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"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on My behalf is welcoming Me."

MATTHEW 18:5

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Dear As Our Own Family,

I write with the utmost gratefulness to the Lord for enabling As Our Own to stand in the gap on behalf of the most vulnerable children in India. Children whose lives are slated to be systematically destroyed by evil day in and day out. The darkness of child trafficking and slavery is one of the most heinous crimes committed against children.



When God sees a 3-year-old on the verge of being destroyed, he calls out to his people to rescue, protect and care for her. Escaping that danger is not up to the child. It's the responsibility of the people of God.

As we rescue each child from the darkness we understand that just as important is the next step of rescuing her into our family—for life. Our foundational philosophy is to care for each child as our very own. This has been the most critical part of the care—basing it on identity and not sympathy. This has created a sense of security, love and belonging for each of our daughters that enables them to live lives of great empowerment and freedom.

You can see this reflected in every hug and in each tear wiped away. You can see it in every trip to school and in each test taken, in the plays performed, the crafts created and the medals won on the sports ground. It's there when we drop off each daughter at college

and you can hear it over every long distance phone call. It's reflected in college graduations, each walk down the aisle with our daughters and when we welcome grandchildren!

The joy of caring for our daughters in Jesus' name is indescribable.

We are grateful beyond words for God's faithfulness over the past seven years since the start of the organization, and we are excited about all that he has in store for the road ahead! Each day you, as our most faithful supporters, make this possible through your prayerful generosity. Thank you for walking with us in caring for each child God puts in our care—As Our Own—for life!

Sincerely.

Ralph Borde

CFO



CHILDREN IN CRISIS

44 million children in India are vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and enslavement.



25.7M

There are 25.7 million orphans in India, the most in the world.

1.2M

There are 1.2 million child prostitutes in India.

47%

In India 47% of young children are malnourished and girls are impacted more than boys.

25%

One-quarter of the world's childhood deaths before the age of 5 happen in India.

This crisis is overwhelming, but it's even worse for girls.

Even before they're born there's a battle being waged against women. Girls in India face abortion, infanticide, neglect and rape.



The United Nations calls India "the most dangerous place in the world to be a girl."

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BORN INTO DANGER

The crisis for children is the worst in the dangerous slums and red-light districts. The slums are home to 64 million people in India. But it gets even darker in the red-light district where trafficking of minors is a \$1 billion industry in Mumbai alone.

Whether born in the slums or the redlight district, these girls face a lifetime of danger.

A GIRL IN THE HIGH-RISK SLUMS IS:

BORN A BURDEN

A daughter means pressure for parents to arrange a marriage and come up with a dowry.

One woman dies every hour in dowry related deaths in India.



DOOMED TO LIFELONG POVERTY

Children in extreme poverty are often forced to skip school in order to help provide a living for the family. This results in generational cycles or poverty and abuse.



PLAGUED BY EXTREME MALNUTRITION

Up to one-third of the world's undernourished children are Indian. Girls are more affected than boys.

LIKELY TO FACE RAPE

Sexual violence is pervasive in India, with a rape reported every 22 minutes.

POWERLESS TO KEEP HER CHILDREN FROM EXTREME POVERTY

A girl who grows up in poverty has her own children and never finds a way out. The cycle of poverty can be endless.



HEADED FOR EARLY MARRIAGE AND LIFELONG MARITAL ABUSE

Almost half (47%) of the girls in India get married before 18, often resulting in a lifetime of marital abuse.



The Light

What do we do in the face of such darkness?

God calls us to see each child in our care as our own. When we make that a reality, we shine the light of hope into the darkness.

Meet our daughters...







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We Are As Our Own



We are a Christ-based, community driven movement in India that rescues and protects children from slavery and exploitation and cares for them as our own for life.

Our work is done through...

PREVENTION

We prevent the spread of darkness in the community.

RESCUE

We rescue girls from danger, death and despair, and into a family.

AFTERCARE

We care for each girl as our own, for life.

Prevention

Abuse, exploitation and slavery cause lifelong harm. The best way to defeat these horrors is to stop them before they can start. That means prevention.

