

*The Heart That Gives,
Gathers.*

THE GIVING EXCHANGE

2019



Connecting need with supply for good.

We believe in establishing self-sustaining programs and opportunities to empower people and communities—not just for today, but for a lifetime.

The Giving Exchange acts as a bridge between people who can provide resources, time or expertise with people in need. We collaborate closely with our local partners to design programs that ultimately create ongoing streams of revenue, provide education and skill-building opportunities, and improve the health and well-being of people.

By giving, we are made all the richer.

Every act of love and generosity is a two-way street. By helping others, we also help ourselves. The Giving Exchange is committed to improving the lives of people in need—not just for today, but for tomorrows yet to come.

In 2019, our generous donors and dedicated volunteers made it possible for us to provide many critical resources and programs designed to help people make a better life for themselves, for their children and for their communities. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for sharing your heart!



FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW



\$84,964
TOTAL DONATIONS

\$8,250

FISCAL
SPONSORSHIP
PROJECTS

Yatra Documentary Film
Simone Aviation Scholarship
Bibles for Ethiopia and Kenya
Spanish Girls Relief Fund

22 ATTENDEES ON
TRIP TO KENYA

422 TOTAL MEMBERS OF
THE GIVING EXCHANGE

\$60,000

TOTAL SPEND ON PROJECTS

PROJECTS:

MUSIC PROGRAM*:

\$48,000

MAASAI CLASSROOM:

\$3,300

SOCCER PROGRAM:

\$3,000

FISH FARM:

\$3,200

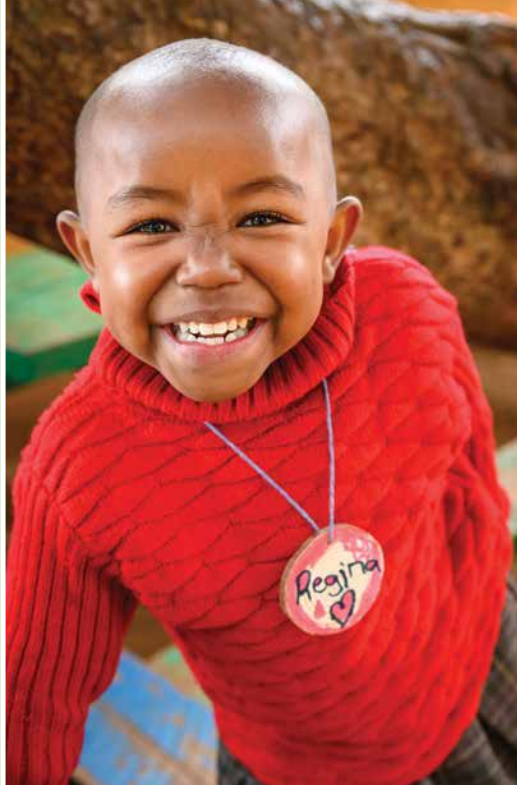
A RETAIL SHOP FOR HOLDING HANDS MINISTRY:

\$2,500

*This expense did not hit in 2019 but will in 2020

100% of every donation to TGE goes directly to support the people and communities we serve. Any surplus in donations annually is rolled over and applied to projects in the next fiscal year.

Where
there's
love,
there's
hope.



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- ♥ Kiambu Music Program
- ♥ Fish farm for the Sikizana Trust Rescue Center
- ♥ Micro-businesses to support a community center
- ♥ New classrooms for a Maasai village
- ♥ Soccer outreach program in Maasai land



Your donation, no matter how big or small, makes a profound impact on the lives of people in need. In 2019, we were able to fund projects that promote education, health and nutrition, sustainability, income generation and best of all, hope. Our work is far from done, and we're looking forward to doing even more in 2020 to help those in need.



PROJECT
01

FISH FARM

SIKIZANA TRUST RESCUE
CENTER, MTITO ANDEI, KENYA

Feeding the future.

The Sikizana Trust in Kenya provides much needed resources for abandoned children and those who are victims of abuse, whether it's physical abuse, neglect, early marriage or child labor. The Trust has established a rescue center to offer children in need temporary shelter, back-to-school programs, litigation services and medical care.



Being part of TGE has been so impactful. I witnessed how the contributions go to programs that are truly sustainable, providing for people so that they can provide for themselves. This has been a remarkable experience.



