



# One! International Poverty Relief

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## ANNUAL REPORT

2017

### ***Who we are***

One! International Poverty Relief (One! International) is a registered Canadian charity and a non-government, non-profit, non-sectarian organization that depends on financial support primarily from individuals as well as businesses and other organizations.

### ***Our mission statement***

Our goal is to teach literacy, numeracy and life skills to children living on the streets of Mumbai and Nallasopara India by providing educational services and also associated social welfare services such as nutrition, health care, medicines, housing support and micro finances.

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# TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

## Message from the Founder

After the struggles with demonetization in India at the end of 2016, we started the year dreaming that things would turn around and get back to 'normal'. Luckily they did just that, and then quickly moved ahead from 'normal' into new and exciting territory.

The One! International family in Edmonton continued to inspire at our Annual Celebration. Feeling their support and belief in the organization makes it easy to start each year filled with hope. The theme of this year's celebration was "Dreams to Reality and Reality to Dreams" and it couldn't have been more apt to describe what our students, families, teachers, and volunteers accomplished in 2017.

Our partnerships solidified and grew. We are very grateful for our 13 year partnership with Children's Hope India (New York). The American School of Bombay continues to work with us by providing financial and in-kind donations and also by building relationships that break caste and class. The Alberta Government continues to support our endeavours. The individual relationships we have with our donors is special and what gives us the strength and enthusiasm to continue.

It certainly was a dream back in 2001 when we were teaching on the side of the road that students would get to the point of graduation....that dream has become a reality, a reality that is more and more achievable, almost 'normal'! In 2017 we had both Grade 10 and Grade 12 graduates and students who are seeing success in university as well. We are very proud of the successes of our students and know that they will continue on their positive paths.

Unfortunately, 2017 brought more violence to our communities; in the family unit themselves, in the community and from outside influences. Not only alcohol, but drugs now, continue to plague our young men and fathers. We are finding women's health and protection to be our main concern moving forward – teaching them how to protect themselves and finding whatever measures we can to protect them. We are also seeing the negative effects of social media on our teenagers – mostly females.

We lost a family member, Parvati (13). Like a daughter to me, she touched the hearts of all her fellow students and each staff member can tell stories about her smile and comedic ways.

A huge thank you to Norman Viegas for his ardent commitment to One! International as a board member. He may be moving on, but we will always be thankful for the work he has done for us.

One! International is trying to help the dreams of our students and families to become reality by realizing the reality that they are living in and helping in whatever way we can. With time, dreams are coming true.

Tania Spilchen  
Founder / President

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**Our Goal:** Maximize the benefits for the economically disadvantaged children and their families in Mumbai and surrounding areas while minimizing administrative spending.

**ONE! INTERNATIONAL POVERTY RELIEF**  
Year Ended December 31 2017  
Statement of Financial Position

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 106,294	\$ 112,651
Accounts Receivable	2,533	9,522
Accounts Receivable from Employees	1,363	1,119
Prepaid Expenses (Note 3)	15,141	14,326
	<u>125,331</u>	<u>137,618</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 2, 5)	1,227	1,754
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE (Note 4)	5,965	6,634
	<u>\$ 132,523</u>	<u>\$ 146,006</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 9,044
Deferred Income	865	1,635
	<u>865</u>	<u>10,679</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 1,227	\$ 1,754
Net Assets	130,431	133,573
	<u>131,658</u>	<u>135,327</u>
	<u>\$ 132,523</u>	<u>\$ 146,006</u>

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Year Ended December 31 2017

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations	\$ 114,022	\$ 110,985
Fundraising	31,443	31,110
Grants	25,000	25,000
Give-a-Child-a-Chance (Sponsorship Program)	11,802	14,411
	<u>182,267</u>	<u>181,506</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Sch. 1)	\$ 166,423	\$ 158,360
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (Sch. 2)	11,915	11,766
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (Sch. 3)	7,597	9,202
	<u>185,935</u>	<u>179,328</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (3,668)</b>	<b>\$ 2,178</b>

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Year Ended December 31 2017

PROGRAM EXPENSES  
Schedule 1

	2017	2016
Amortization	\$ 473	\$ 676
Bank Charges	3,890	4,741
Children's Nutrition Program	12,667	11,923
Communications	836	730
Electricity	2,419	2,355
Family support and children's activities (Note 9)	44,675	37,639
Medical expenses	3,917	4,709
Office	2,531	1,991
Rental	30,740	26,920
Salaries and wages	39,935	47,284
Supplies (Note 10)	8,693	8,689
Travel	15,647	10,703
	<u>\$ 166,423</u>	<u>\$ 158,360</u>

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## ONE! INTERNATIONAL POVERTY RELIEF

