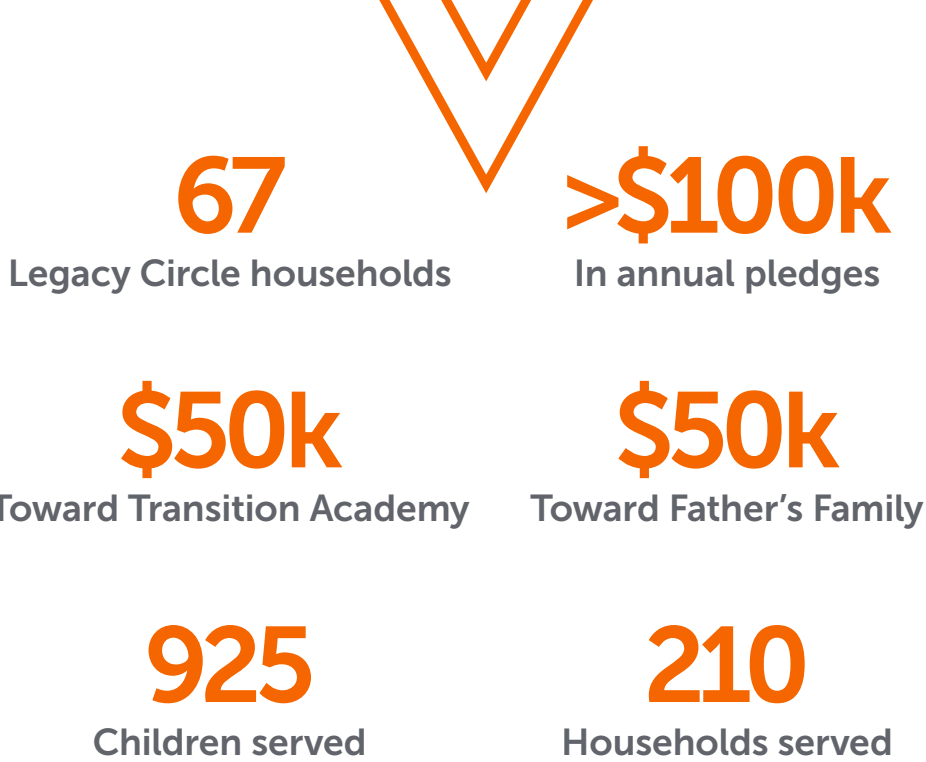


THE START OF SOMETHING BIG

Legacy Circle initiatives

In 2019, we launched Legacy Circle — a community of young professionals who are passionate about funding projects that benefit children and families in crisis.

We’re so grateful for the Legacy Circle and the significant role they played in every number and every story since the start. We can’t wait to see what this incredible group accomplishes in 2020 and beyond.



AUGUST 2019
\$50,000 INVESTMENT IN THE TRANSITION ACADEMY

Through the Legacy Circle’s investment, we reached our funding goal for GO Haiti’s Transition Academy, our two year vocational school for young adults aging out of the care of our local church partners.

DECEMBER 2019
\$50,000 INVESTMENT IN FATHER'S FAMILY

Legacy Circle reached their second fundraising goal by the end of 2019 by fully funding 14 of GO Africa’s newest family-strengthening and Orphan Pre-vention programs, Father’s Family.

In 2020, the program will be expanded across our global ministry.

Connect with Kali or Derek Nelson at lc@goproject.org to learn more about how you can support the next Legacy Circle project.



THE DIGNITY OF WORK

Apparel Done Differently

GIVING COMMERCE A NEW PURPOSE

GOEX exists to improve the lives of the workers and communities we touch. How does a t-shirt do that?

- Fair wages, dignified employment that strengthens families
- Sustainable fabrics or components in every garment
- USA fabric cut and sewn in Haiti lowers the carbon footprint
- High quality, fair trade manufacturing
- Social impact in the USA and in Haiti

Here is one of the most important truths: the best form of Orphan Care is Orphan Prevention, and the best form of Orphan Prevention is a strong job. This is what differentiates us from your ordinary apparel company. We exist to improve the lives of the workers and communities we touch. On average, one of our workers earning a fair wage supports six family members. After costs to sustainably produce premium eco-friendly apparel and provide living wage jobs, all GOEX profit — every bit of it — goes to fund projects set in motion by The Global Orphan Project.

You have the ability to change the course of lives through a simple decision like which blank tee you select or which screen print shop you support. Perhaps most importantly, your partnership sets an example in the marketplace that how we do commerce can affect systemic bottom-up change through the dignity of work.

[SHOP AT GOEXAPPAREL.COM](https://www.goexapparel.com)



American-made fabric



Sewn near Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Screen-printed in Kansas City, Missouri

GOEX Record Sales Year

157,532
tees delivered by GOEX in 2019

139
jobs supporting an estimated
889+
children and family members in
Haiti and the U.S.

Meet BJ and Shay

This couple works in our screenprint shop in Kansas City and makes a local fair wage, making it easier for them to establish a life going forward for them and their son.



