



# HOPE STATION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# A NOTE FROM OUR *founder + director*

As I reflect back on 2021, what stands out to me the most are the stories and testimonies of the families we serve. I remember many mornings, checking my phone for messages from our staff team in China, seeing news of a new family joining our program.

Each family's story is incredibly moving. One father takes care of his daughter with epilepsy while also caring for his wife who struggles with mental illness. A grandmother lives on a farm raising her grandson who has Cerebral Palsy. A single mother cares for her young son who has a degenerative disease and will most likely die before she does.

These families show great courage when they come to us for help. Their children face social stigmas, discrimination in school, unsupportive extended family members, and an unwelcoming world. But still, these parents work up the courage to do whatever it takes to help their child thrive.

There are not enough words to express how your generosity has changed their lives. Children who came to us with extreme needs receive daily or weekly therapy. Parents are encouraged by our staff and educated by local special needs experts. The support these families receive impacts the trajectory of their lives forever.

Their stories inspire us to keep going every day: "LongLong's best friends are the Hope Station staff. So every time they come visit him, he's so happy! We're really so grateful!" (I'm not crying, you're crying!)

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your support in 2021. Hand in hand with you, we will keep striving to extend our heavenly Father's undying hope to every child in need.

With love,

*Rebekah Jo Kepha*

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.





## FAMILY STRENGTHENING

In 2021, we walked with more than 15 families who are raising children with special needs. These families received regular home visits, therapy, encouragement, and training. We believe that supporting families in need is the answer to seeing a China without orphans!

## THERAPY

The majority of children with special needs in China have limited or no access to professional therapy. Children in our Family Strengthening Program are almost all enrolled in a local therapy center, and it is life-changing for the whole family. In 2021, we added our first on-staff therapist to the team. She provided one on one therapy to children in orphanages and children in families who couldn't join a local therapy center.

## 1 ON 1 VOLUNTEERS

Children in orphanages are unable to get the amount of quality attention and care that they need. Historically, we brought volunteers to local orphanages every week. But the pandemic has limited our access. While in person visits were few in 2021, we made every effort to let the children know we still love them by video calling and sending gifts and packages by mail.

## CAREGIVER TRAINING

Orphanage caregivers are overworked and lack support. This year, we were able to provide a few professional training sessions to these caregivers, so they can give their children the care they deserve. Though the number of sessions was limited by the pandemic, we know that every lesson has exponential effects on the children these caregivers care for.



# OUR PROGRAMS





# A NECESSARY SHIFT

2021 was yet another year of closed orphanage doors. It breaks our hearts knowing that the children in local orphanages are not getting the love and care that they need due to a lack of staff and resources. We do not know how long this will be the reality.

We want to see a world without orphans. That means no more orphanages! That means we have to prevent children from becoming orphans altogether. And how do we do that? By supporting families in need. And by discontinuing the well-intentioned yet harmful activities that keep orphanages going.

We also recognize that there are still hurting children in orphanages that need help. So whatever 2022 brings, we will do our best to reach them creatively and lovingly.

Starting in 2022, our programs will be consolidated into two primary programs:

**FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM**

**ORPHANAGE SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Thank you for standing with us in this ever-changing world!



# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



**17**

FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORTED THROUGH VISITS, THERAPY, EDUCATION AND MORE

**10**

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS RECEIVED DIRECT THERAPY SERVICES

**74**

CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES SUPPORTED THROUGH VISITS, VIDEO CALLS, GIFTS MAILED, SUPPLIES DONATED, PRAYERS

**10**

TRIPS MADE TO LOCAL ORPHANAGES TO SERVE BOTH CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS

**130**

HOME VISITS MADE TO FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**5**

ORPHANAGE CAREGIVERS RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

**23**

ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND VIDEOS PUBLISHED TO RAISE LOCAL AWARENESS ABOUT SPECIAL NEEDS

**5**

FAMILY STRENGTHENING ACTIVITY DAYS HOSTED TO FOSTER COMMUNITY + HOPE







# HENGHENG's STORY

HengHeng's mama was in tears the day she walked into our office with her son. She was exhausted and alone in raising her young son with autism. Now, HengHeng has been getting physical therapy every day, and his family receives monthly home visits from our staff. His family wrote recently, "Our HengHeng is growing up and making great progress! This makes us really 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.

