



One! International Poverty Relief

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ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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

For me, 2021 started out with a trip down memory lane in order to prepare for our first virtual event which marked the 20th anniversary of One! International. The theme for the 2021 Virtual Celebration was “Power of One!” It was quite powerful for me to pore through thousands of pictures and history. One of my favourite stories presented was Ashok’s. He was a 10-year old student in 2002. Homeless and son of an abusive alcoholic, he is now a crucial staff member of One! International. He is still relentlessly pursuing graduation even in his 20s, and now a very proud home owner. He is a true role model and represents the goals of One! International perfectly. Though education will always be the key, it alone does not encompass all of the impact of our work.

Throughout the year, pandemic restrictions continued - sometime more severe, sometimes more lenient. 6 days before the worst lockdown was announced, one of our fathers had life-saving surgery for throat cancer. We are so thankful to our Emergency & Major Medical Fund donors and Strathcona High School for providing us the reserve to be able to save his life.

While our staff could not leave their houses, it was difficult to keep them motivated. So, we presented Miles to Mumbai in May which was a challenge for them to collectively walk the distance (mostly steps in one spot!) from Mumbai to Edmonton. Many of our international supporters participated as well, and it brought hope, union and camaraderie through a very tough time.

With constant change from month to month, we concentrated on extracurricular subjects when we could meet the children – without continuation, bringing smiles seemed to have the most impactful result. Continuing to work 75% time, our staff concentrated whole-heartedly on the online sessions presented to them – responsibility, professionalism, general knowledge, social work theory and more.

All of our staff have been vaccinated, as well as all parents who have ID (only about 50%).

We were overjoyed to bring on the fresh energy and talents of Rebecca Desmots to handle social media and more. From France, she first volunteered in India in 2004 and has continued to come back and give her time to the children.

One of the things that I have been most proud of over 20 years, is the resilience of One! International. We have tried to turn every struggle into a success, every negative into a positive, and have simply never given up.

Here’s to hoping, that 2022 becomes the bright oasis after the storm.

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 2021
Statement of Financial Position

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 480,554	\$ 493,131
Accounts Receivable	0	8,093
Prepaid Payroll	3,501	0
Prepaid Expenses (Note 3)	8,366	13,822
	492,421	515,046
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 2, 5)	\$ 4,912	\$ 2,923
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE (Note 4)	\$ 48,327	\$ 37,741
	\$ 545,660	\$ 555,710
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Payroll Payable	\$ 0	\$ 4,384
Accounts Payable	973	0
Deferred Income	523	1,720
	1,496	6,104
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 4,912	\$ 2,923
Net Assets	539,252	546,683
	544,164	549,606
	\$ 545,660	\$ 555,710

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Year Ended December 31 2021

Statement of Operations

	2021	2020
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 151,960	\$ 107,841
Scona Revenue	2,870	444,980
Fundraising	7,577	25,162
Grants		6,000
Operation Support and Give-a-Child-a-Chance	23,961	18,378
	<u>186,367</u>	<u>602,361</u>
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Sch.1)	\$ 171,915	\$ 140,806
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (Sch. 2)	8,262	25,757
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (Sch. 3)	11,632	13,515
	<u>191,809</u>	<u>180,078</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ -5,442	\$ 422,283

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PROGRAM EXPENSES

Schedule 1

	2021	2020
Amortization	\$ 1,894	\$ 1,127
Bank Charges	4,237	3,434
Children's Nutrition Program	6,989	6,973
Communications	2,100	1,136
Utilities	2,239	2,214
Family support and children's activities	53,214	42,737
Medical expenses	9,556	2,032
Office	2,110	581
Rental	29,438	27,305
Salaries and wages	51,279	47,136
Supplies	2,875	2,648
Travel	5,984	3,483
	<u>\$ 171,915</u>	<u>\$ 140,806</u>

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Fundraising Expenses Schedule 2

	2021	2020
Fundraising expenses	\$ 3,816	\$ 15,810
Communications	297	120
Office Supplies	1,128	1,453
Salaries and wages	3,022	8,374
	<u>\$ 8,262</u>	<u>\$ 25,757</u>