Year Ended December 31 2017

### Fundraising Expenses

Schedule 2

	2017	2016
Fundraising expenses	8,857	9,045
Communications	209	182
Office Supplies	1,265	995
Salaries and wages	1,584	1,544
	<u>11,915</u>	<u>11,766</u>
	\$	\$

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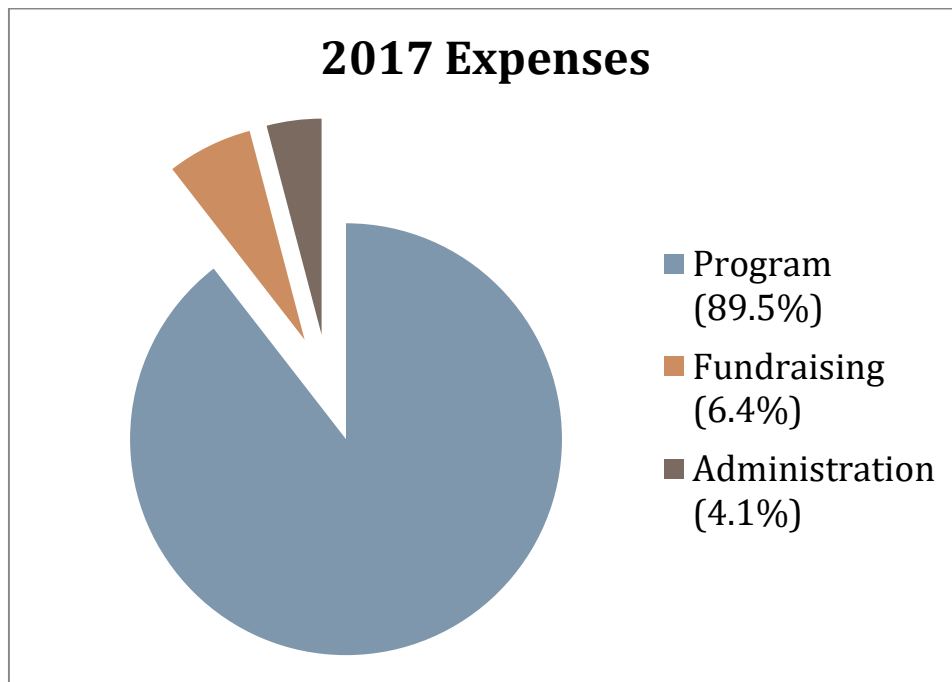
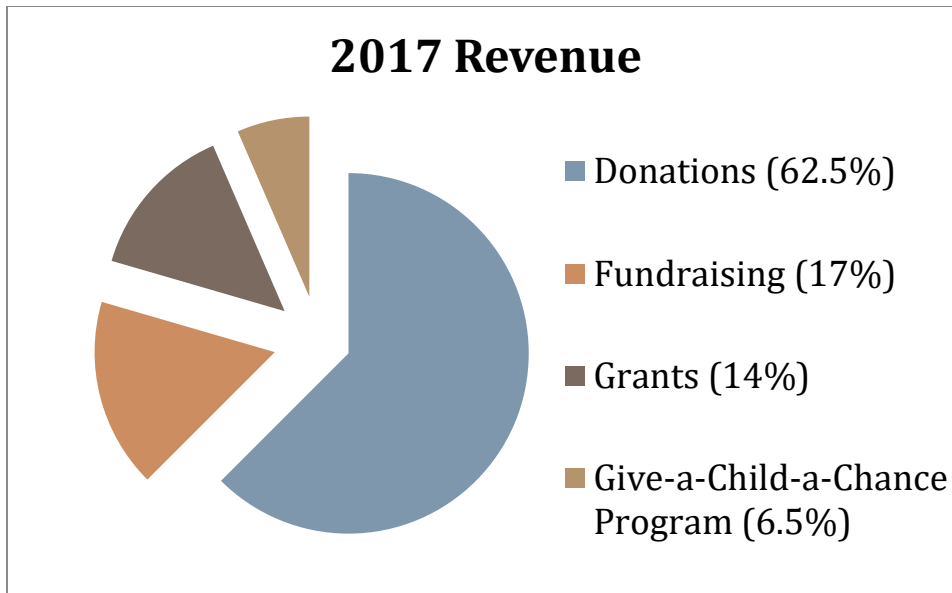
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### Administration Expenses

Schedule 3

	2017	2016
Amortization	\$ 52	\$ 75
Bank Charges	432	527
Communications	1,046	912
Insurance	960	960
Legal Fees	200	2,167
Office	2,531	1,991
Salaries and wages	2,376	2,570
	<u>7,597</u>	<u>9,202</u>
	\$	\$

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Complete Financial statement can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency web page.