PREVENTION STARTS WITH BEING PRESENT

The crisis for children in India is darkest in the slums and red-light districts. These communities are ill equipped to halt the cycles of neglect, exploitation, abuse and enslavement.

So we have a presence in these communities, empowering people and bringing hope. We have a network of 19 Lighthouse Centers working in 97 different communities, as well as our leadership development program through Hope College.

We support these communities and families as our own, before trouble sets in.

50K

50,000 children go missing every year in India's slums

PREVENTION AT WORK







Cities*

19

Lighthouse Centers

Communities Served

9 Communities Served

2 Lighthouse Centers

CITY 3

CITY 1

- 12 Communities Served
- 1 Lighthouse Center

CITY 4

- 11 Communities Served
- **3** Lighthouse Centers

CITY 2

- **49** Communities Served
- 10 Lighthouse Centers

- 16 Communities Served
- **3** Lighthouse Centers

*Due to security risks, we cannot use actual city names.

CITY 5

LIGHTHOUSE CENTERS

Much of our prevention work in these communities happens through our Lighthouse Centers. These are churches making a difference on the ground. They offer spiritual support, physical care, education, community development, health care and more.

HOPE COLLEGE

At Hope College we develop strong local leaders, rooted in biblical truth. We train them to be community leaders in these tough places and to reach the vulnerable children in crisis.

CHANGING SOCIETY

By building up these local communities we can tackle the root of the problem. We can strengthen and support families, marriages and children long before they come to a breaking point. Our investment in leaders who invest in their community produces more leaders who can help their community—and that fosters new societal patterns free of exploitation and enslavement.









Rescue

No matter how much prevention work we do, rescue is still needed. And that rescue can happen because we're present in the midst of the darkness. We have a presence established in the red-light districts and slums through our community relationships and Lighthouse Centers. When people are in trouble they come to us because they know we can help.

EARLY RESCUE

We have to help before it's too late. If we don't intervene, these girls will be scarred for life. So we act as early as we can to protect and rescue girls who are on the very verge of enslavement.

95%

Girls born in the red-light district have a 95% chance of becoming enslaved.



RESCUED IN THE HIGH-RISK SLUMS

Through our Lighthouse Centers in the slums, we identify girls in danger of being enslaved and abused, and we step in to rescue them before they are exploited.

- A father was in the process of selling his g- and 12-year-old daughters into the sex trade when their mother came to us, desperate to protect her girls.
- >>> A father's trip to the red-light district brought AIDS into the home, killing both parents and orphaning the child. Thankfully we rescued her before predators could get to her.
- >> A baby girl was thrown in the garbage dump because she was a girl. Her grandparents rescued her, but couldn't care for her and came to a Lighthouse Center for help.









Sajala's mom is a sex slave. But there's no childcare in the sex trade. So 3-year-old Sajala slept on the floor under the bed while her mom worked.

That's the harsh reality in the red-light district. Even worse, it's almost certain that Sajala would follow in her mother's footsteps.

When we discovered this desperate situation, we swung into action, worked hard to rescue Sajala and welcomed her into our family!

Today she's thriving. She's at the top of her class in school. It's a life she would never have known if she stayed in the brothel.

65%

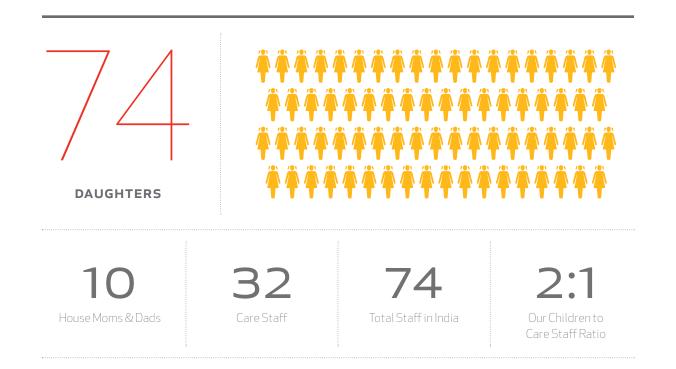
Most of our daughters — 65% — were rescued by age 6 or younger.



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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The As Our Own approach changes everything. Seeing these girls as our daughters instead of orphans is at the core of who we are. From staffing to education, we want the best for our girls. It also changes how the girls see themselves. They're confident, optimistic and full of joy.