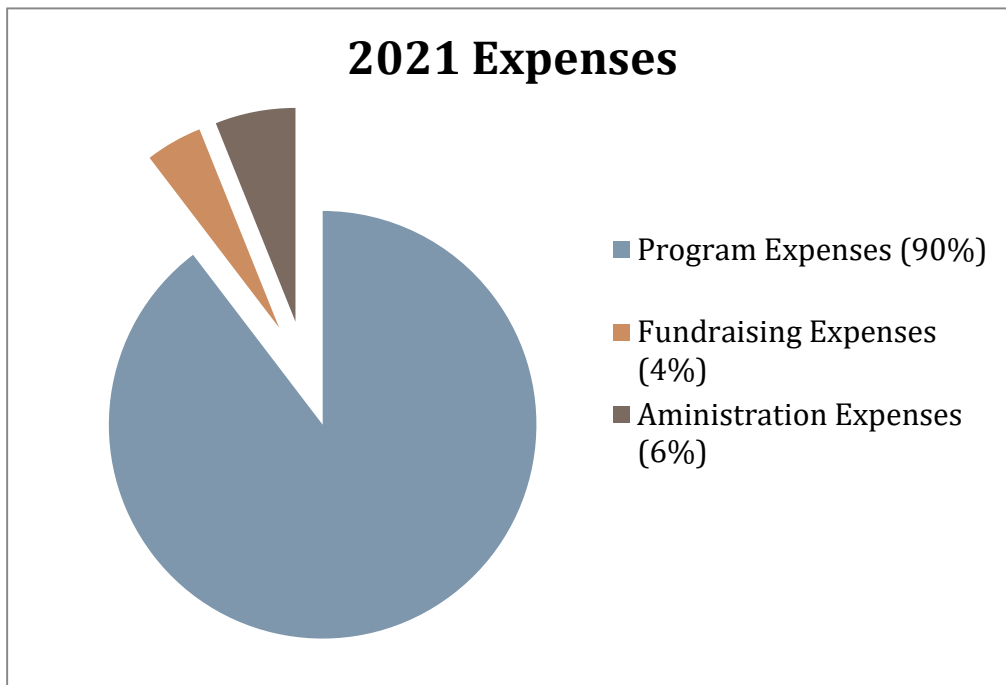
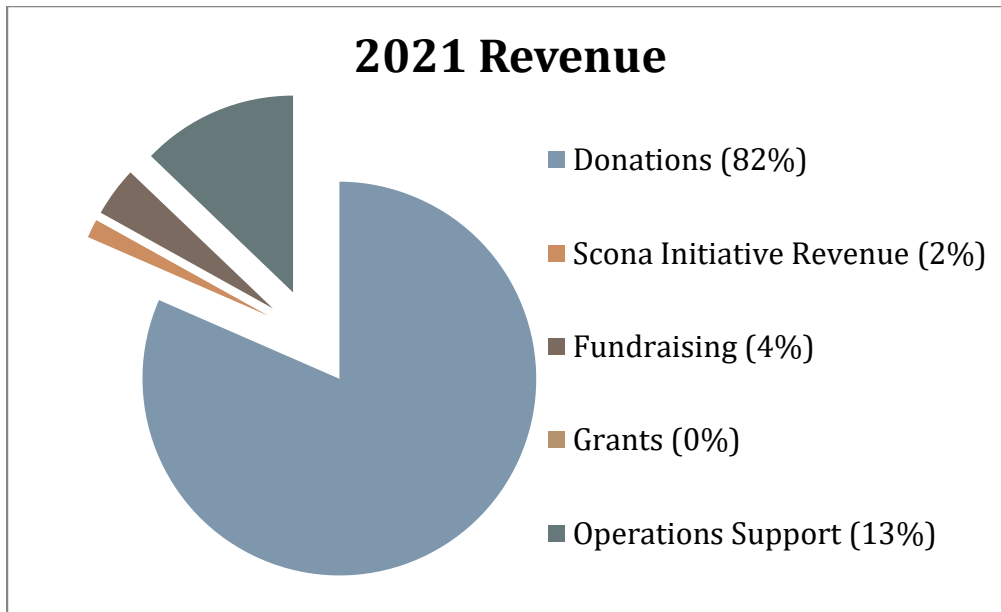
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Administration Expenses Schedule 3

	2021	2020
Amortization	\$ 210	\$ 125
Bank Charges	471	381
Communications	890	359
Insurance	1,335	1,105
Office	5,286	2,180
Salaries and wages	3,439	9,365
	<u>\$ 11,632</u>	<u>\$ 13,515</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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2021 SCHOOL NUMBERS:

SUMMARY OF YEAR – KHAR

Number of Children Receiving Services – 85

Number of parents involved – 62

SUMMARY OF YEAR – NALLASOPARA

Number of Children Receiving Services – 225

Number of parents involved – 196

SUMMARY OF YEAR – STAFFING AT ALL SCHOOLS

Professional Staff – 16

- Includes: 6 School Managers/Social Workers, 2 Medical Coordinators, 8 Teachers
- All staff members have overlapping roles; helping in social work and teaching

Client Staff – 32

- Includes: Full and part time – Cooks, Cleaners, Student and Support 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.

