



One! International Poverty Relief

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ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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

There is no way we could have predicted how applicable our Gala theme would end up being – “Change Adds Up”. Over 19 years of hard work, the changes that we were a catalyst for were evident in the resilience of our community and staff members.

The year started off with another heart-warming and successful gala with our Edmonton community. Just days before the huge SCONA Initiative was set to have fun and celebrate their incredible efforts and generosity – the pandemic was called. The students’ commitment and hard-work will live on through the stable ground they have provided us. It was their fundraising that allowed us to get through the shock and stress of 2020 without added financial burdens.

The initial lockdown in India from March until August was extremely severe; true “Lock Down”. Citizens were not allowed to leave their houses except for essential needs; this was enforced with police action. Ninety percent of our community members are day labourers, so this meant there was no work, no money and no food. Living hand-to-mouth, most families did not have money saved for the next day, let alone the next week or month.

Our staff on the ground were fearless. They were determined to make sure that every stomach was filled. Dry rations were distributed. Our ladies started making hand-made masks at home and within a month, all staff (the men too!) were stitching. More than 1,000 masks were made.

My main goal was to maintain hope and positivity amongst staff. I started teaching basic knowledge and skill development. I had a lot to learn, but for the staff, the virtual world seemed unattainable. They faced the challenge and worked together so that everyone could participate. We had a puzzle contest and did some art. Staff have expressed that it was vital for their mental health and gave them strength.

Finally in August, after 5 months of being locked at home, 25% of staff were allowed to work at the schools at one time. In October, schools were still ordered shut, but as a Public Trust we were able to start “Wellness Centers”. Keeping capacity at 25%, students only had 2-3 hours a day. All that mattered was feeding, listening to their stories, and making sure they had a little fun! This helped to combat the rise in addiction and family violence that was skyrocketing in our communities due to stress and fear.

We have not had a single case of COVID-19, and are thankful that everyone was willing to learn and adopt to the new precautions and protocol. It is impossible to predict what is to come. But what we can predict is that our staff and families will continue to be resilient and will continue to help each other and give each other a reason to smile.

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.

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Year Ended December 31 2020
Statement of Financial Position

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 493,131	\$ 77,228
Accounts Receivable	8,093	0
Accounts Receivable from Employees	0	2,005
Prepaid Expenses (CAUSEVOX)	0	8,010
Prepaid Expenses (Note 3)	13,822	11,983
	515,046	99,226
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 2, 5)	2,923	2,675
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE (Note 4)	37,741	26,391
	\$ 555,710	\$ 128,293
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Payroll Payable	\$ 4,384	\$ 0
Deferred Income	1,720	970
	6,104	970
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 2,923	\$ 2,675
Net Assets	546,683	124,647
	549,606	127,323
	\$ 555,710	\$ 128,293

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Statement of Operations

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 107,841	\$ 133,391
Scona Revenue (Note 8)	444,980	0
Fundraising	25,162	29,243
Grants (Note 9)	6,000	0
Operation Support and Give-a-Child-a-Chance	18,378	21,989
	<u>602,361</u>	<u>184,623</u>
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Sch. 1)	\$ 140,806	\$ 173,624
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (Sch. 2)	25,757	10,900
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (Sch. 3)	13,515	5,913
	<u>180,078</u>	<u>190,437</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 422,283	\$ -5,814

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PROGRAM EXPENSES
Schedule 1

	2020	2019
Amortization	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,032
Bank Charges	3,434	3,789
Children's Nutrition Program	6,973	11,860
Communications	1,136	1,281
Electricity	2,214	2,564
Family support and children's activities	42,737	56,673
Medical expenses	2,032	4,239
Office	581	886
Rental	27,305	29,271
Salaries and wages	47,136	43,758
Supplies	2,648	7,466
Travel	3,483	10,807
	<u>\$ 140,806</u>	<u>\$ 173,624</u>

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Fundraising Expenses Schedule 2

	2020	2019
Fundraising expenses	15,810	8,185
Communications	120	229
Office Supplies	1,453	690
Salaries and wages (Note 9)	8,374	1,796
	<u>25,757</u>	<u>10,900</u>
	\$	\$

