



One! International Poverty Relief

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ANNUAL REPORT

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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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Message from the Founder - 2016

The One! International Family in Edmonton are amazing and there is no better way to kick off a new year than by celebrating with them at our Annual Celebration; hundreds of people that give incredible support and unwavering belief in the organization. The theme of this year's celebration was "Rooted in One!". It was a theme that led us to reflect on our roots (history), the stability that we are able to give to our children and families (the trunk) and the children and parents that are growing and flourishing and starting other dreams (the seeds, branches and leaves).

This year saw us laying new roots in the village of Khambale in Vangaon district, a two hour journey from the Mumbai city limits. We are starting small and hoping to truly understand the community and build trust before expanding.

One way to better enable children/families to lay down healthy roots and stable environments of their own is through education. 2016 was a groundbreaking year for us on this front. 2 of our full-time students (1 who picked up his first pencil in a One! International classroom) graduated from Grade 12. They immediately registered for their Bachelor of Commerce degrees. We also had 2 more full-time Grade 10 graduates. These young adults are perfect role models for our younger children who now, not only dream about graduation, but know that they can attain it.

Social problems continue to plague all of our communities. Alcohol, domestic violence and low-education levels are still the most prevalent issues we face, but this year we also saw increased instances of drug use/abuse and underage marriage. Despite the hardships on a day-to-day level, our children and families ability to arrive each morning with a smile, and truly appreciate each experience, are what makes our work easy. The children performed a Harry Potter play; had an 18 hour bus trip to Mahabaleshwa; met for Sports Days; and went swimming for a day under the hot summer Mumbai sun. Thanks to our donors and volunteers, we are able to provide necessities, and also these needed moments of joy.

The end of 2016 was a tough one. Demonetization in India limited our ability – along with every other Indian citizen – to access funds. Not being able to feed children or provide full medical aid greatly affected me personally: the constant reminder that having a back-up plan relieves stress – but for our children and families, there is no back-up plan.

Hopefully 2017 will prove that survival is powerful and determination and hard-work can surpass any obstacle. We will continue to work together with our communities, and grow stronger as One! family.

Tania Spilchen

Founder / President One! International Poverty Relief

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Our Goal: Maximize the benefits for the street/slum children of Mumbai and surrounding area while minimizing administrative spending.

**ONE! INTERNATIONAL POVERTY RELIEF
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 110,985	\$ 98,518
Fundraising	31,110	29,710
Grants	25,000	11,000
Give a child a chance - sponsorship program	14,411	14,497
	181,506	153,725
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Sch. 1)	158,360	130,521
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (Sch. 2)	11,766	12,028
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (Sch. 3)	9,202	5,362
	179,328	147,911
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 2,178	\$ 5,814

**ONE! INTERNATIONAL POVERTY RELIEF
Program Expenses
Schedule 1
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
Amortization	\$ 676	\$ 844
Bank charges	4,741	2,551
Children's Nutrition Program	11,923	10,056
Communications	730	774
Electricity	2,355	1,943
Family and support activities	30,670	21,705
Medical expenses	4,709	3,593
Office	1,991	1,333
Rental	26,920	23,433
Salaries and wages	47,284	38,709
Supplies	15,658	10,183
Travel	10,703	15,397
	\$ 158,360	\$ 130,521

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Fundraising Expenses Schedule 2

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Fundraising expenses	\$ 9,045	\$ 10,017
Communications	182	194
Office supplies	995	667
Salaries and wages	1,544	1,150
	<u>\$ 11,766</u>	<u>\$ 12,028</u>