<https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/haip/srch/t3010form22quickview-eng.action?&fpe=2017-12-31&b=881192017RR0001>

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## 2017 SCHOOL NUMBERS:

### SUMMARY OF YEAR – KHAR

Number of Children Receiving Services – 80

Overall Attendance Percentage – 68%

Number of parents involved – 60

### SUMMARY OF YEAR – NALLASOPARA

Number of Children Receiving Services – 250

Overall Attendance Percentage – 75%

Number of parents involved – 150

### SUMMARY OF YEAR – VANGAON

Number of Children Receiving Services – 25

Overall Attendance Percentage – 65%

Number of parents involved – 16

### SUMMARY OF YEAR – STAFFING AT ALL SCHOOLS

Professional Staff – 11

- Includes: 4 School Managers/Social Workers, 1 Medical Coordinator, 6 Teachers
- All staff members have overlapping roles; helping in social work and teaching

Client Staff – 36

- Includes: Full and part time – Cooks, Cleaners, Student Teachers, Medical Coordinators and Errand Runners etc.



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## VOLUNTEERS – INDIA

One! International has been very fortunate to attract volunteers from all over the world who have gone to India to work with the children for varying periods of time.

Volunteers in India are responsible for assisting the children to grow academically, as well as assisting in areas of personal health, sporting activities, creative play time, and learning about future opportunities for themselves and their families. Typical duties of a volunteer include teaching classes (usually to the younger children – basic hygiene, English, mathematics, cooperative play, etc.), sharing their skills with the Indian staff, and administrative tasks (example: reporting). Volunteers also help with organizational duties, and activities such as drama productions, art projects, and field trips.

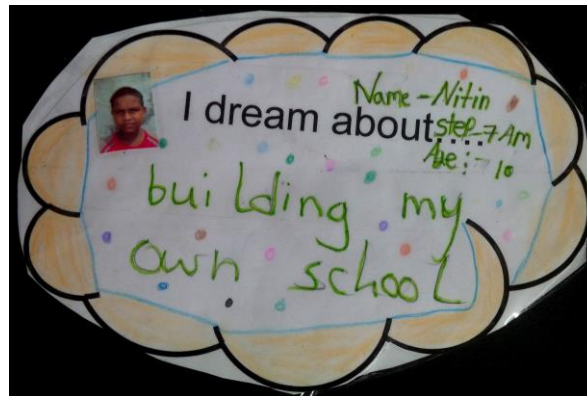
**In 2017 there were 9 different volunteers from United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Australia. These 9 volunteers contributed 21 and ½ months of volunteer work at the schools in India. Volunteers included one nurse, one dentist, and three dental assistants.**

## VOLUNTEERS – CANADA

There is no paid staff in Canada other than a small percentage of the President's salary.

Volunteers are relied on for: administrative tasks, financial record keeping, contacts with local schools for awareness building, fundraising activities, management of the Indian volunteer program, major fundraising activities such as the annual Gala held in January/February of each year. There are also a group of volunteers who assist virtually with grants, web page updates, and data system management.

**In 2017 there was a core group of 10 regular volunteers, with an additional 20-25 called on for various functions, especially the annual Gala Celebration.**



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## PROGRAMS

### GIVE-A-CHILD-A-CHANCE (GCC)

The GCC program helps to provide: education, one meal a day for six days of the week, counseling for families and children, daily first aid and medicines as required, encouragement to improve life circumstances, and other support. The aim of the program is to give the children love, hope, and a chance for a better future.

One! International provides sponsors with a matched child's history: name, birth date, family, strengths, weaknesses, likes, dislikes and dreams. Every six months, as possible, sponsors receive their child's update, with two new pictures, art work, schoolwork or exams, report card, and news of the organization. Giving a chance to a child is only \$30 (CDN) or the equivalent thereof.

**In 2017, there were approximately 37 children who were sponsored through the GCC program.**

### OPERATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM (OS)

The Operations Support Program helps cover the operating costs incurred in providing the day-to-day services: teacher's salaries, rent, transportation, sports activities, and travel. OS donors typically give a monthly donation of \$50 per month. Some donors commit to varying other amounts from \$25 to \$110 per month.

A one-time donation of any amount can also be donated for use in these areas. We have received donations ranging from \$10 to \$2000. All donations, regardless of the amount, are appreciated.

**There were 13 on-going monthly OS contributors, and numerous one-time OS donations during 2017.**

### STEP SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Step Sponsorship Program provides operational funding for the One! International school in Khar Danda, Mumbai to pay rent and teacher's salaries. Current annual operational costs for the school are approximately \$2000 per step per year. The school functions on a 10-step program, where a step is largely equivalent to a grade. With the Step Sponsorship Program, corporate organizations as well as schools and individual families donate to help cover the operational costs of a single step classroom.

