



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

THE  
**GLOBAL**  
orphan  
PROJECT



In every corner of the world, there are children who are suffering.

**Over 140 million** children worldwide live as orphans due to their biological parents being deceased, unknown, or unable to care for them.

**More than 7 million** U.S. children are referred to government child protection agencies each year due to maltreatment, and over 400,000 have been removed from their homes and placed in an overburdened foster care system.

**Up to 90%** of children living in orphanages around the world have at least one living parent who could care for them *if only they had the means*.

From bustling cities to rural villages, families are collapsing due to the overwhelming stress of poverty, trauma, war, and other adversities. Without help to overcome these difficult challenges, children are left to suffer the highest consequences, defaulted into reactive care systems that bear little resemblance to a nurturing, family environment.









Our Vision

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Our Vision



We believe that every child belongs in a healthy, loving family. And that families should be supported by their local church and caring members of their community.

This philosophy - what we call our 'Circles of Care' - drives our ministry and puts the child at the center of everything we do, fundamentally guiding our work to ensure a healthier, family-style model of care for every child we serve. We partner with a global network of churches and community leaders whom we come alongside and empower to provide local, proactive, and effective care for vulnerable children and families.

# CIRCLES OF CARE

Child -----  
Family -----  
Church -----  
Community ----



**OUR MISSION IS TO BREAK THE ORPHAN CYCLE THROUGH THE POWER OF COMMUNITY, COMMERCE, AND THE LOVE OF JESUS.**

**87,828**  
children served  
in 28 states and  
11 countries

\*All data in this report is from January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

## OUR IMPACT IN 2022

International  
Ministry

**35,169**  
children served  
**\$5,078,726**  
economic impact

Domestic  
Ministry

**52,659**  
children served  
**\$16,623,690**  
economic impact

Marketplace  
Ministry

**185,000+** hours of  
employment in Haiti  
**\$2,568,322**  
in apparel sales





# CARE FOR EVERY CHILD

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# From Joe's Desk

Dear friends,

We are standing at the tipping point of a powerful social movement. Despite the images and messages inundating our lives about division, dysfunction, and hatred, remarkable work that instead draws upon empathy and action is emerging from within our communities and gaining momentum.

As you'll discover in this impact report, our ministry is experiencing *significant* growth and empowering more and more partners to care for orphaned and vulnerable children. In places where other organizations, ministries, and NGOs have yielded to the difficult – even dangerous – work and left areas of critical need, our localized approach has proven more important than ever to ensure that a network of care always remains close by, no matter the circumstances.

Thank you for engaging in our mission to break the orphan cycle and facilitating local, proactive, and effective care for kids.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe H. Knittig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being the most prominent.

Joe Knittig  
CEO, The Global Orphan Project

# From Joe's Desk



# International Ministry

**We believe that positive, sustainable outcomes must come from local solutions.** That's why we partner with local church leaders in Haiti, Africa, India, and the Middle East who are keenly aware of the needs of children and families in the community in order to provide care along the entire spectrum of **Prevention, Care, and Transition**. This combination of ministry initiatives provides a holistic and healthy response to caring for both orphaned and vulnerable children and their families.

## Orphan Prevention

All families experience good times as well as hard times. Quite often, environmental and societal factors beyond their control can create overwhelming challenges that threaten to break their family apart unless parents are well-equipped with the vital skills, resources, and relationships they need to overcome them.

Our prevention ministry - which has grown significantly to serve an additional *11,500 children* - equips local churches to

strengthen families by empowering parents in their role as caregivers and proactively addressing complex issues that can cause family breakdown. Through our Father's Family program, our partners are equipped to lead peer-based education and training groups where parents learn vital skills for obtaining food security, improved health, financial literacy, healthy relationships, spiritual healing, and more.