FAMILY SNAPSHOTS

As a family we're always learning—house moms teaching daughters to cook and older sisters reading stories to younger ones.











HOUSE MOM

Daughters learn so much from their mothers, and Bela Tai is one of our house moms with a mother's influence. She's been with us since the beginning, lives 24/7 with the girls and teaches them everything a mother would, from manners and responsibility to how to be good citizens, wives and mothers.



OUR DAUGHTER PRIYAL, NOW A WIFE AND MOTHER OF TWO GIRLS

























Sammy Dada

HOUSE DAD

Sammy Dada is our family's academic coordinator and serves as the primary house dad. While house dads don't live at the home with the girls, Sammy organizes academics, and extracurricular activities during the day. His heart for the girls is evident. They call Sammy father and he truly lives up to the title.



Drawing henna tattoos, known as mehndi, is popular among Indian girls. Our daughters draw mehndi on each other and older sisters teach the younger ones.

EDUCATION

Education today unlocks possibilities for our daughters tomorrow. Education is one of the most critical tools in redefining their futures. So we're there to help them with tutors, study times and homework.









helping me become a nurse." ALISHA, AGE 21



Our Daughter Mita

She's 17 and ranked #3 out of 35,000 students. She's the #1 female student in the state in her program.

Mature, shy, driven and prayerful—these are the words that come to mind when we think of our daughter Mita. She has a true gift of wise counsel and encouragement. She always looks to make the best of the resources at hand. One exception is that she does prefer nice clothes—she is our most fashion conscious daughter.

She wants to become a software engineer and is currently working hard to pursue that dream. She eventually wants to get a master's degree in computer science and use her salary and position to take care of her younger sisters back home.

Mita's ambition is closely tied with her heart's desire to give back. We could not be more proud.

"I am very excited that my good grades are making my dream of becoming an engineer a reality."





Our Daughter Punita

She's 10 and our Math Olympiad champion. She placed in the top 1% in her school.

Punita is our strong, quiet leader. She's merciful and full of grace, a leader by example. She's humble in her leadership, not seeking the spotlight but giving others

She's always been strong in school and hates to miss a day. She really wants to do well in school. She hasn't decided what she wants to be when she grows up, but talks about being a nurse or a flight attendant. Recently she's been serving as a Marathi-English interpreter, something she started voluntarily.

Punita loves to dance, sing and play the guitar and keyboard. She used to be a reluctant performer, but she's gained confidence as she watches her sisters and practices all day before a performance.

Punita is maturing into a strong woman of integrity and we are so thrilled to be her family and support her along the way.

"I think I did well because I asked God for his help."

GIFTS & TALENTS

It's a great joy to watch our daughters discover their creativity. Our daughters enjoy singing, dancing, sports, music and art. These are opportunities to build leadership and critical thinking capacity for years to come.













FOR LIFE

You may have heard of kids aging out of orphanages, but we do this for life. That's what family means. We protect and guide these girls into adulthood and beyond. Our college-aged daughters come home for Christmas break. We have five adult daughters who are married. Three have children of their own—our grandchildren!







House dad Sammy Dada helps Prina get settled in her college dorm for freshman year.

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Daughters in College
That includes one doing
graduate work.

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Married Daughters
That means we've also
welcomed five wonderful
son-in-laws to the family.

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Grandkids!
When the grandkids visit
our daughters revel in their
role as aunts

"Every day I feel truly blessed to have my two daughters. I love the way they come to me for all their needs, both big and small! I thank God for the privilege of being their mother." PRIYAL, AGE 24





