

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

## **GRATITUDE** REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020



Thank you for making a difference for at-risk youth in our community!



## Local Children in Crisis

Every day, thousands of children throughout southeastern Michigan go hungry, struggle to complete their homework, don't have the school supplies they need and are disconnected from God and the community.

God has called us to serve Him.

Our mission is to meet needs and share the love of Christ with at-risk children in Southeast Michigan. We accomplish this by connecting children with churches and community organizations, and giving gifts.



### 2019-2020 Fiscal Year at a Glance



\$206,378

**DOLLARS RAISED** 



4,388

NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED



18,145

CHRISTMAS GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

## Our Programs

In 2019-2020 we reached more children than ever before through our many programs including

- Individualized tutoring/mentoring
- Spring bags and hygiene kits
- Summer bible camps
- Overnight camp scholarships
- Field trips
- Transportation to sports camps
- Connecting kids to Christ (CKC) Center
- Prayer Partners for Children
- School Aid and School Supplies
- School Uniforms
- Shoes 2 Success
- Christmas Outreach Program





# Our Strategy

Our programs are designed to connect the children we serve with their local churches and God. We support events and pickups at churches whenever we can.





#### CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

We have provided gifts to more than 72,000 children in our community since 1988. We praise God for giving us this connection with the children and that He has included us in His plan.



#### SCHOOL AID

We are proud to support children in need with the uniforms, school supplies and shoes that they need to be successful.



# CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST

We connect kids to Christ year round through our tutoring program, our Easter and Spring baskets, our hygiene kits and our summer bible camp.

## Recipient Highlight



Deborah is the grandmother and guardian of 3 children.

Her daughter died while giving birth to the youngest child. She has worked hard to provide for them in every way she can.

They connected with East Bethlehem through summer bible camps in 2014. God called a friend of hers at Bethany Lutheran to introduce her to our organization, Gifts For All God's Children.

Deborah had polio when she was younger and struggles from the physical limitations polio has caused for her.

Her brother and sister live with her and help her raise the children.

She brings the entire family to Sunday School and prior to COVID-19, they attended church at least once a month.

Deborah knows the importance of living for Christ and she wants her family to know and live for Christ too.

Deborah is an amazing advocate for our organization and East Bethlehem, overall. She has connected 6 other family members (mostly nieces & their families) to our CKC center.

Most of those children attend all of our camps and other events throughout the year.

The Lord has called us to provide for them and we are honored to be a part of his mission and able to provide them with tutoring, Christmas gifts, backpacks, Easter baskets and other items thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters.

Deborah has always been the connection and shows deep gratitude and thanksgiving for all of these blessings of support.

## Our Impact

3,629

Children received Christmas gifts across 61 sites 759

Children received spring bags

77

Children from 3 sites received shoes

193

Children at 5 sites received school uniforms

1,219

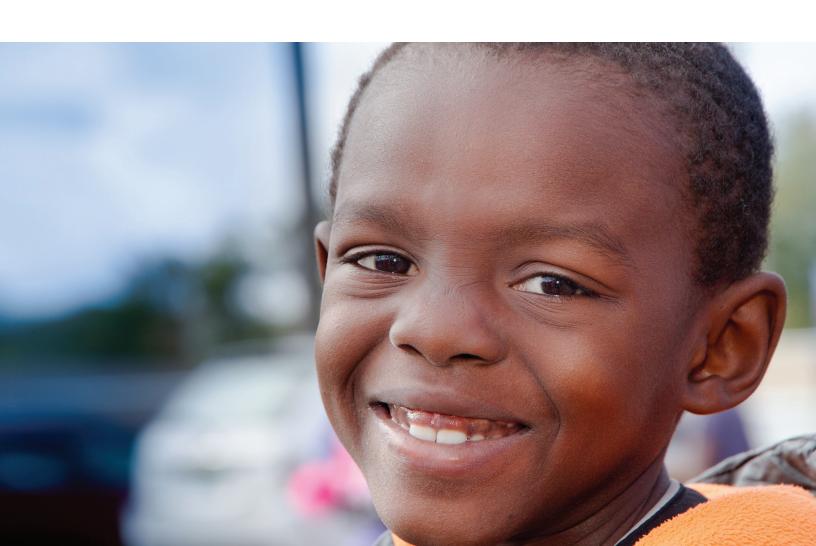
Children from 22 sites received backpacks and school supplies 246

