



# Two Decades. One Heart.

*Celebrating 20 Years  
of Heart for Orphans.*

Heart  for Orphans

2023 IMPACT REPORT





### OUR MISSION

Transforming lives of orphans through the love of God and family.



### OUR VISION

A world where every orphan is loved and impacts the world for Christ.





# From humble beginnings...

It's with great joy and gratitude that Heart for Orphans is celebrating 20 years as an organization! From the start, founder Nancy and her husband Steve felt a strong pull from the Lord to provide a home for orphans where they could be loved and see a healthy family modeled. With little money, only a few volunteers, and abundant prayer, Heart for Orphans eventually opened its first Transition House in Ukraine after five years of hard work. Over the past two decades, we've had fifteen homes in six countries! Currently, we have 17 staff members, 25 loyal volunteers, and 900+ generous donors! We've served 283 orphans in the last year alone, and more than 6,000 orphans since we started! We are passionate about this work because we believe that **God's heart is for orphans everywhere.**

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

— James 1:27

## ...to a global impact!

We are compelled to love others because He first loved us. For two decades, Heart for Orphans has continued to follow where God is leading – from Ukraine to Belarus to Kenya to Romania and beyond! So far with your support, we've **impacted 6,250 orphans** – many of whom are now grown with families of their own! It's been an incredible journey of 20 years, driven by a shared heart for God's mission and vision. A journey that we feel is just beginning!

# 20 years of *changed lives!*

## Andrei in Ukraine

After the divorce of their parents, Andrei and his brother were put in separate orphanages. Andrei hardly saw his brother or any of his family again. He was very lonely growing up. When he graduated from the orphanage, he moved into a Heart for Orphans Transition home, Mel's House. **It was here that Andrei finally found the family he always wanted.** He learned to play guitar

and lead worship. Later, Andrei attended Kyiv Bible College. After he graduated, Andrei came on staff with Heart for Orphans as a boys' mentor, and he has led the Orphanage Outreach team. In 2022, Andrei assumed responsibility for the Boys on the Border, a group you may remember from last year, when they were forced to stay in Ukraine due to the war outbreak. Notably, each of those young men made a commitment to the Lord. He taught them about a life with Christ and a life of service. Andrei's desire is to get married, have a family, and rebuild the country he loves and calls home: Ukraine.



*Young Andrei (far right) with Nancy and another H4O graduate, Dima.*



*Andrei today – a Heart for Orphans boys' mentor.*

## Nancy in Kenya

Nancy grew up in the desert with seven siblings and life was very difficult. Her mother tried her best to provide for her children but had very few resources. Her dad was an alcoholic and often came home drunk and violent. She lived day to day with very little food, water, or basic necessities. Attending school was only a dream as school fees, uniforms, and supplies are very

expensive in Kenya. When Nancy was 10 years old, Vova and Vika (house parents) invited her to come live with them. They provided her with a loving Christian home, clothing, food... AND they sent her to school! Fast forward to today – **that frail young girl is now a confident, bright 19-year-old.** She is a wonderful cook, loves soccer and drawing, and is doing very well in school! She dreams of becoming a nurse one day so she can help others.



*Young Nancy (far left) with some of her Hope of the Desert House family.*



*Nancy today in traditional Turkana dress.*



## Natasha in Romania

Natasha's parents were alcoholics, and she and her siblings were neglected. When she was 11 years old, her mother sent them all to an orphanage where Natasha suffered much abuse. After graduating, she was sent to live in a trade school dorm and life became unbearable.

Natasha was invited to come live in Esther's House, a Heart for Orphans Transition Home in Ukraine. She

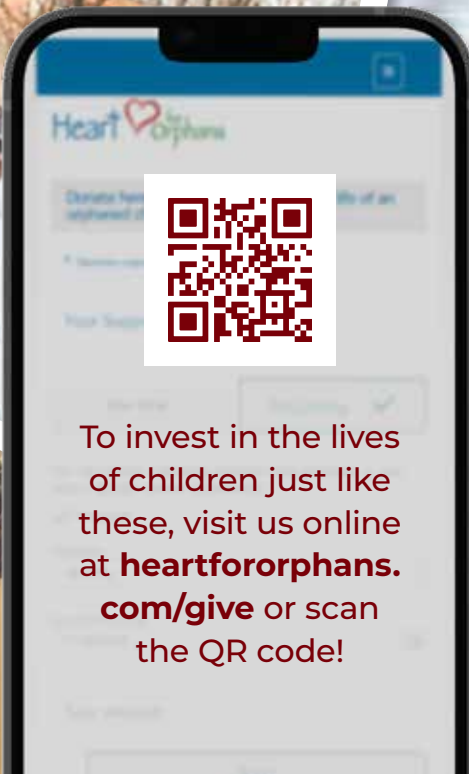
had given her heart to the Lord, and her life changed dramatically! **She learned what family meant.** She was so touched by her time at Esther's House that she knew God was calling her to become a housemother one day. She married Sergey in 2012 and they began to take in orphans. They became house parents at a Heart for Orphans Home, Anastasia's House. They also opened "Friends Club," a popular walk-in center for youth where they ministered to more than 70 teens weekly, leading many to the Lord. When the war broke out, Natasha, Sergey, and their children evacuated and are now settled in Romania with their six children: two biological and four foster children, most of them with special needs.



*Natasha (far right) with her Esther's House family.*



*Natasha today with her son, Benjamin.*





“ I would like to thank you and the donors for loving us so well! I realized how much God (through Heart for Orphans) took care of small details this year! When we needed glasses for the kids, you helped us to get them. When we needed extra furnishings, you helped. When we needed school supplies, you and the donors helped us to purchase everything! You are always here to help us spiritually, financially, and in many other ways! We are forever grateful to you and the Lord! ”

— Yulia, House Mother

## 20 years of *impact!*

### OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES...

**6,250**

**orphans** impacted in total

**1,140**

**kids** participated in the Orphanage and Teen Outreach Programs\*

**354**

**teens** disciplined in our Transition Homes

### 2023 HIGHLIGHTS...

**10,000**

**Ukrainians** supported by humanitarian aid\*\*

**238**

**kids** impacted by orphanage outreach

**45**

**orphans** currently living in Heart for Orphans' Homes

*\*Orphans came from 13 orphanages and three trade schools. \*\*Aid was given to approximately 40 Ukrainian villages.*

# 20 years of generosity!

Thank you for investing in our vision over the past two decades. Now, we're inviting you to continue partnering with us so we can achieve 20+ more!

**Our end-of-year fundraising goal: \$100,000** by December 31, 2023

As we approach year-end, we're prayerfully inviting **115 generous donors** to join us in faith, united by one heart, to reach our bold target of \$100,000.

**Your generous heart reminds us of God's heart for orphans everywhere.**

## TRUSTING GOD'S PROVISION

**Your gift this year will support our work across the globe in the following ways:**

1. Support expansion in Kenya for a better living environment for the kids

**GOAL ▶ \$8,000**

2. Cover educational expenses throughout the ministry

**GOAL ▶ \$12,000**

3. Purchase a van for our Foster Support Home in Belarus

**GOAL ▶ \$30,000**

4. Cover increased operating expenses at all of our homes

**GOAL ▶ \$50,000**



A generous donor has agreed to match new and increased donations **up to \$25,000!** This means that every dollar you contribute between now and the year's end will be matched, doubling its impact!



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*“When I learned about the work that Heart for Orphans is doing for children in Ukraine, I knew immediately that it was a worthwhile cause and I wanted to help! Children are our future, and when you help one child, you are helping the world. I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization! — Ann W., BOD member and donor since 2014”*



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