



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

There is no doubt, that by January 2022, everyone was suffering from zoom and online event overlord. Despite this, we were able to have another successful virtual celebration with the theme “Root to Bloom”. The theme had multiple meaning, but enforced the fact of longevity having a greater effect on social change and that a ‘flower’ (our children) needs to be cared for from the ‘root’ to the ‘bloom’. We greatly appreciate the unwavering support of our Edmonton and area community. Thank you.

I was overjoyed to finally be able to return to India in 2022. What I saw, was a cohesive and talented staff. They not only continued the work that was being done to the best of their ability, but took the goals forward in creative and innovative ways. From environmental activism (beach cleaning) to classes in values and ethics, the teachers put their full hearts into bettering the lives of our families and the greater community.

Here are three items that we were particularly proud of in 2022:

Farming Project – our high school students planted marigolds. Lessons in nature and living simply in a rural community, the students had a seemingly endless list of things they learned and appreciated more in the city.

Village Project – part of the farming project involved teaching in a rural village. The community welcomed us whole-heartedly and so we decided to open a center. Unsure of the viability long-term, we were determined to learn and give as much as we could in the short-term.

Special Need Students – some of the people most impacted by the covid lockdowns, were people with special needs. In ‘normal’ times, there are not enough supports to give dignity to their lives. The lockdowns made it worse. From toilet access being restricted, to confined spaces, to irregular access to food, it was a formula of disaster for families with special needs students. When the schools were able to open, many families came forward to ask for help. I am very proud of our staff’s readiness to take on and face the constant challenge of working with these students. They told me, that the joy of seeing the smiles and laughter bloom on their faces made every minute worth it.

With revenue down, we worry about our long-term future but are not letting that impact the successes that we meet each and every day. For as long as possible, we will continue to help as many people as we can.

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 2022
Statement of Financial Position

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 402,308	\$ 480,554
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Prepaid Payroll	569	3,501
Prepaid Fundraiser Expense	1,000	0
Prepaid Expenses (Note 3)	9,194	8,366
	<u>413,071</u>	<u>492,421</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Notes 2, 5)	7,649	4,912
LOANS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE (Note 4)	70,822	48,327
	<u>\$ 491,542</u>	<u>\$ 545,660</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Payroll Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accounts Payable	0	\$ 973
Deferred Income (CHI for 2023)	13,011	0
Deferred Income (Gala Tickets)	3,420	523
	<u>16,431</u>	<u>1,496</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 7,649	\$ 4,912
Net Assets	<u>467,462</u>	<u>539,252</u>
	<u>475,111</u>	<u>544,164</u>
	<u>\$ 491,542</u>	<u>\$ 545,660</u>

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Year Ended December 31 2022
Statement of Operations

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 131,570	\$ 151,960
Scona Revenue	0	2,870
Fundraising	7,074	7,577
Grants		
Operation Support and Give-a-Child-a-Chance	20,156	23,961
	<u>158,800</u>	<u>186,367</u>
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Sch.1)	\$ 204,253	\$ 171,915
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES (Sch. 2)	13,313	8,262
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (Sch. 3)	10,287	11,632
	<u>227,853</u>	<u>191,809</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	\$ -69,053	\$ -5,442

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Year Ended December 31 2022
PROGRAM EXPENSES
Schedule 1

	2022	2021
Amortization	\$ 2,950	\$ 1,894
Bank Charges	4,990	4,237
Children's Nutrition Program	10,792	6,989
Communications	2,945	2,100
Currency Fluctuations (Loss in Value)	752	
Utilities	3,169	2,239
Family support and children's activities	49,312	53,214
Medical expenses	3,040	9,556
Office	2,324	2,110
Rental	33,819	29,438
Salaries and wages	63,246	51,279
Supplies	5,277	2,875
Travel	21,637	5,984
	<u>\$ 204,253</u>	<u>\$ 171,915</u>