BIG DREAMS

WHAT OUR COLLEGE DAUGHTERS ARE STUDYING





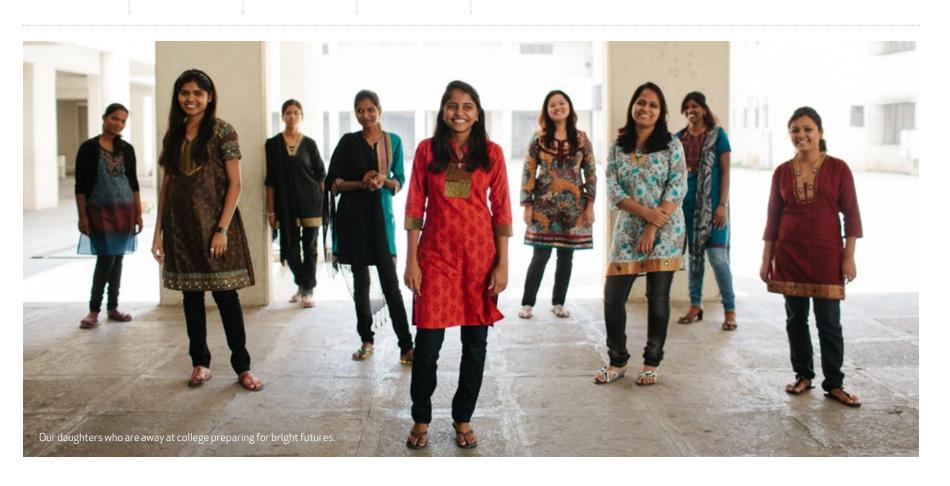


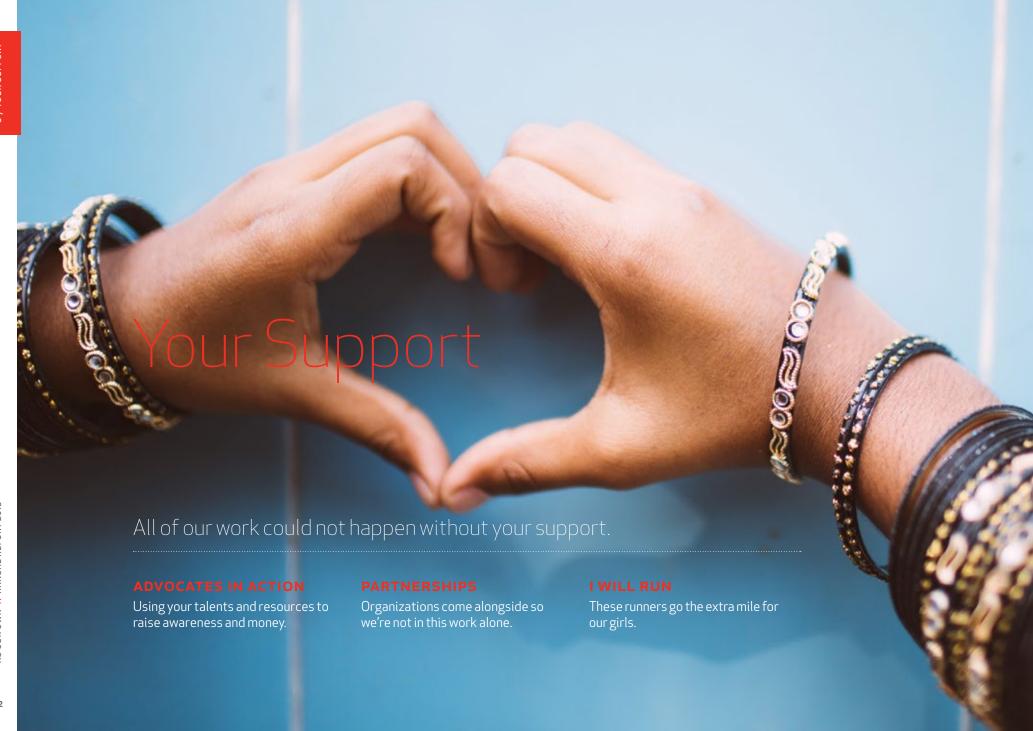
Education



Engineering

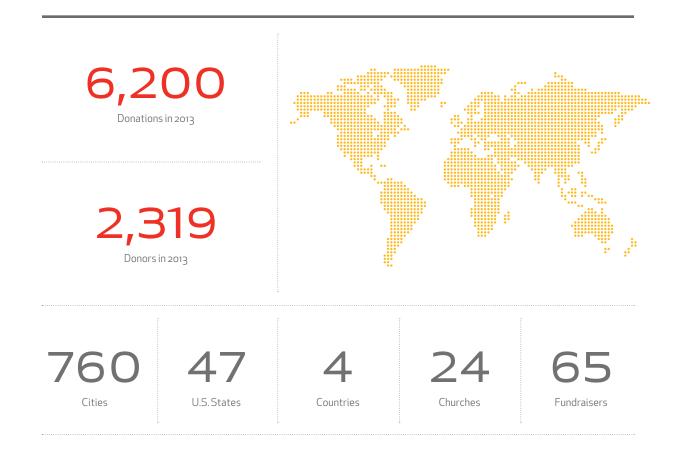
"I'm so thankful I get to study at one of the best seminaries in India!" PRINA, AGE 18