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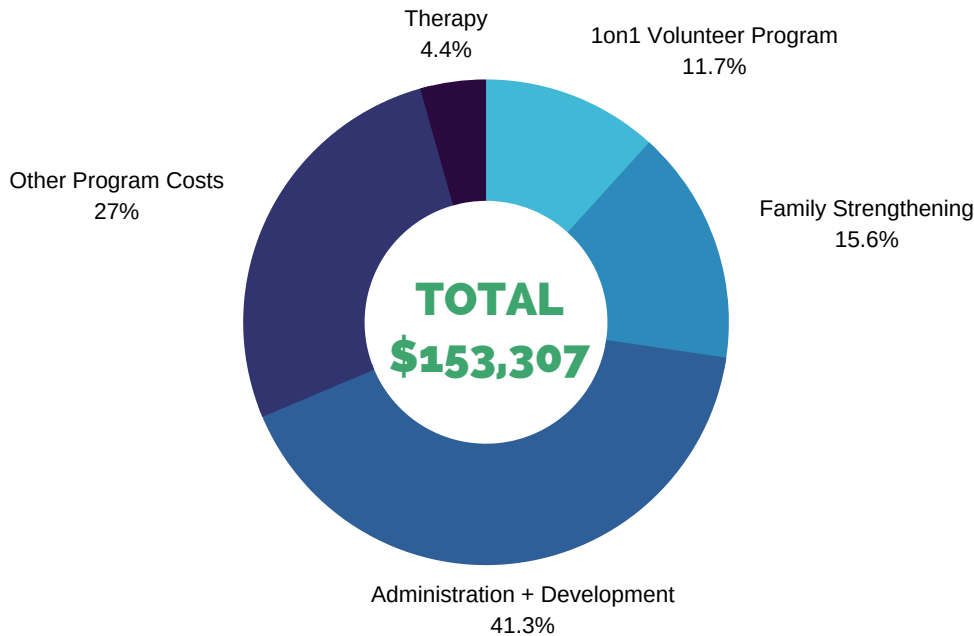
**11 volunteers from around the world**



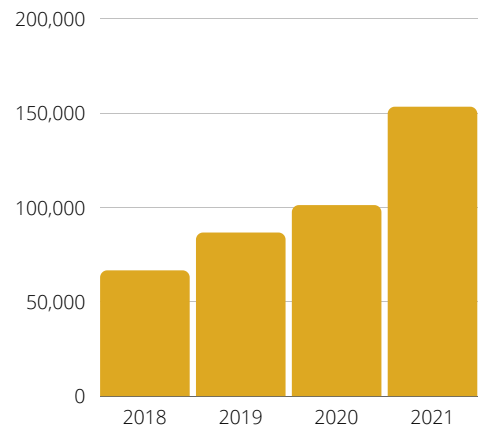
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We use our financial resources very intentionally. Many factors go into how each expense category is calculated below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Here's how your donation gave hope to vulnerable children and families in China in 2021:

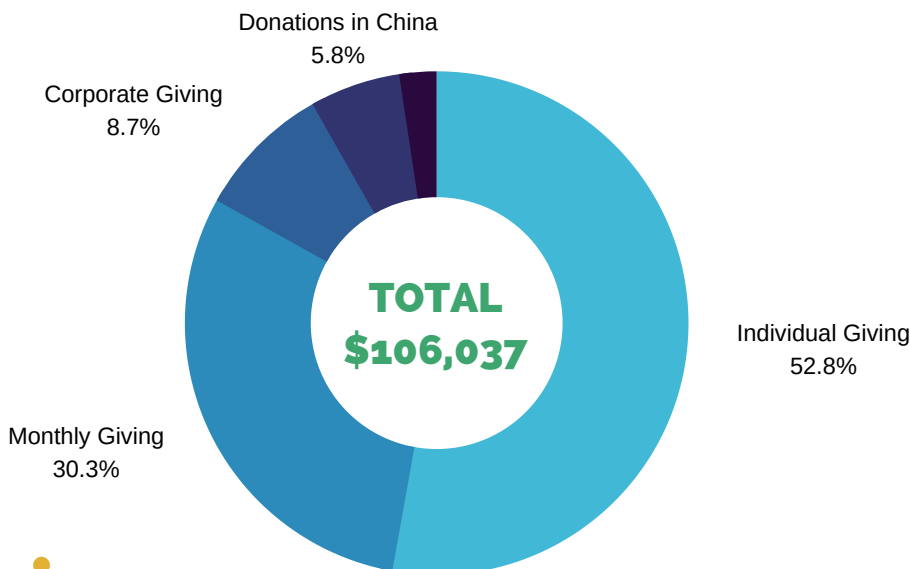


**Expenses in Recent Years**

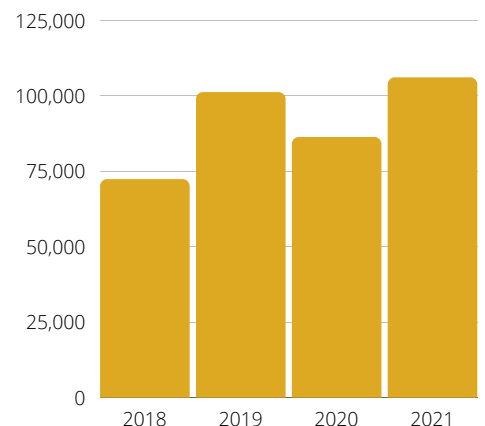


# INCOME

None of this important work would be possible without the faithful support of our donor family. We are incredibly grateful for those that have chosen to give over the past two years. 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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