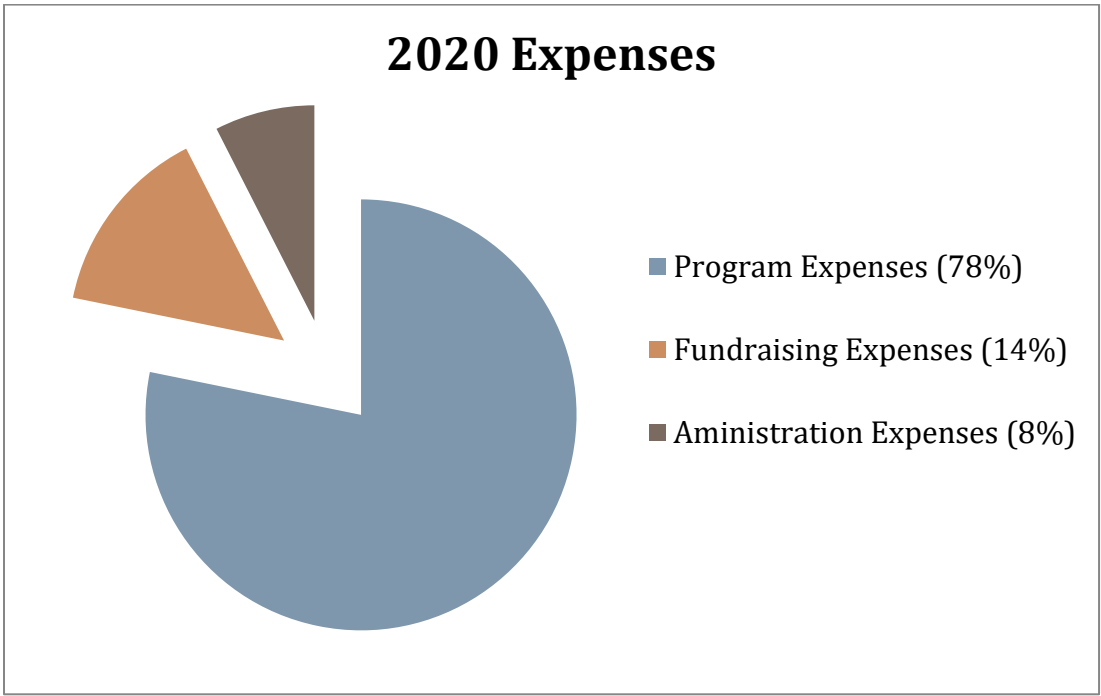
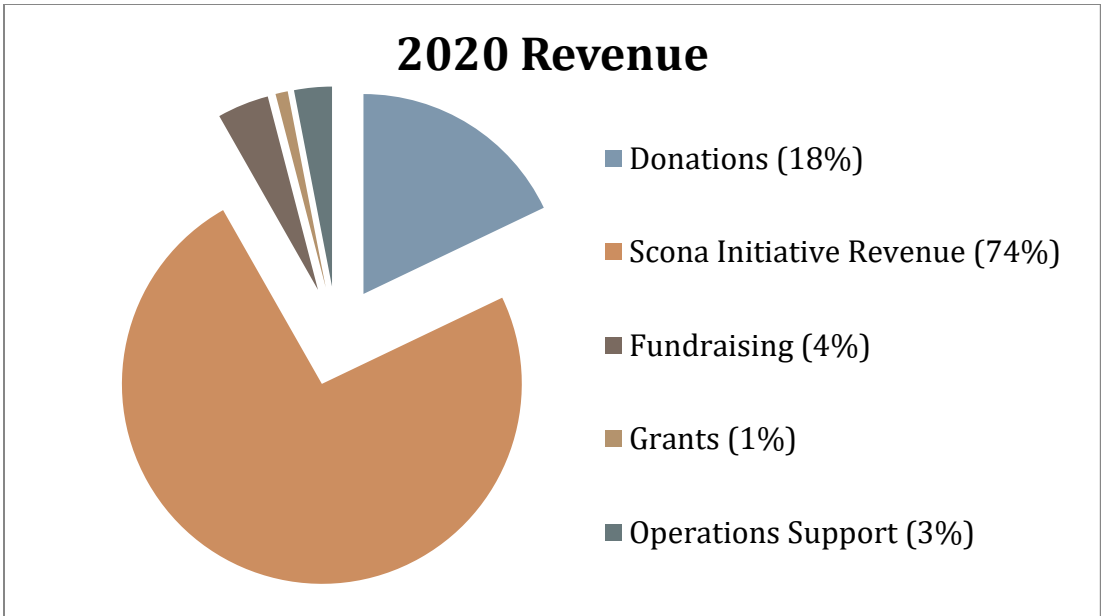
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Administration Expenses Schedule 3

	2020	2019
Amortization	\$ 125	\$ 115
Bank Charges	381	421
Communications	359	688
Insurance	1,105	960
Legal Fees		0
Office	2,180	1,035
Salaries and wages (Note 9)	9,365	2,694
	<u>13,515</u>	<u>5,913</u>
	\$	\$

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

[T3010 Registered Charity Information Return \(cra-arc.gc.ca\)](https://www.cra-arc.gc.ca)

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2020 SCHOOL NUMBERS:

SUMMARY OF YEAR – KHAR

Number of Children Receiving Services – 80

Number of parents involved – 56

SUMMARY OF YEAR – NALLASOPARA

Number of Children Receiving Services – 252

Number of parents involved – 171

SUMMARY OF YEAR – STAFFING AT ALL SCHOOLS

Professional Staff – 12

- Includes: 4 School Managers/Social Workers, 1 Medical Coordinator, 7 Teachers
- All staff members have overlapping roles; helping in social work and teaching

Client Staff – 30

- 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.

We were fortunate that when the pandemic was called our volunteer from Brazil had already finished his volunteer term. With the borders closed, we did not have any other volunteers this year.

CANADA

There is no paid staff in Canada other than a small percentage of the President's salary and a short-term employee for administrative help.