Because of the ongoing care and generous support from our partners and advocates around the world, our daughters in India are living vibrant lives. It's incredible! This extended family has donated money, run races, hosted art auctions, shared book proceeds, given up wedding presents and more.

Thank you hardly covers it. We love our supporters!



ADVOCATE IN ACTION FUNDRAISERS

Our partnership with you is the strongest force of advocacy for our daughters in India. You made a big impact this year—using your talents and resources to raise awareness and money.



Alex & Mollie



Jeff



Zeta Chi Sorority



Jessica



Ellery



Chance & Megan







Held a campus coffeehouse event



Organized a sand volleyball tournament



Gave up her 7th birthday



Gave up Christmas presents

RAISED \$9,321

Gave up

wedding gifts

RAISED \$1,594

Broke national

swimming record

RAISED \$2,949

RAISED \$3,205

RAISED \$155

RAISED \$1,650

PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to individuals and families who join with ours, we also receive support from organizational partners. These organizations rally support, make donations and raise awareness.

"After we step out in faith, God has always provided for our staff and facility budgets. He blesses our commitment to the poor, the hungry, the orphaned and the enslaved." BLACKHAWK MINISTRIES

Gifts That Go

Blackhawk Ministries hosts Gifts That Go each Christmas season to help the "least of these" around the world. In 2013 Blackhawk dedicated the campaign to As Our Own. More than \$200,000 was collected during the four-week campaign.

Mission 1:8

Houston's First Baptist Church seeks to serve others, share the gospel and expand God's kingdom with their Mission 1:8 campaign. In 2013 they selected As Our Own to be a part of Mission 1:8 and gave a significant donation to support our family.

Nautique Boats

While education and donations are a lifeline for our work, it's not the only support we receive. Correct Craft (maker of Nautique Boats) CEO Bill Yeargin helped us on the business side with strategic planning. He helped us look long term and develop our 5-year plan, strengthening our work for the future.

I WILL RUN

I Will Run invites our supporters to run for our daughters. Each runner commits to a \$750 fundraising goal and joins a team in select cities or starts their own.

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RAISED

322

Runners

26

Cities

"Everyone got behind me and I far exceeded my goal by raising \$2,000 for girls in India! It felt amazing crossing the finish line knowing I met both my physical and fundraising goals." SHARON















These runners pound the pavement for our daughters, putting in hours training and fundraising. Our girls inspire them and their commitment inspires us. It's the kind of support you get from family. And it's changing lives!















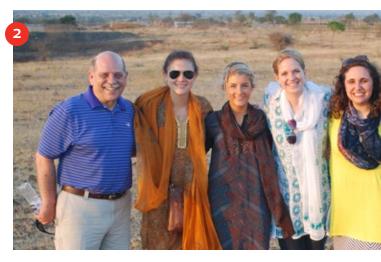
SEVEN YEARS OF YOUR SUPPORT

Our family has been blessed and encouraged by your faithful support over the past seven years. We can't fully express our thankfulness to our partners and advocates who enable us to care for each child as our own.

"It is a joy for Moody Church to partner with As Our Own in the Lord's work and for me to recommend Ralph to you as a man with an exceptional sense of vision, a commitment to excellence in all areas of service, and a humility born of many years of walking faithfully with and dependently on the Lord."

DR. ERWIN LUTZER, SENIOR PASTOR, THE MOODY CHURCH, CHICAGO

















"As a photographer, I'm always looking to creatively tell people's redemptive stories. This was the perfect way for me to use my talent and make an impact on the girls' futures in India."