With the borders closed due to the pandemic, we did not have any volunteers in India in 2021.

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 2021 there was a core group of 10 regular volunteers, no additional volunteers were called upon since the Celebration was done virtually.

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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 2021, there were approximately 33 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 2021. Additionally, one sponsor gives on a monthly basis. EMMF funds were used for cancer treatment for a father that was diagnosed with Stage 3 throat and mouth cancer.

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 2021, One! International was unable to have community events due to pandemic restrictions.

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STORIES

Student Experience –Aarti

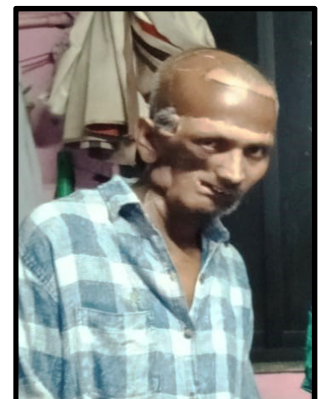
In May 2020, she witnessed the rickshaw accident that killed her father. Her mother was also severely injured; the doctors could not operate on her fractured leg and as a result she can no longer work. All of a sudden, Aarti's hope of studying and having a bright career shattered. Keeping regular contact with her family members in the village, One! International convinced them to allow her to travel back to Mumbai where she is kindly sheltered at her uncle's house. Thankfully able to put aside this tragedy, she is studying and enjoying time while being surrounded by friends. It has only been a month but she is showing great progress. After almost two years without studying or even reading, she has started almost from scratch but is catching up fast. Her favourite subjects are math and science. She finds English and Hindi more challenging. When she returned from village, she had never used a tablet or seen Google Classroom. She learned it within days and is learning her full course load on-line under teacher supervision.



As she needed a job to pay for travelling fees to come to school, she was given a part-time job at school. She is taking her job very seriously. Her tasks vary depending on the day but is mostly looking after the Pre-Step children, teaching primary group classes, serving meals, etc. She does everything with a smile.

Medical Experience – Aslam Khan

In March 2021, the father of two of our brilliant high school students was diagnosed with a large malignant mouth tumour. Despite the pandemic, we were able to arrange for the emergency surgery that he needed (semi-private hospital). However, the extremely severe second wave of covid-19 was happening, and the strictest lockdown was called just 5 days after surgery. He had to be discharged to make room.



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With lots of effort and persuasion, we were able to have him shifted into a public hospital ward to recover. Thankfully, the ward was near empty and hospital hall desolate. He lived there for two months and underwent multiple plastic surgeries. After release, he had 10 rounds of radiation therapy.

In the future, he will need jaw reconstruction surgery, but for now, he is overwhelmingly grateful to our EMMF sponsors whose donations made his care possible. He knows that his life was saved.

Staff Experience – Social Work Team

There is no doubt that the work of our Social Workers was the highlight of the year:

* Due to the extraordinary effort of our social workers we have been able to bring the children stuck in villages back to Mumbai - back to studying period. The attendance of those children has become regular thanks to the constant follow up done by the social workers and up-to-date work of the administration staff in our respective groups.

* The photograph attached shows two children who were not coming to school. After a week of daily house visits, Jeetu and Sunil gained the families' trust and proudly were allowed to bring both children to school. Patience, dialogue and trust are adamant skills that the social-workers must have so that the families understand the benefits of sending their children to school and getting an education instead of sending their children to work. Jeetu and Sunil clearly embody these attributes which explains their successes with the parents.

* Another very essential help was the Emergency stipends given to 59 families during lockdown. In order to be entitled to that stipend the families' children's attendance had to be of 90% and above and the parents themselves had to attend parent meetings regularly.

* One! International is strong only because of the work of our social workers. They have built strong relationships with all the families and have truly been able to delve into the social problems that plague our communities.



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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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