



**HOPE STATION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2020**

# A NOTE FROM OUR *founder + director*

My dear Hope Station family,

2020 will go down in history for many reasons. In January, the local orphanages closed their doors due to COVID-19 hitting China. We had no idea we were at the beginning of a worldwide pandemic.

But the Lord has been so incredibly faithful. I think back to November 2019, when we began for the first time to serve families with children who have special needs. God knew that we would need new and creative ways to serve vulnerable children in 2020.

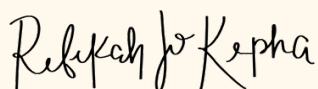
Thanks to His goodness and the generosity of our donors, local children with special needs are growing up in their families instead of the orphanage. These families came to us feeling hopeless and alone, but now they have the encouragement and resources they need to keep their child and have hope for the future. What an amazing turn of events!

I wish you could see the tears of relief that roll down a mother's cheeks, or the smile that lights up a father's face, when we tell a family we will help their child get the help she desperately needs. I wish you could watch a teenager get his first birthday cake ever, or a toddler take her first steps at therapy. I'll never forget these sweet moments that 2020 brought.

We continue to press on with the work of caring for vulnerable families, even as we continue to pray for open doors at the orphanage. Whether alone or in families, we believe our great and caring Father holds each of these children's lives in His hands. And what capable hands they are! There is no One better to ensure their safety, their health, and their futures.

Thank you for linking arms with us this past monumental year. We are so very grateful for your faithful support and concern.

With love,



Rebekah Kepha  
Founder + Director





# OUR MISSION

Hope Station serves children who are orphaned or disabled in Asia by raising up champions and caregivers who are motivated by love and equipped to care for their unique needs.



# 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

**75**

CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES SUPPORTED FROM A DISTANCE THROUGH SUPPLIES, VIDEO CALLS, AND PRAYERS

**9**

FAMILIES SUPPORTED ENROLLED IN OUR FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM

**500**

HOURS OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES THROUGH THERAPY, HOME VISITS, TRAINING, AND ENCOURAGEMENT

**9**

TRAINING AND COUNSELING SESSIONS PROVIDED FOR CAREGIVERS AND PARENTS

**30**

HOME VISITS TO FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

**19**

VOLUNTEERS AND EXPERTS PROVIDED SUPPORT AND TRAINING TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**28**

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES, SUCH AS VIDEO CALLS AND CARE PACKAGES

**4**

WEBINARS HOSTED TO TRAIN PARENTS AND FAMILIES



# AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR

## JANUARY

COVID-19 comes to Sichuan Province.  
Local orphanages close their doors to visitors.

## FEBRUARY

Staff work from home.  
Hope Station hosts a webinar series on parenting and special needs for local parents and professionals.

## JUNE

Hope Station starts partnering with local therapy centers to provide therapy for children with special needs.

## AUGUST

Founder Rebekah Kepha moves to the USA after 6 years in China. She remains on staff as advisor and fundraiser, while Margarete Zhang leads the local staff team in China.

## OCTOBER

Counseling provided to orphanage caregivers to address traumatic year

## NOVEMBER

Local families invited to participate in first ever Family Activity Day

## DECEMBER

Second wave of COVID-19 further restricts programs and staff activities.



## LONGLONG'S STORY

LongLong got his first birthday cake and first birthday party ever when he turned 14 this year! All thanks to his sponsors and his family's participation in our Family Strengthening Program. LongLong is growing up in the countryside with his grandma, and they are receiving more support and resources than ever before.





# FAMILY STRENGTHENING

We walk alongside families as they raise their special needs children at home by providing resources, relational support, and training. We believe that supporting families in need is the answer to seeing a China without orphans!



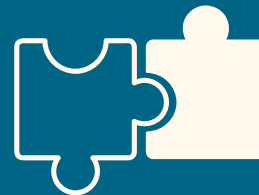
# 1 ON 1 VOLUNTEERS

Children in orphanages are unable to get the amount of quality attention that they deserve. Through Hope Station's 1-on-1 Volunteer Program, over 50 children have been impacted for good. These children are growing up feeling loved, valued, and known. (Visits limited in 2020 due to COVID-19)



# CAREGIVER TRAINING

Child to caregiver ratios are often as high as 40:1 in orphanages. Caregivers are overworked and lack support. We provide professional training and support to these caregivers, so they can give their children the care they deserve.



# THERAPY

The majority of children with special needs have limited or no access to professional therapy. Through our Therapy Program, children in orphanages and in families receive therapy uniquely designed for their needs. Each victory brings them closer to a thriving, independent life.





# JIAWANG'S STORY

JiaWang's family joined our program in desperate need of therapy for their daughter with Cerebral Palsy. She has been getting physical therapy every day since then. Her family shared, "JiaWang has been improving well physically, her weight has gone up significantly, and she smiles a lot more. From the bottom of our hearts, we are truly happy!"

# THANK YOU!

The generosity of our faithful donors, sponsors, partners and supporters, has provided life-changing support to children with special needs and their families.