## Job Creation

**33,974**

children remained safely with their family after receiving prevention services

Empowering families through job creation is also an important component of both the program and our entire ministry. Internationally, GO Project directly employs **217 people in 10 different countries** whose employment generates an additional 647 indirect jobs created by other businesses such as suppliers, drivers, cooks, and more. In Haiti, where most families are living in extreme poverty, our marketplace ministry GOEX Apparel helps families escape the cycle of poverty by providing sustainable, fair-wage jobs that empower parents to care for their kids. *Read more on pg. 16*





## Father's Family empowers family of eight to thrive

When ethnic cleansing reached their village of Djugu, Maurice and his family were forced to flee their home. He took his wife, Jeannine, and their six children to Bunia, and while the family was safer there, they were also like most of the internally displaced people (IDPs): *vulnerable*.

Our local church partner invited Maurice and his family to participate in Father's Family. Drawing on what they learned in the program, Maurice and Jeannine set a goal to save some money from their casual labor work in people's gardens. With those savings, they hoped to purchase a second motorcycle for Maurice to use to operate a taxi service that would increase their income and help improve their lives.

To help with their goal, Maurice received a hoe as an incentive from the Father's Family group. Soon after, the couple purchased a second hoe using money they had managed to save. Previously, they paid to rent the tools they needed in order to work in the gardens, but by owning their own tools, they



did not have to spend money in order to work and could even rent out their tools to bring in more income. That decision increased their weekly savings tenfold!

Their hard work paid off and Maurice was able to get – and recently pay off - a loan from the Father's Family group to purchase a second motorcycle. As a result of their various streams of income, Maurice and Jeannine have been able to send their four oldest children to school and move their family into a rented hut outside of the IDP camp. Achieving their initial goal has completely transformed this family, and now Maurice and Jeannine are working on their next dream of buying land!





# International Ministry

## ORPHAN CARE

While the majority of our work is proactively focused on prevention through family strengthening, we also equip our partners to help when family breakdown cannot be prevented. By recruiting and training kinship and foster families to care for children in a family-style environment rather than in an orphanage, our partners enable children to remain close to their family and home community with caring adults who can support their healthy physical, mental, behavioral, and social development.

Our care ministry is the one place where we actually strive to *decrease* our number of children being served as a result of more families being strengthened through prevention services and fewer children needing out-of-home care.

**1,069** children received safe, nurturing care in a foster or kinship home

## ORPHAN TRANSITION

One of the most powerful tools that can help liberate children and families from poverty is an education. However in Haiti - the poorest country in the western hemisphere - almost all schools are privately run and require tuition fees that are simply too high for most parents to afford. More than 200,000 children remain out of school each year, attending only as often as their parents can secure and allocate the funds.

Our partners in Haiti are working to increase access to education for children aging out of care through our Transition Academy, a two-year vocational-technical, life skills, and discipleship program that equips youth to become independent, thriving adults. A total of 292 students have successfully graduated from our academy, and we are preparing to decentralize and expand the program to multiple locations across Haiti in order to serve more youth.

**126** youth received transition support to prepare them for adulthood



## THE CRISIS IN HAITI

Haiti is currently experiencing the worst human rights and humanitarian crisis in decades. Since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, gang violence has expanded across the capital and in other regions of the country. Daily threats of kidnapping for ransom, rape, and murder have forced the displacement of many children and families from their homes.

In September 2022, a powerful gang seized control of Port-au-Prince and blocked the country's main fuel terminal and seaports, severely limiting access to fuel, drinking water, food, and medicine. As a result of this blockade, nearly half the population faced food insecurity and famine conditions. Cholera cases surged from poor sanitation and the lack of safe water. Hospitals struggled to treat patients without access to vaccines or fuel to power their generators for electricity. And the majority of humanitarian assistance was reduced to a minimum.

**Amid these conditions, the safety of our ministry partners, staff, and the children we serve has been our top priority.**

As gangs neared Croix-des-Bouquets, our GO Haiti team worked quickly to evacuate our Jumeccourt headquarters and Transition Academy facilities, safely reuniting the children and students back with their families in their home communities. To the extent possible, our leaders have continued to lean in to our mission, despite their own displacement.