Aaron



Thanks to our generous donors who made it possible, in summer 2019 we created a Fish Farm for the rescue center. This project not only provides food to the children, but it also represents an ongoing source of income to support critical programs and school fees.

PROJECT
02

KIAMBU MUSIC PROGRAM

SEVEN SCHOOLS IN KIAMBU COUNTY, KENYA

Bringing harmony to schools.

Most public schools in this area cannot afford instruments and instructors to teach music to their students. By providing instruments, instructors, and a safe academic environment, TGE, along with the Ministry of Education of Kenya and the Constituency Development Fund of Kiambu County, are giving children in the community the gift of music and an opportunity to develop new skills and discover talents they never knew they possessed.



A music program will enrich the learning experience for students and increase their interest in attending school. Thanks to our generous donors, we've provided thousands of instruments to the school children, including recorders, pianos, drums, trumpets and trombones. The Kiambu Music Program will first be introduced to seven public primary schools with approximately 600 students per school. Eventually, this program will benefit more than 4,000 Kenyan students each year. Thank you for sharing the gift of music!



PROJECT
03

NEW CLASSROOMS

MAASAI VILLAGE, KENYA

Dreaming a brighter future.

We were thrilled to be able to build a two-classroom school in a remote village of Maasai, that gives children, and more specifically girls in the region, access to education. The only other school in the area is located miles away, and the families of this Maasai village did not want their young children to make the dangerous walk to a school so far away. Constructing a new school in the village was crucial to ensuring a better future for the Maasai children. Our volunteers participated in the opening ceremony of the school in August 2019.



TGE is changing people's lives here in Kenya. What you don't realize is how significant even the smallest donation is, how far it goes here, and that it really can change someone's life.



Terri



The village chief spoke at the event, emphasizing his commitment to end marriage slavery in Maasai land. He reminded the entire village that they no longer practice this custom, and that they want to do everything they can to provide education for these young girls who dream of a brighter and independent future.

PROJECT
04

SOCCER OUTREACH

FANTASY SOCCER ACADEMY, KITENGELA, KENYA

Scoring future goals.

Most children in Kajiado County come from underprivileged backgrounds around the struggling community of Kitengela. Unfortunately, if they are not engaged early enough, many of these kids fall into drug abuse, prostitution, illegal gangs and even terrorism. The Fantasy Soccer Academy offers an amazing opportunity to engage these children and keep their future dreams alive. With a *soccer for education* approach, this program teaches valuable life skills to help children overcome challenges like unemployment and economic hardship. TGE supports the Academy by funding a sustainable custom-branded jersey project, which gets the kids involved in designing, cutting, printing and selling their jerseys. Together with your support, we are furthering education, in the most creative ways!



PROJECT
05

VOLUNTEER TRIPS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, KENYA

Extending hearts and hands.

For two weeks spanning August 18-September 1, 2019, 20 volunteers from the United States joined The Giving Exchange for an unforgettable experience in Kenya. In this time, the group visited 11 different schools and orphanages in communities throughout Kenya—working on various projects, playing with the kids, and falling in love with the people of Africa. Though these people don't have much, they gave us their hearts. The joy they express, in spite of their dire circumstances, spoke so deeply to everyone who made the journey. If you are interested in volunteering with the Giving Exchange, please visit www.thegivingexchange.net/become-volunteer/



I came here with my family and I feel like it has been a life-changing experience for all of us. I really loved being here and gaining a global perspective. I would do it again in a heartbeat!



Casey



Just come with an open mind and an open heart, and both will surely be full by the time you leave!



Harrison





Share
your
heart.



Making the difference.

Over the years, we have seen the impact we've had on the people and communities we serve. It's a wonderful feeling to know you've made a difference in someone's life—our hearts are fuller because we've shared them with others.

We are always looking ahead, planning how we can uplift, inspire and empower communities with hope for the future. To see some of our current projects or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.thegivingexchange.net.

The Giving Exchange exists through private and corporate-sponsored donations for the sole purpose of helping others. If you are interested in contributing time, resources or funding for our projects, please contact us at info@thegivingexchange.net.

You can make the difference!

Rod Mickels
Co-Founder



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The Giving Exchange is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization established to improve the lives of impoverished people around the world. All donations are tax-deductible. We cover all administration costs, so that 100% of every donation goes directly to support the people and communities we serve. We also certify that all projects are satisfactorily completed, ensuring that your generous donations fulfill their promise.



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