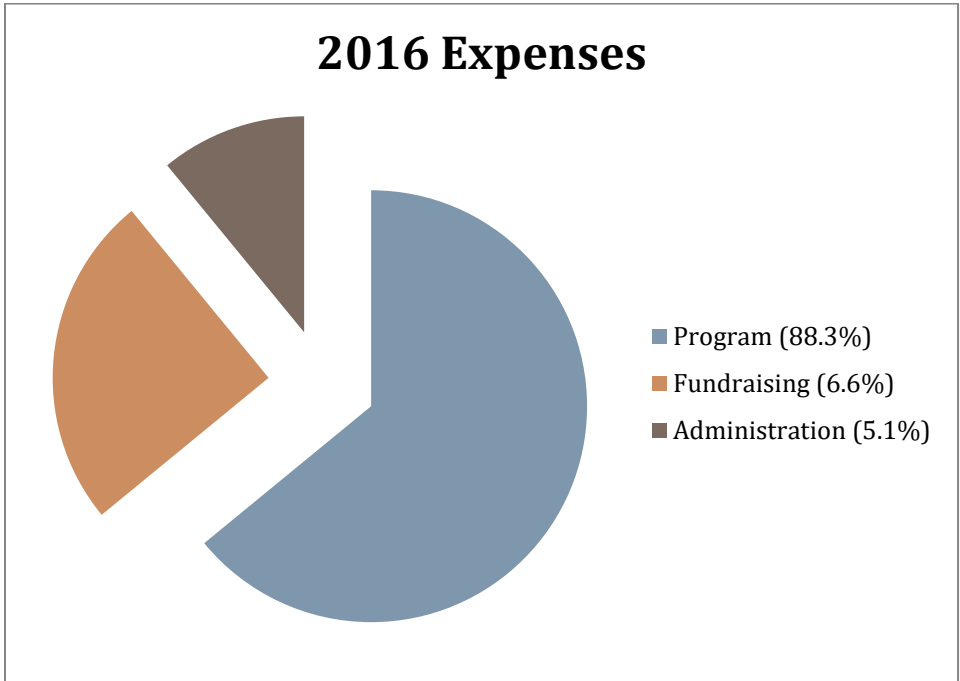
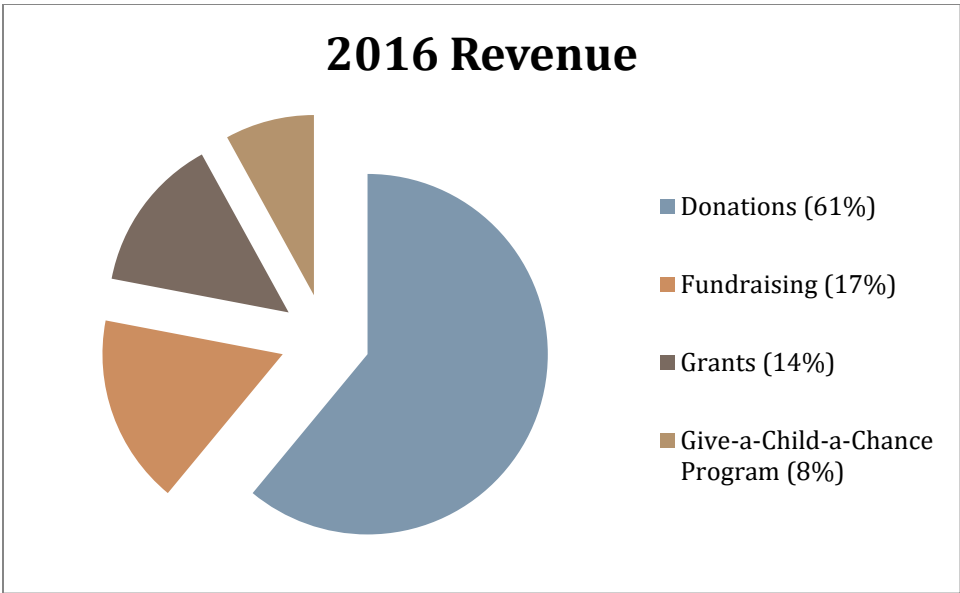
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Administration Expenses Schedule 3

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Amortization	\$ 75	\$ 94
Bank charges	527	283
Communications	912	968
Insurance	960	960
Legal Fees	2,167	-
Office	1,991	1,333
Salaries and wages	2,570	1,724
	<u>\$ 9,202</u>	<u>\$ 5,362</u>

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Complete Financial statement can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency web page.
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebsi/haip/srch/advancedsearchresult-eng.action?n=One%21+International+Poverty+Relief&b=881192017&q=0001&s=registered&d=&e=+&c=&v=+&o=&z=&g=+&t=+&y=+&p=1>

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2016 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 BOTH SCHOOLS

Professional Staff – 15

- Includes: 4 School Managers/Social Workers, 1 Medical Coordinator, 10 Teachers
- All staff members have overlapping roles; helping in social work and teaching

Client Staff – 30

- Includes: Cooks, Cleaners, Student Teachers, 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 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, art, field trips, and etcetera.

In 2016 there were 11 volunteers from countries such as: Canada, United States, and the United Kingdom.

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 of each year. There are also a group of virtual volunteers who assist with grants, web page updates, and data system management.

In 2016 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, six days per week, counseling for families and children, daily first aid and medicines as required, encouragement to improve life circumstances, and other support as required. 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 2016, there were approximately 42 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 varying amounts of money 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 11 on-going monthly OS contributors, and numerous one-time OS donations during 2016.

STEP SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Step Sponsorship Program provides operational funding for the One! International school in Khar Danda, Mumbai: 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 mostly 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 3 Steps sponsored in 2016.

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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.

Approximately 12 donors chose to donate to this fund in 2016.

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 2016, One! International had several presentations and community events such as volunteer fairs.



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STORIES

Student Experience – Varsha Chaubey



Varsha was a shy 15 year old who wasn't comfortable riding the trains on her own and shy to respond to her teachers' questions. Now, Varsha is 17 and a Grade 10 graduate. She is confident and if you ask her a question, you better be careful or she will rattle off a very long detailed answer! She intends to continue studying with the ultimate goal of attaining her Bachelor Degree in Social Work.

Parent Experience – Mariama



After being stabbed late in 2015 by her husband in a domestic violence disaster, her life was narrowly saved by the quick work of the Emergency room doctors.

2016 started in trauma, but ended with stability and the pride of surviving and thriving. Offered a job at the school to take care of the babies and pre-school children, she immediately accepted it. She needed to earn for her children. She started to feel the pride in working and earning and even when her husband was released from jail later in the year, she insisted that she would continue working. She decided to give her husband another chance, but involved One! International's social workers to help her predict future problems and mitigate them before they escalated. Her children are healthy and happy – which is all she needs to feel successful herself.

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Staff Experience – Mahendra Yadav

Mahendra started working for One! International just after he graduated with his Bachelor of Education Degree in September 2016. He has completed 10 years as a One! International employee, only taking a 6 month hiatus when he was pursuing his Master in Education. Mahendra has grown incredibly close relationships with students, staff and parents. It would be difficult to imagine the Nallasopara without Mahendra's calm guidance and warm smile. Congratulations Mahendra! Thank you for your dedication to the One! International children and communities.

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 and 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

Myka Osinchuk, Director

Management Team

Tania Spilchen, Manager, Indian Operations

Marilyn Spilchen, Manager Corporate Operations

Respectfully submitted by:
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