With supply chains disrupted, many of the skills taught through our Father's Family program have equipped the families we serve to be self-sufficient. Learning to exploit the local land has provided parents with a sustainable source of food and income, and adopting hygiene practices has helped keep kids and families healthy. Our local leaders have also implemented an emergency plan to distribute food and water from several of our in-country storage facilities.

While everyone is safe, they continue to suffer insecurity, frustration, and grief from this multifaceted crisis. We ask for your prayers and generous help to bring peace and stability to the resilient people of Haiti.



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# Domestic Ministry

The U.S. ranks among the wealthiest countries in the world, yet many parents are struggling to provide for their family's basic needs. As a result, millions of children are reported to government child protection agencies every year due to maltreatment, and 400,000 have had their lives completely disrupted from being removed from their homes and placed in an overburdened foster care system.

But it's not abuse that's behind these investigations and family separations, but rather, **neglect stemming from the overwhelming effects of poverty**. Preventing neglect and keeping families safely together is entirely possible with more interventions focused on stabilizing and strengthening families. An overabundance of local churches, organizations, and caring people are positioned in every community with both the desire and resources to do something remarkable to solve our nation's foster care crisis, and our tech platform **CarePortal** connects them all – right now, in real-time - to drive meaningful action for children and families in crisis.

**19,782**  
requests met

▲ 50% from 2021

**1,046**  
new response  
teams activated

▲ Avg. 3 added per day

## HOW CAREPORTAL WORKS



### Step 1 - Uncovering needs

A child or family in need requires help  
from a child-serving professional



### Step 2 - Vetting needs

The child-serving professional vets  
and types needs into CarePortal



### Step 3 - Submitting needs

CarePortal alerts nearby churches and  
community members to needs



### Step 4 - Meeting needs

Churches and community members partner  
to ensure that the *child and family is helped*