The annual contribution of \$2000 establishes a connection between two incredibly different worlds and creates a foundation for a relationship – not just a donation. Step Sponsorship donors receive recognition on the One! International website, and an engraved plaque with a photograph of the children.

**There were 2 Step Sponsorships in 2017.**

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## EMERGENCY & MAJOR MEDICAL FUND

This program is dedicated to providing urgently needed medical attention/supplies as required – often in life-threatening situations. The program was started in 2011 following a tragic situation in late 2010 when one of One! International’s first 8 children (Kokila) was badly burned in a domestic propane accident. The One! International family of donors was incredibly generous in providing additional support and money. This young lady’s life was saved. Originally called the Kokila Medical Fund, it was renamed in 2012 to the Emergency Medical Fund, and again in 2015 to Emergency & Major Medical Fund to distinguish the fund from the daily provision of routine medical services covered under general operations.

**There were 5 donors who gave large donations to this fund in 2017. Additionally, one sponsor gives on a monthly basis.**

## CANADIAN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Several schools in Canada request presentations to their students regarding life on the other side of the world. India is part of the curriculum for Social Studies. Presentations are made, and many schools choose to do a fundraising activity as part of the awareness program. Numerous community presentations and/or displays are completed throughout the year.

**In 2017, One! International took part in 5 school class presentations, 2 volunteer appreciation activities, Just One World fair trade event, presentation to the local Chamber of Commerce Skills Portfolio breakfast, and One! International was presented to the AB Government at the Legislature by our local government politician.**



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## STORIES

### Student Experience – Dashrath Parmar



Sixteen-year-old Dashrath had a great year passing the final three subjects he needed to graduate from tenth standard, the equivalent of high school graduation in India. He achieved this thanks to a more focused and committed attitude and work ethic. He also took on a larger workload in his job in the school where he has the critical role of operating our printing and copying machine, which we affectionately refer to as his 'beta' ('son' in Hindi). Together they prepare most of our educational materials such as worksheets, workbooks and exam papers. One final highlight of his year was starring as a very entertaining Willy Wonka in our school production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Next year Dashrath will be focusing on the first of his twelfth standard exams, a two-year process which will give him the opportunity to apply for university.

### Parent Experience (& Client Staff Experience) – Reshma Qureshi



It was a year of mixed emotions for Reshma who has been involved with One! International for more than fifteen years, back when classes were still held on the street. Now she is a client staff member and parent. After heart breaking late miscarriages and fears she would never become a mother, Reshma gave birth to her beloved daughter, Sanaiya, in late 2016. But Sanaiya was born premature and barely weighed 1kg so her first few months were a fight to survive and this year involved a focus on trying to keep Sanaiya healthy and help her to gain weight. In contrast to this happiness, Reshma lost her mother, Fatima this year. Reshma also improved as a teacher this year and surprised herself with her ability to budget and manage by herself during periods when she was separated from her husband.

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## Staff Experience – Chetna Thakkar



Chetna has worked as a teacher and office manager at our Khar school for more than eight years. She is an invaluable member of the team, keeping the office organised, managing the daily accounts and being the chief co-ordinator for our big events such as sports days and bi-annual gift bags. This year Chetna has become even more professional and committed to the children who she treats more and more like her own family. She loves being creative with the kids and is great with new ideas for sports days, craft and finding imaginative ways to teach math.

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## PARTNERS

Please see web page for a current list of major sponsors/partners. <http://one-international.com/sponsors>

## THANK YOU

One! International Poverty Relief would not be able to have the success it does without the support and assistance of numerous individuals and organizations, both Canadian and world-wide.

Assistance and support has been provided to One! International in many ways:

- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Staff and Volunteers in India
- Volunteers in Canada and other countries of the world
- Give-A-Child-A-Chance and Operational Support donors
- Step Sponsorship Program Donors and Emergency and Major Medical Fund donors
- Corporate and School Partners
- Legal and Accounting Services
- Attendees/Participants of fundraising Dinners, annual Celebration, and Silent Auctions
- General monetary donors
- Gifts in Kind
- Government of Alberta, Community Initiatives Program, International Development Grant
- Children's Hope India Inc.
- American School of Bombay
- Organizational management services
- Marketing strategies (newspaper, radio, TV)
- Support from the Yoga Community
- Moral support from family, friends,' strangers.

Thank you for giving One! International your love and support throughout the year. Together we can make a difference in this world – One! step at a time.

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## List of Board Members

### *Board of Directors*

Tania Spilchen, President/Founder

Gordon Sustrik, Legal/Secretary

Lisbeth Overheu, Chair

Norman Viegas, Director

### *Management Team*

Tania Spilchen, Manager, Indian Operations

Marilyn Spilchen, Manager Corporate Support

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Respectfully submitted by:

Tania Spilchen

President/Founder

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