ANDY BROPHY, ONENINE IMAGES

1 PASSION

The Passion worship conference has an on-going partnership with us, including raising money with their focus on justice and even visiting us in India.

2 VISITING TEAMS IN INDIA

Multiple mission trips and visiting teams have come to India and blessed both our staff and daughters through their valuable lessons and time together.

3 JOANNE & TABLE LIFE

Joanne wrote the book Table Life: Savoring the Hospitality of Jesus in Your Home and donates a portion of her book sales.

4 WHERE SHE WALKS ART AUCTION

Andy and Stuart hosted an art auction called Where She Walks to raise awareness and money for the crisis children face in India

5 RALPH SPEAKING AT THE MOODY CHURCH

Our CEO Ralph Borde was the featured speaker at the 2012 annual Missions Conference at the historic Moody Church in Chicago.

6 THE REDEMPTION PROJECT

The Moody Church in Chicago chose As Our Own for their annual Redemption Project—a special churchwide focus to highlight and raise money for a cause during Easter.

7 THE SHALOM PROJECT

Breakaway Ministries at Texas A&M University wanted to put their passion into action. Students were challenged to give sacrificially to change lives through As Our Own.

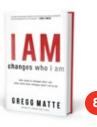
B PASTOR GREGG MATTE № I AM CHANGES WHO I AM

Pastor Gregg is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Houston and wrote the book IAM changes who i am. He featured a story about one of our daughters and dedicated a portion of the book's sales to our work.







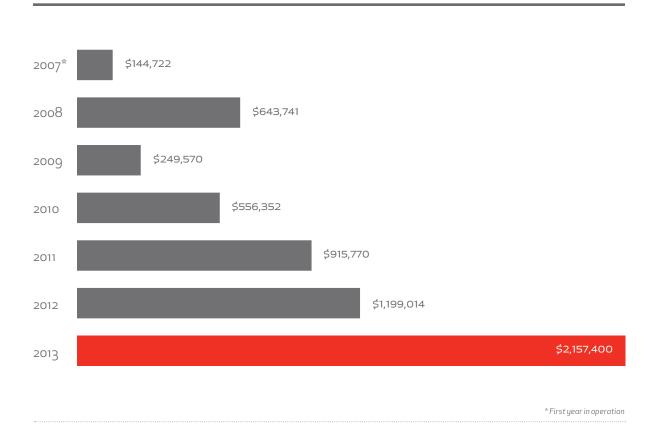




FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our support continued to grow in 2013. As a result, we made big progress in the development of our care model while striving to increase the level of care we provide our daughters.

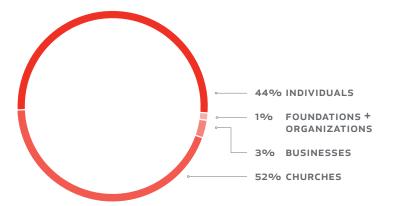
TOTAL REVENUE BY YEAR



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

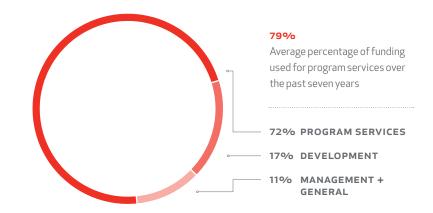
Support Profile

Our support contacts continued to grow in 2013. Here's the breakdown of our donor base:



Organizational Efficiency

We desire to be wise stewards of the funds entrusted to us by our supporters. Here's the breakdown of our funding efficiency in 2013:



PROGRAM SERVICE PROFILE

In 2013 we invested \$880,544 of donations to our program services in India. This includes everything our daughters need for daily life as well as investing in India's community leaders. Here's the breakdown of our investment:



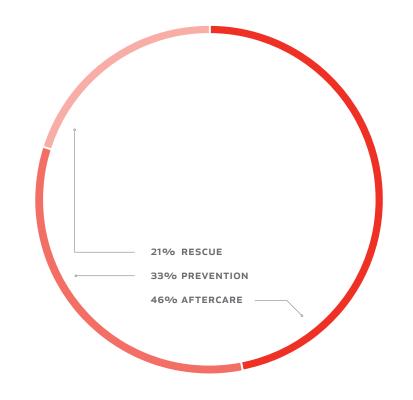
PROGRAM SERVICES INVESTMENT

\$180,756 \$290,220 \$409,568

Rescue

Prevention

Aftercare



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The fiscal year for As Our Own at September 30, 2013, with comparative figures at September 30, 2012.