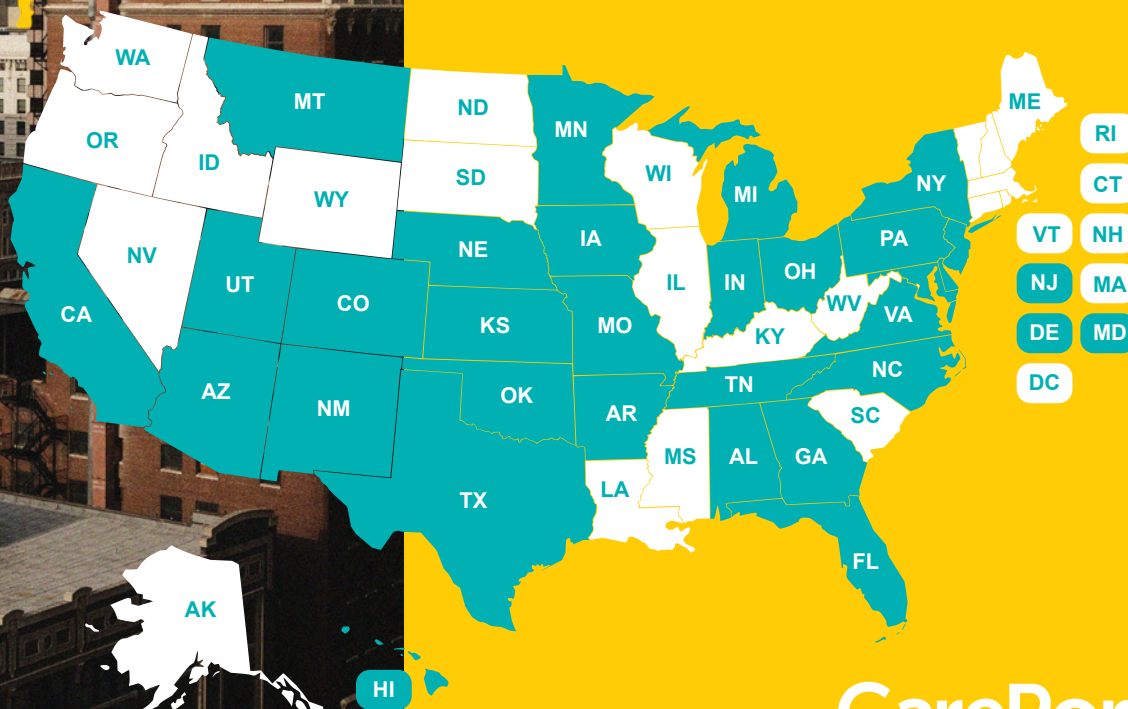
## EXPANDING CONNECTIONS

Thanks to a generous grant from Kingdom Giving Fund, CarePortal will be operational in all of the top 15 U.S. markets where the most children in foster care reside by the end of 2024. With these communities fully engaged on our platform to submit and respond to the needs of kids and families in crisis, we will make significant progress in reversing our nation's foster care crisis by facilitating local, proactive, and effective care for kids.

Additionally, several of these markets have the highest rates of Black children in foster care. Our initiative, **Achieving Racial Equity**, revolves around equipping local churches in these communities with CarePortal to meet needs that counter the racial disproportionality and disparity that exists in the child welfare system.



Learn more at  
[careportal.org/achieving-racial-equity](https://careportal.org/achieving-racial-equity)



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# Stories of Award-Winning Impact

## Church of the Year

### LIBERTY CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Liberty Church epitomizes what CarePortal is all about. Since meeting their very first request in 2018, they have continued to use the platform as their primary source for ministry outreach opportunities in their community. Pastor Dennis Graham-Parker actively participates in delivering items requested through CarePortal and encourages his leadership and church board members to participate as well - and many have! They have also spearheaded an annual 'Love Day' event where they strive to meet all of the open requests found on CarePortal for their county in one day.

Liberty Church has served thousands of children, often going beyond the original requests to provide ongoing support to families. One mom and her children were so grateful for the support they received, they became involved in the church and built relationships with the other members. When it was determined that mom needed to enter rehab for a period of time, Liberty Church members stepped up and opened their homes to her children so that they would not enter foster care.

CarePortal played such an important role in helping Liberty Church transform the lives of this mom and her kids.

## Community of the Year

### MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

Middletown demonstrates the remarkable things that can happen when an entire community embraces CarePortal and comes together on behalf of vulnerable kids. In just a short amount of time, this small close-knit community has accomplished some big things! When they launched the platform, the local school had the role of submitting requests on behalf of vulnerable students. So many requests were being entered that it caused worry that the abundance could overwhelm the churches called upon to respond to those requests. Conversely, the

churches were appreciative to know about the true depth of need in their community and encouraged the schools to use CarePortal as much as needed.

The successful collaboration and momentum of this community to serve hundreds of vulnerable kids has spilled over into neighboring communities who are eager to embrace CarePortal. In addition to schools, the local child welfare office is now showing interest in using the platform to share needs on behalf of the vulnerable children and families they serve.



## Ryan Benton Excellence in Connections

MANITA FORNEY  
IN OKLAHOMA

Manita is a natural connector whose dedication to serving vulnerable children and families has inspired a multitude of other advocates in powerful ways. From the very beginning, she saw the vision around how the church can be mobilized to serve children and families in crisis, and since enrolling her small church of just 40 members on CarePortal, Manita has worked to recruit and unite every possible church to respond to the critical needs found on the platform. She has opened doors for requesting agencies like schools to use CarePortal to submit needs on behalf of vulnerable children and forged relationships with community partners to bring more resources to churches who need them to overcome obstacles to serving.

Additional counties have been drawn to and launched on CarePortal as a result of Manita's perseverance. It seems that everywhere Manita goes, she is connecting with and leading others with conviction, humility, and grace.