Fair Trade Movement

Our consistent effort to put purpose into commerce received the attention of Grammy winning artist, Chris Tomlin and his team. Chris partnered with us to make the merchandise for his 2019 concert tour and for his organization, Angel Armies. Chris shares our heart to care for “the least of these,” vulnerable children, and is using his platform to promote GOEX t-shirts. In addition, Angel Armies is championing the CarePortal platform to identify and support local children and families in crisis in the United States.

Commerce has the potential, when purpose really aligns with the power of purchase, to completely unleash the greatest resource we have on earth: the family.

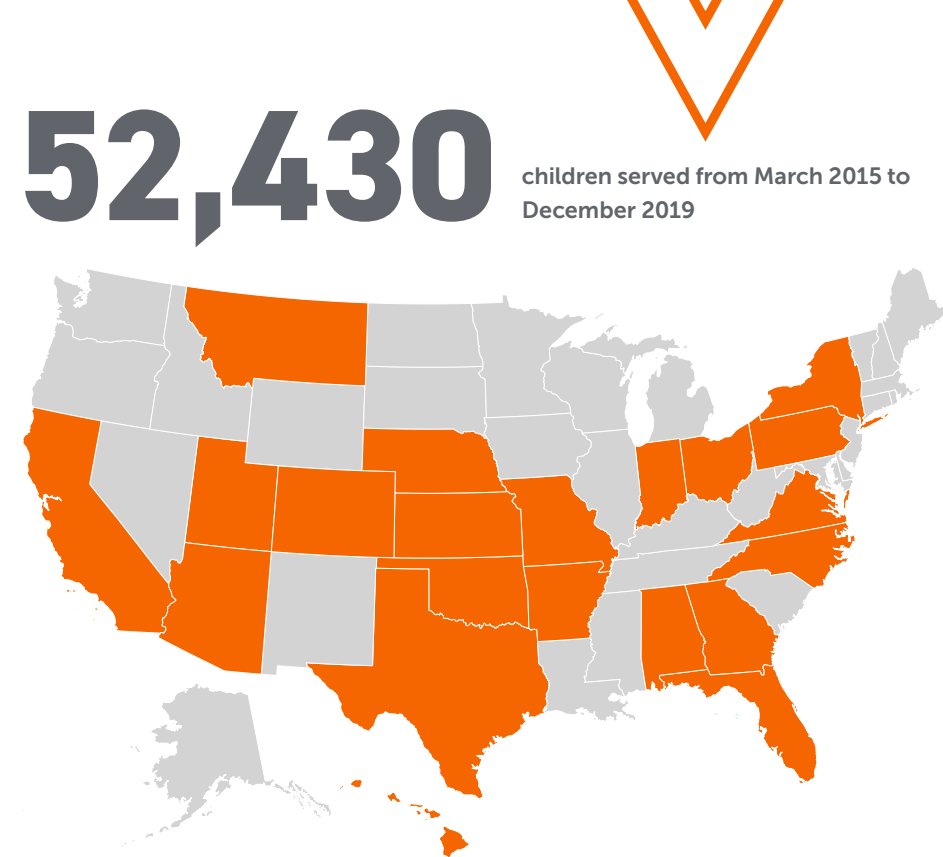
— Joe Knittig, CEO



CarePortal platform expands across nation and borders, maximizes impact for kids

Every day, children and families in every community live in crisis. What would their lives look like if, instead of need, there was “more than enough”?

More than enough adoptive families for waiting children. More than enough foster families to stand in the gap. More than enough wrap-around support for families on the brink. This is GO Project’s assignment, and no one single organization can do it alone. We spent much of 2019 developing partnerships with other ministries across North America who are also working to bring about a more than enough world. We proactively shared our online platform, CarePortal, with other ministries who would use the platform to form catalytic, church-state connections in their own communities. CarePortal brings the needs of hurting children and families in your community to your attention. Caseworkers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond.



| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| CarePortal Requests | 11,685 | 9,941 | 8,350 | 2,319 |
| Children Served | 18,496 | 14,877 | 12,108 | 5,556 |
| Economic Impact | \$6,003,835 | \$4,730,157 | \$4,189,914 | \$2,584,896 |
| Total Activated Churches | 2,064 | 1,723 | 1,334 | 845 |

“We hear it all the time, ‘I would help if I could... I just don’t know how.’ CarePortal is changing the story. Every day, thousands of people see the real-time needs of children in crisis in their communities and now they’re doing something about it!”

— Adrien Lewis, Chief Innovation Officer

Combatting the largest foster crisis in the nation with CarePortal

In LA County alone, an estimated 34,000 children are either in, or on the verge of family breakdown, homelessness or system integration. To aid in addressing the crisis, the county is launching CarePortal.

“Launching this technology in LA County provides an efficient, effective method for local churches to be made aware of the needs of vulnerable kids and families in their immediate neighborhoods,” said Adrien Lewis, CIO of CarePortal. “Once the Child Welfare representative request is entered into CarePortal, participating churches can read, review, respond and serve the child or family in need.”