	AUDITED			REVIEWED
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2013	2012
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	•			
Unrestricted	\$827,199	\$512,941	\$1,340,140	\$552,341
Restricted by Board Designation	150,000		150,000	
Inventory	2,781		2,781	3,960
Other Assets	7,876		7,876	
Property and Equipment, Net	36,758		36,758	23,732
Total Assets	1,024,614	512,941	1,537,555	580,033
Liabilities				
Credit Card Payable	17,860		17,860	2,529
Total Liabilities	\$17,860		\$17,860	\$2,529
Net Assets				
Unrestricted	1,006,754		1,006,754	382,542
Temporarily Restricted		512,941	512,941	194,962
Total Net Assets	1,006,754	512,941	1,519,695	577,504
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,024,614	\$512,941	\$1,537,555	\$580,033

Financial statements were audited by Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams, Ltd.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The fiscal year for As Our Own ended September 30, 2013, with summarized comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2012.

	AUDITED			REVIEWED
	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2013	2012
Revenue & Support				
Rescue		\$36,141	\$36,141	\$59,919
Aftercare		112,996	112,996	59,979
Prevention		65,679	65,679	133,284
Children's Care Campus		570,000	570,000	106,000
Contributions	1,366,014		1,366,014	822,505
Merchandising	5,968		5,968	10,311
Non-Cash Contributions				6,960
Investment Income	602		602	56
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	466,837	(466,837)		
Total Revenue & Support	1,839,421	317,979	2,157,400	1,199,014
Expenses				
Program	880,544		880,544	\$650,884
Management & General	131,822		131,822	92,059
Development	202,843		202,843	136,915
Total Expenses	1,215,209		1,215,209	879,858
Change in Assets	624,212	317,979	942,191	319,156
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	382,542	194,962	577,504	258,348
Total Assets at End of Year	\$1,006,754	\$512,941	\$1,519,695	\$577,504

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ENDORSEMENTS

Ralph Borde

CEO & Founder

Leila Durchholz

Songwriter & Entrepreneur

Rev. Curtis Jones

Senior Pastor Bayou City Fellowship

Amanda Jones

Pastor's Wife Bayou City Fellowship

Leigh Kohler

Bible Study Teacher

Rev. Steve Mason

Pastor of Equipping Ministries The Moody Church

Suzanne Mazur

Author & Lead Teacher Life in Christ Discipleship

Jeff Ostermann

Director of Business Optimization Sweetwater Sound

"The vision Ralph Borde and his team at As Our Own have for their children is groundbreaking, courageous and inspiring. For the past two years I have helped them with strategic planning, and their focus on excellence—in the care of their children and in their management of their organization—is exemplary. Then, after traveling to India and seeing their work firsthand, I have become even more appreciative of the role As Our Own is playing in the lives of the girls in their care; I am thrilled for Correct Craft and our subsidiary companies, Nautique Boats and Aktion Parks, to partner with them in this endeavor!" BILL YEARGIN, CEO, CORRECT CRAFT, ORLANDO

"God has given Ralph Borde and As Our Own a compelling vision to equip and engage the church in India to rescue vulnerable and orphan children, calling us to care for them as our very own daughters. Their strategy to engage the church and Christian leaders in India and the U.S. has created a culture of strong and effective kingdom partnership. The result is very high and excellent holistic care for the children. I am excited that we as a congregation get to be a part of this work!"

"The opportunity As Our Own gives us to care for the least in the world at the highest level has captured our hearts at Second Baptist. We are especially excited to invest in the girls for a lifetime so they can be everything God intended them to be. I've had the privilege of spending time with the As Our Own daughters several times over the past few years. And each year, our teams have seen firsthand how God is at work through this Christ-centered ministry. The transformation that is unfolding in these girls through As Our Own's care is inspiring, and we are excited to be part of it!" SAM GLASS, MISSIONS PASTOR, SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, HOUSTON





Caring for Vulnerable Children As Our Own.

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