## **Foundations**

Amity  
CRDF

## **Church Sponsors**

Chengdu Int'l Christian Fellowship  
The Mills Church

## **Govt Partners**

Deyang Welfare Center  
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**More than 19 volunteers worldwide**

**Over 115 Individual donors**  
from 6 countries

## **Corporate Sponsors**

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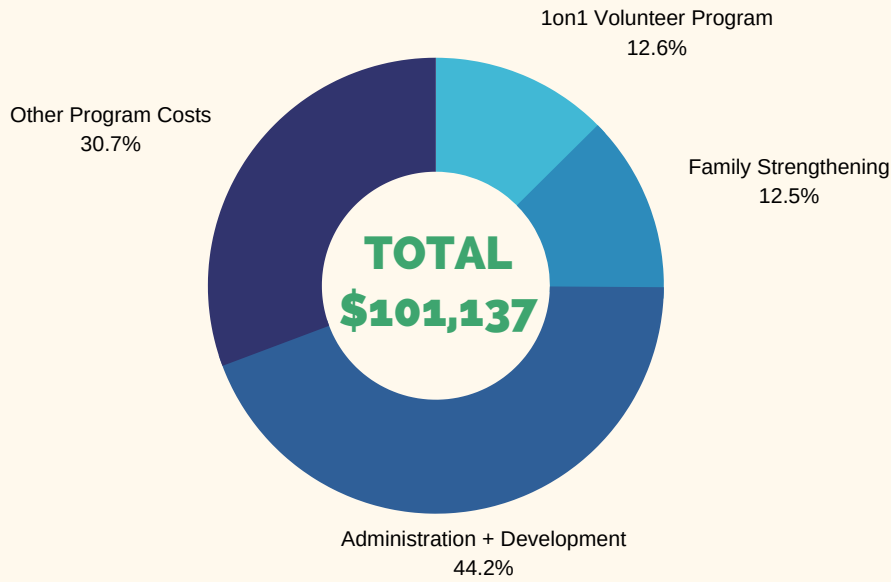
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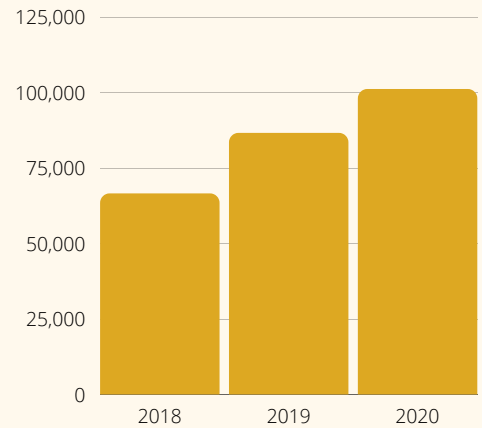
# EXPENSES

We use our financial resources very intentionally. Everything about this year was unexpected, but we are proud of the fact that we were able to find creative ways to support children and families throughout the year, while also taking special care of our own staff and partners. For this reason, our administrative costs were higher and program costs were lower. All things considered, every dollar went towards furthering our mission.

Here's how your donation gave hope to vulnerable children and families in China in 2020:

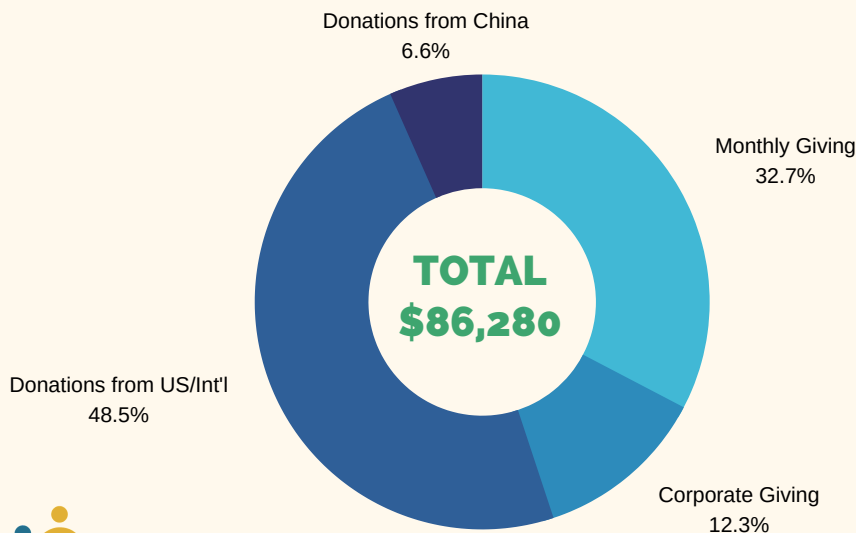


## Expenses in Recent Years

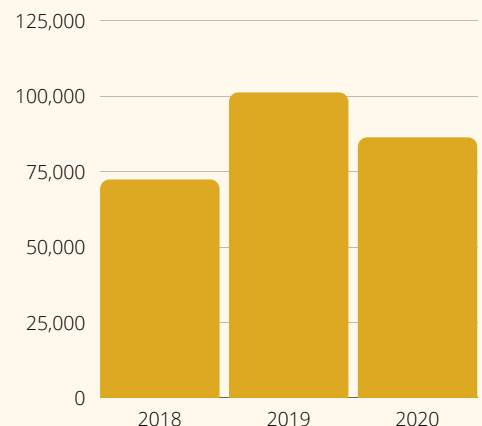


# DONATIONS

None of this would be possible without the faithful support of our donor family. Not surprisingly, this year we saw a decline in giving. We are that much more grateful for those that did continue to give and those who gave for the very first time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your gifts are hard at work changing lives and healing hearts and homes.



## Donations in Recent Years





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