Exciting new opportunity combining CarePortal, rock and football

Along with Chris Tomlin and his organization Angel Armies, CarePortal launched a first-of-its-kind college football partnership focused on caring for kids, with the D1 football program at Liberty University partnering with local churches to meet the needs of children across the country.

Liberty Football formed 10 huddles that included players, position coaches and coaches’ wives to cull through a list of real-time needs as identified by Child Welfare Workers and loaded into CarePortal. Each huddle discussed, prayed and ultimately agreed on which needs they would meet through local Connecting Churches. With leadership from Head Coach Hugh Freeze and his wife, Jill Freeze, the team served 431 children and 155 families in their 2019 season.

431
children served
155
families served
\$70,487
economic impact

November 2019: CarePortal launches in Canada

Canada celebrated the national launch of CarePortal on November 14, 2019. Your engagement in this space keeps the needle moving — across state lines *and* country borders.

December 2019: 50K children served

After a decade of caring for orphans around the world, The Global Orphan Project created CarePortal as a platform to mobilize U.S. churches to care for foster children and vulnerable families in their own backyards. In just four years, over 2,000 churches in 21 states have served more than 50,000 kids.

KC metro mayors declare “CarePortal Day”

Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas and Kansas City, Kansas Mayor David Alvey issued proclamations establishing Monday, December 9, 2019 as “CarePortal Day” in the Kansas City metro area.

What a beautiful statement as the Church and State work together towards the greater good of the community. All because we are doing exactly what Jesus calls us to do: love our neighbors.

How it works

CarePortal connects children and families affected by the child welfare system to churches, businesses and individuals who want to help.

See how you can be a part of this movement at careportal.org/get-involved.

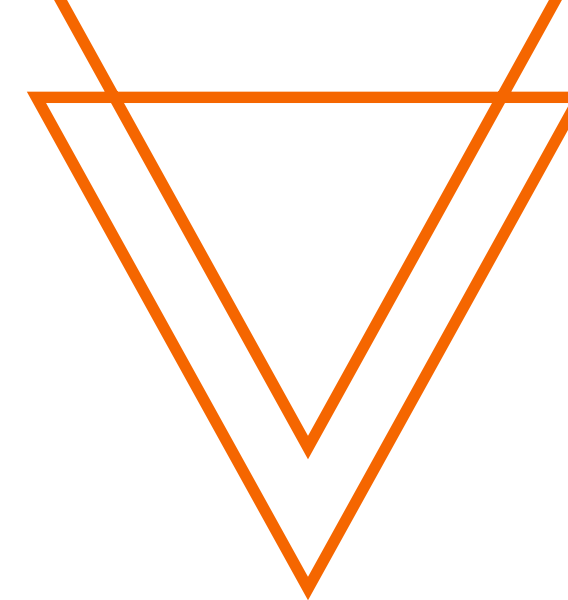


A GLOBAL COMMUNITY WITH A SHARED VISION

Inspiring our team to collaborate and grow

GO PROJECT'S INAUGURAL GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Leaders from GO Project's International field team visited the GO Africa team in Entebbe, Uganda for a 10-day summit. Their time was packed with learning, fellowship and practical design so that each ministry leader could develop a local version for their specific context. The knowledge and wisdom emerging from our local church partners and local leaders has been astonishing.



A year of unrest

Much of the world faced unrest in 2019 and this included our partners in India, the Middle East, Haiti and the Congo. Our local church partners remained diligent to serve children and families with excellence. Relying on local churches and pastors works well in times of crisis. They didn't miss a beat: kids received food, clothing, shelter and education despite the turmoil. Due to the unrest, we were not able to share a vision trip ministry experience with as many as we had hoped.

For opportunities in 2020, please visit goproject.org/go/trips/.





OUR 100% COMMITMENT

100% of what’s given to care for kids goes to care for kids.

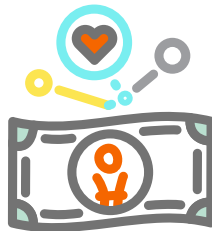
Every penny given to The Global Orphan Project to care for kids goes to care for kids. That’s our 100% commitment to you. Nothing is taken out for overhead expenses. How? Because a generous group of dedicated donors, our Founders’ Circle, cover our administrative and fundraising expenses, so you can give freely to the kids and families you care about. Be assured your donation is working hard to benefit kids in need. GO Project received the highest rating for financial health and transparency from Charity Navigator for the seventh consecutive year.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

IN 2019, YOUR DONATIONS TO GO PROJECT HELPED LOCAL LEADERS PROVIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH:

- 24-hour loving care
- Nutritious food
- Clean water
- Safe housing
- Education
- Vocational training
- Medical Care
- Family-strengthening
- Foster family support
- Living wage jobs



THANK YOU!



Give

It’s amazing what can happen when we all give a little.
goproject.org/give

Go

Attend an event or come on an adventure with us.
goproject.org/go

Shop

Because T-shirts can be life changers.
goproject.org/shop

Learn

Get to know the stories, places and people of GO Project.
goproject.org/learn

Share

Be the first to hear the news and spread the word to help kids around the world.





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