**Hear more inspiring stories and share your own at [careportal.org/testimonials](https://careportal.org/testimonials)**

# CARE FOR EVERY CHILD





# Marketplace Ministry

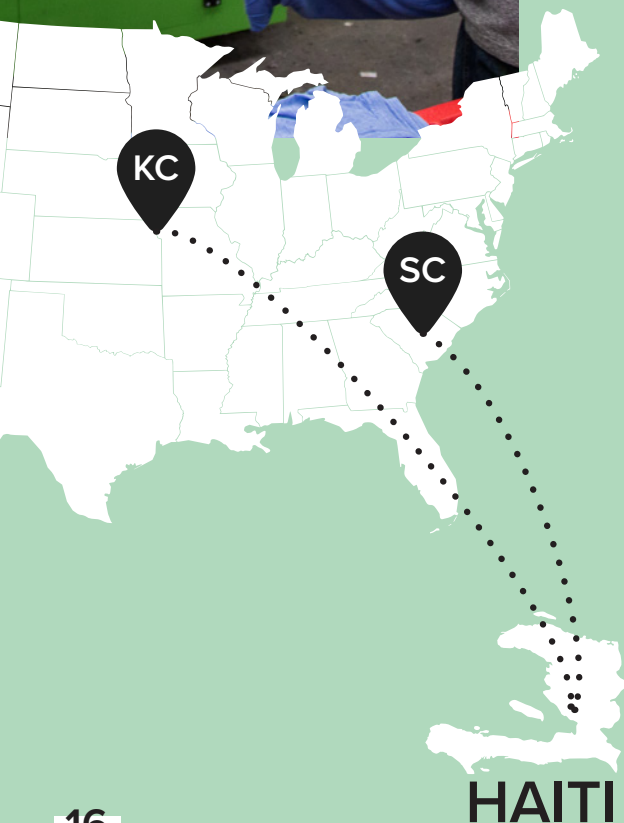
**250,000+**  
garments produced



Poverty is a complex and pervasive problem that impacts millions of people around the world. In Haiti, more than half the population lives below the poverty line, making it the poorest country in the western hemisphere. With little to no income and means to secure food, housing, education, and health care, many families break apart, leaving children orphaned and vulnerable.

Empowering families through job creation is why our marketplace ministry, GOEX Apparel, exists. We create sustainable, dignified, and fair-wage jobs that make it possible for workers to provide for their family. It's work that unlocks independence and freedom for parents to send their kids to school, feed their family nutritious food, secure safe housing, and more.

Although many companies have left Haiti due to the rising gang violence and supply chain issues, we have done everything possible to provide for our workers who are living through unimaginable challenges in order to secure a steady income for their family to thrive. **Because work means everything to them.**