Children attended 4 weeks of summer bible camps 230

Children attended a summer field trip

30

Children received quality tutoring time



# Greetings from everyone at GFAGC! We hope you and your family are doing well and continue to do so.

The year 2020 has been one of challenge for many of us. Adapting has become a way of life and change is ever present. Some have thrived; others have not. Imagine if your entire life had been that way and the pandemic only served to magnify the challenges. "Going without" is, and has been, a way of life for the children and families served by GFAGC. It is only now that the deeper social, economic, health and environmental impacts have become more acute and more obvious. We hope in the pages of this report, you see that we are a caring and nimble organization that finds ways to respond to the need we see around us. We are not limited to a rigid format that limits our ability to serve and demonstrate the love of our Savior.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

The time spanning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 was a record year for GFAGC. The milestones we celebrate are:

- The baptism of 25 children at East Bethlehem into the family of God. These baptisms were the culmination of years of working with EB through Sunday School, Summer Camps and the CKC tutoring program.
- Several Detroit churches have requested the opportunity to replicate the GFAGC model to strengthen and grow their children's ministries and programs. Meetings and collaboration have been in process (even through the pandemic) to customize this according to their needs. We see much hope and opportunity in these efforts. Our vision is to build on the model so these churches can follow it and revive connections to the children and families to God.
- There has also been collaboration with the Michigan District LCMS to replicate the GFAGC model to churches and organizations outside of the Detroit area. We are committed to building a model for others to follow to revive connections to Christ and to grow His Kingdom.
- The CKC tutoring year was extended through Summer Camp and many children were provided with technology devices, backpacks and school supplies, uniforms, shoes and blessings and prayers to keep them safe and well throughout the school year.
- Virtual tutoring planning and preparation to be implemented in the next school/fiscal year.

The ability to achieve milestones and to meet challenges would not be possible without you, our donors, supporters, and volunteers. We know our needs will continue to be great and we pray for your continued partnership and prayers. Together, we will connect even more children and families to Christ.

## **Financial Statements**

as of 6/30/2020

#### **ASSETS**

\$182,639
\$123
\$26,278
\$101,817
\$54,421

#### **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Total net assets or fund balances	\$180,142
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$10,111
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$170,031
Total Liabilities	\$2,497
Deferred revenue	\$1,765
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$732

## **Statement of Operations**

Fiscal year 7/01/2019 - 6/30/2020

#### **REVENUE**

Total Revenue	\$610,855
Interest income	\$957
Program service revenue	\$705
In kind contributions	\$404, 477
Fundraising, contributions and grants	\$204,716

#### **EXPENSES**

Total Expenses	\$555,809
Fundraising	\$8,818
Management and general	\$26,601
Program services	\$520,390



## Christmas in July 2019 Sponsors

Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. We appreciate the support of our largest fundraiser of the year, our Christmas in July program. Our 2019 Christmas in July Sponsors included:

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Automation & Modular Components

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#### **FRIENDS**

**Huntington Ford** 

Verna Besancon

Can you imagine yourself, your kids, your grandkids, nieces or nephews waking up on Christmas morning without any gifts? Since we were founded in 1988 we have provided more than 72,486 children with Christmas gifts.



## 2019 Christmas Supporters

Thank you to our generous 2019 Christmas supporters:

#### **CHURCHES**

Ascension Lutheran, Beverly Hills

Crown of Life, Rochester Hills

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia

**Epic, Shelby Charter Township** 

Faith Lutheran, Troy

Hope Lutheran, Warren

Living Word, Oxford

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham

Rochester Christian, Rochester

St. John Lutheran, Rochester

St. Paul Lutheran, Northville

St. Peter Lutheran, Macomb

Trinity Lutheran, Utica

Waypoint Church, Clarkston

#### **SCHOOLS**

Lutheran High School Northwest,

Rochester Hills

St. John Lutheran, Rochester

St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

#### KIDS 4 KIDS

Musson Elementary, Rochester Hills

# BUSINESS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**Block Advisors** 

**Bordine Nursery** 

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Eugenia's

Fiat Chrysler Automotive

Millennium Insurance Agency

Great Lakes Ace Hardware

Hearing Consultants SE MI

Legacy Consultants, Livonia

Lindsay Goebel State Farm Insurance

Meijer, Rochester Hills

Pediatric Healthcare Associates

**Retired Utica Bus Drivers** 

Rochester Kiwanis Club

Shelby Township Optimist Club

The Paslin Company

Thrivent Financial

Beyond Christmas, several organizations went above and beyond to support our programming for at risk youth, including:

**Eagles for Children** 

- The Wyndgate Country Club
- Red Run Golf Club
- Oakland Hills Country Club

Faith Lutheran, Troy

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation

St. John Lutheran, Rochester