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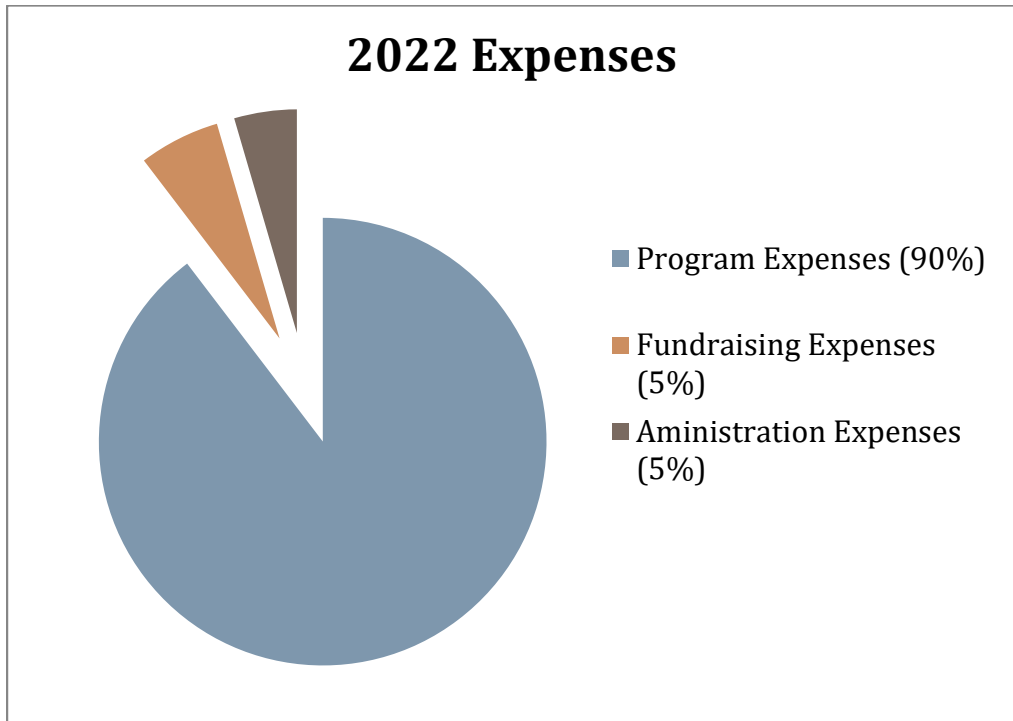
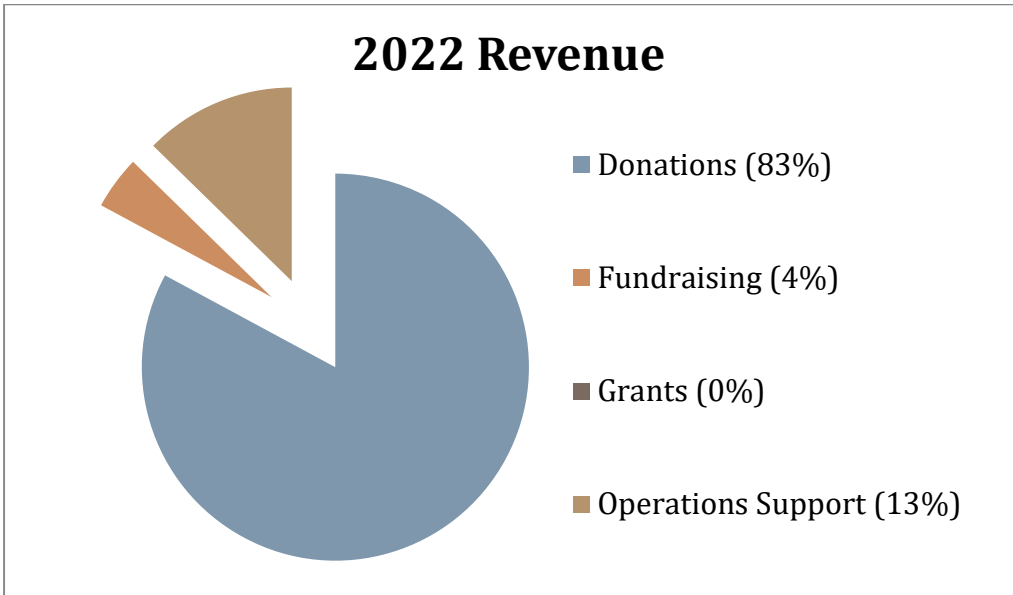
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Year Ended December 31 2022
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES
Schedule 2

	2022	2021
Fundraising expenses	2,748	3,816
Communications	105	297
Office Supplies	1,288	1,128
Salaries and wages	9,171	3,022
	<u>\$ 13,313</u>	<u>\$ 8,262</u>