**WORK**

**IS**

**FREEDOM**



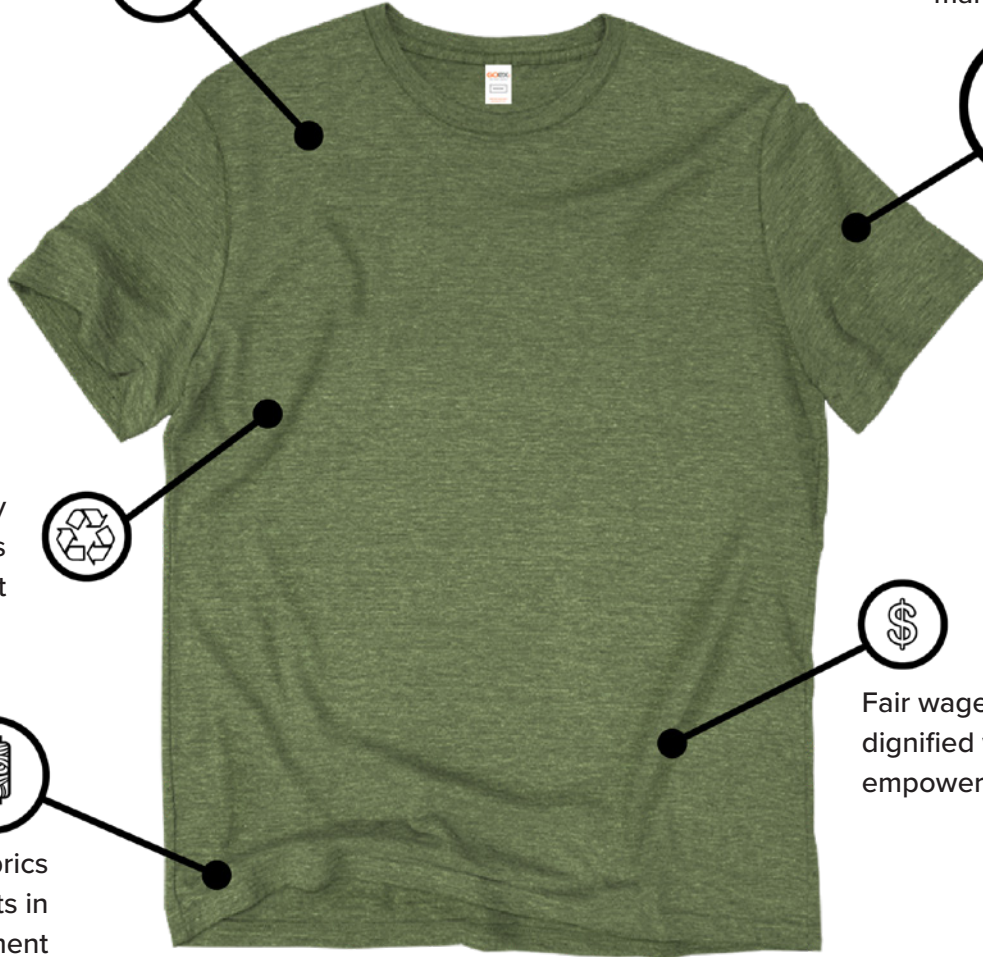


# APPAREL DONE DIFFERENTLY

Positive social impact in  
the U.S. and in Haiti



High quality, fair trade  
manufacturing



Shorter supply  
chain that lowers  
carbon footprint



Fair wages and  
dignified work that  
empowers workers



Sustainable fabrics  
or components in  
every garment

**Goex**  
FEEL GOOD.DO GOOD.





## OUR 100% COMMITMENT

When you give to The Global Orphan Project, every penny of your donation goes to care for kids. That's because 100% of our administrative overhead and fundraising expenses are covered by an anonymous group of generous donors.



Your gift goes to where it's needed most to provide children and families with things like:

- 24-hour safe, loving care
- Nutritious food and clean water
- Meaningful connection
- Medical care
- Kinship and foster family support
- Vocational training
- Stability and dignity
- Fair wage jobs
- Vital resources
- Safe housing
- Education
- Spiritual healing

The Global Orphan Project consistently achieves the highest ratings for financial health and transparency among charity assessment groups.



Audited financials and 990 documents can be found on our website.



A close-up photograph of several young children of diverse backgrounds. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. Some children are making peace signs with their hands. The image has a warm, slightly grainy texture. Overlaid on the image is text in white boxes and a vertical slogan on the right side.

TOGETHER, WE ARE  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF A  
GLOBAL COMMUNITY THAT IS CARING FOR  
ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN!  
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
TO GET INVOLVED SO THEY CAN SHARE IN  
OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT:





## Donate

Give a one time or monthly gift

**[GOPROJECT.ORG/GIVE](https://goproject.org/give)**

## Respond

Sign up to meet needs for kids and families in crisis

**[CAREPORTAL.ORG](https://careportal.org)**

## Attend

Join us at a local event as a sponsor, volunteer, or friend

**[GOPROJECT.ORG/EVENTS](https://goproject.org/events)**

## Shop

Purchase custom, fair-trade apparel that empowers families

**[GOEXAPPAREL.COM](https://goexapparel.com)**

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