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 2020 there was a core group of 10 regular volunteers, with an additional 15-20 called on for various functions – especially the annual Gala Celebration.

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PROGRAMS

OPERATION SUPPORT & GIVE-A-CHILD-A-CHANCE (OS & GCC)

These are our monthly giving programs. Donors commit to monthly donations varying from \$25 to \$110 per month (with the average donation being \$50 per month). Some donors pay for the whole year at one time. All donations, regardless of the amount, are appreciated. These monthly donations help cover the operating costs incurred in providing day-to-day services: 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, transportation, sports activities, and other costs. Every six months, as possible, sponsors receive an update (usually a profile on a child).

In 2020, there were approximately 38 monthly donors to this program.

EMERGENCY & MAJOR MEDICAL FUND (EMMF)

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. This young lady's life was saved. Originally called the Kokila Medical Fund, it was renamed in 2015 to Emergency & Major Medical Fund to distinguish the fund from the daily provision of routine medical services covered under general operations. This program is a reserve fund ensuring funds are available in emergencies/major cases – often life-threatening situations.

There were several donors who gave varying amounts to the fund in 2020. Additionally, one sponsor gives on a monthly basis. EMMF funds were given to the family in the rikshaw accident which allowed for needed emergency surgery and other hospital treatment.

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 2020, One! International was able to do 3 school classroom presentations before the pandemic was declared. No other community events were allowed under the pandemic restrictions.

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One of the Scona High School students, Xander, was heartbroken when the SCONA bike-a-thon was cancelled. He was able to meet our students on zoom as they did a bike-a-thon in appreciation of the support and love that the students of SCONA gave them.



STORIES

Student Experience – Vicky

Vicky was pulled out of school after 8th grade because his family was not able to pay the fees. Community members told him about our school in Nallasopara and without hesitating, he found it. With our help, he was able to attain both Grade 10 and Grade 12 graduation through our NIOS (National Institute of Open Studies) program.

With a clear interest and aptitude for math, science and technology, Vicky was able to get accepted into a college to study for his BSc in Computer Science in 2018. He was 5th rank of 100 students when the year ended in May 2019 and was set to repeat this standard in May of 2020, but the pandemic was called. Without exams, he was passed out of second year.

A tactile and visual student, Vicky knew that online studying would not work for him. After much deliberation, he decided to take a year off and resume the final year of his degree in 2021. Vicky has succeeded academically, but in so many other ways as well. He is a caring teacher that truly listens to his students. He is patient and determined to give other children the same opportunities that he was given.



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Family Experience – Afsar



Afsar (13) lost both parents shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic began – his mother passed away and his father left him and his brother. His older brother (18) was taking care of him and commuting back and forth to Pune (3 hours from Mumbai) for work. When the first lockdown hit, he was unable to return to Mumbai. Having no other family, Afsar was living completely alone in the middle of a pandemic lockdown.

We can only try to imagine what a terrible experience it must have been, months feeling lonely, scared, and confused. Every day a struggle, the simple fact of finding food and meeting all of his basic needs at such a young age.

Jeetu, one of our social-workers, spoke to him regularly and thankfully gained his full trust. Jeetu noticed that Afsar was becoming weaker in strength (physically), but he also realized that his mental strength was spiraling down as well. As soon as the lockdown permitted, Jeetu decided to make daily visits both in the morning and in the evening and because of this, he managed to talk Afsar out of committing suicide before the irrevocable mistake was made.

Now, Afsar is smiling again and putting full effort into his studies. He will be registered for Grade 10 next year.

At the beginning of the year, Afsar felt like he didn't have a family. Now he will tell you that his family is bigger than anyone else's! The whole school in Nallasopara is his family – the staff and client staff, the students his age, and his younger brothers and sisters that he helps and plays with whenever he is free.

Staff Experience – Bneet

Bneet embraced the virtual world above anyone else on staff and without hesitation took a leadership role in managing tablets (to provide access to those without devices) and teaching staff to use them. He was vital in encouraging the start of online Grade 10 and 12 students and without him on the ground, we may not have had the confidence to plunge in. While other students in India had a 2 year gap in studies, because of Bneet, our older students only missed 6 months.



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List of Key Members

Board of Directors

Tania Spilchen, President/Founder
Gordon Sustrik, Legal/Secretary
Brienne Klingspon, Director
Vijay Balan, Director

Management Team

Tania Spilchen, Manager, Indian Operations
Marilyn Spilchen, Manager Corporate Support

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
- Volunteers in Canada and other countries of the world
- Give-A-Child-A-Chance and Operational Support donors
- Step Sponsorship Program &EMMF donors
- Attendees/Participants of fundraising Dinners, annual Celebration, and Silent Auctions
- Organizational management services
- Support from the Yoga Community
- Moral support from family, friends,' strangers.
- Staff and Volunteers in India
- Legal and Accounting Services
- Gifts in Kind
- Corporate and School Partners
- General monetary donors
- Children's Hope India Inc.
- American School of Bombay
- Marketing strategies (newspaper, TV)

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.***

Respectfully submitted by:

Tania Spilchen
President/Founder

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