ONE! INTERNATIONAL POVERTY RELIEF
Year Ended December 31 2022
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
Schedule 3

	2022	2021
Amortization	\$ 328	\$ 210
Bank Charges	554	471
Communications	315	890
Insurance	1,495	1,335
Office	1,932	5,286
Salaries and wages	5,663	3,439
	<u>\$ 10,287</u>	<u>\$ 11,632</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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2022 SCHOOL NUMBERS:

SUMMARY OF YEAR – KHAR

Number of Children Receiving Services – 82

Number of parents involved – 58

SUMMARY OF YEAR – NALLASOPARA

Number of Children Receiving Services – 239

Number of parents involved – 185

SUMMARY OF YEAR – VILLAGE

Number of Children Receiving Services – 16

Number of parents involved – 15

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 – 34

- 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.

We were fortunate to have a counselling professional volunteer from Canada in 2022. She specializes in trauma which seemed far too appropriate given the trauma that our staff and families have faced their whole lives, but more recently through the pandemic. Staff learned a lot of coping mechanisms and why they feel the way they do. They are excited to share this knowledges with our students and parents. Our volunteer program in India has not fully recovered post covid.

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 2022 there was a core group of 10 regular volunteers, with an additional 15-20 called on for various functions: Miles to Mumbai in May and the 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 \$10 to \$250 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 2022, there were approximately 34 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 2022. Additionally, two sponsors give on a monthly basis. EMMF funds were used for radiation therapy and covid vaccinations.

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 2022, One! International was able to do multiple presentations at Velma E Baker school in Edmonton.

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STORIES

Student Experience – Alisha & Shahina

Alisha (grade 10) and Shahina (grade 12) are two of our female students who are dedicated to studying even though their parents are trying to convince them not to.

Alisha is not a strong student, but is determined to pass Grade 10 and not be swayed by the negativity in her community. She always has a smile on her face despite having to take care of her ailing mother at home – which stops from attending school at least once a week.

Shahina graduated from Grade 10 in the middle of the pandemic and is trying to focus on studying the sciences so that she can pursue her dream of becoming a nurse, or even a doctor. Shahina faces harassment every day on her way to and from school (catcalling is a common thing on the trains of Mumbai), but she is not letting it stop her.

At One! International, we are determined to fight the stereotypes that Muslim children (especially girls) can't study. These two strong young women are determined to change people's thinking and change their own futures.



Family Experience – Shivam Pal

Shivam Pal, kindly nicknamed Golu for his wonderfully round face and permanent smile, has been coming to our school for the past 5 years. He is 15 years old, very respectful and helpful. He is mentally disabled (we are not sure of the exact diagnosis). Although he is not able to speak properly, his comprehension is good. Shivam is fully grown but has a mental ability at least 5 years younger than his age. He is presently a student of our new class called the "Special Class" which helps him rekindle his love of studying and gives him more focused attention from the teachers.



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There are 5 other students like him in the class and they have 'Gardening' and 'Kitchen Helping' in addition to their regular slate of subjects. Through this hands-on, fun and stress free teaching method, Golu is showing great improvement. The diligence of his teachers' care has brightened the smile on Golu's face. He is starting to independently find tasks around the school that he can do to help – the school is clearly like a home to him.

Staff Experience – Saurabh

A difficult school start didn't stop Saurabh from excelling in his studies. Saurabh has been studying with Ek Asha since 2008. At that time his language skills were poor and he found it hard to study. Nonetheless he persevered and managed to pass his Grade 12 exams. He continued his studies and got a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. That was not to be the end of his school life. What a change for the young boy who didn't like studying.

Now, at the age of 21, studying is the right thing to do. We very proud of him and his dedication. Saurabh wasn't exactly sure what he wanted to study, but knew it was something that would help people. After attaining his BCom Degree, he took two years to decide. He is now committed to Law. He enrolled into Law school in February 2021, and has already completed one year out of the 3 year degree. Saurabh is already thinking of what to do with his degree once he graduates.

Even though studying is taking a lot of his time, he still works part-time at a One! International school to support his family – he is the only person able to work.

He knows he got a chance to pursue his dreams and wants to give something back to the younger generations. He is a role model for the community



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List of Key Members

Board of Directors

Tania Spilchen, President/Founder

Gordon Sustrik, Legal/Secretary

Brianne 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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