



2023 Annual Report

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SOS INTERNATIONAL



Friend,

We are so excited to share the incredible impact you helped empower in 2023. We are constantly blown away by your generosity and how your “yes” is multiplied all around the world. Thousands of at-risk children have access to clean water, healthy food, education, and mentorship programs because of you. Through our anti-trafficking efforts, you are literally saving children’s lives, both in rescue and rehabilitation and community development to secure children before they are trafficked. We cannot say thank you enough! As you read through this piece, we hope you will be encouraged - the work you are empowering is incredible!

Alongside our Annual Report, this piece will lay out an exciting and timely transition for our organization. Christie Anthony has stepped into the role of Executive Director and is in the process of taking over the daily leadership of SOS. Christie has worked across the organization for over 16 years and most recently served in the role of Director of Operations. Christie has a deep love for SOS and at-risk children and we believe her professional and personal experiences make her uniquely qualified to carry SOS into its next season. In the pages that follow, we will lay out how SOS began, this transition plan and the direction SOS will be growing in the future. We believe that all of this means more help and hope for at-risk children worldwide. We are so thankful for you!

Your friends,
Dwayne & Leslie
Founders, SOS International

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sos history

As Pastors in Park City Utah, Dwayne and Leslie had a heart to serve and love people. In 1992, Dwayne visited Asia for the first time to do pastor training. By 1994 Dwayne, Leslie and their three daughters (Christie, Carrie and Hannah) - and eventually their son Noah, when he joined the crew in 2000 - began living part-time in Asia.

As they spent more time in Asia, Dwayne and Leslie were painfully aware of the

physical needs devastating so many communities. In 2000, Dwayne and Leslie responded to these needs by stepping full-time into outreach and SOS International was formally incorporated.

MAJOR MILESTONE

Timeline

Because of faithful partners like you, SOS has been able to transform so many lives all around the world! This timeline is just a snapshot of the incredible work that has happened over the last 30 years

1992-1999

First visit to Asia - the work begins. This decade is spent understanding the framework of need, building ministry partners, and training and developing leaders.

2000

Incorporation

2001

Gujarat Earthquake Relief. SOS Provided \$200,000 of food aid at the epicenter of the disaster.

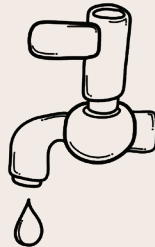
2003

SOS began sponsoring mid-day meals in slum schools.

Our first Golf Tournament

2002

Drilled our first water well



2004

Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami

Hired our first US employee: Johan

2005

Hurricane Katrina Response

Sponsored our first School



2006

Opening of an Orphan
Care Home

2008

After encountering trafficking around communities and programs, and working with survivors, we jumped fully into the fight against trafficking - adopting it as one of our four major areas of outreach. Commissioned our first documentary, Good Night Red Light, to bring awareness to the area of Human Trafficking. Formal establishment of the Asia field office.



2009

2010

2011

We launched the Red Light Rescue Panel, which over the next 15 years would help raise over \$8,000,000 to help make rescue and rehabilitation possible. They also helped us host our first-ever Evening of Hope.

We launched SOS Local as our Local Outreach arm.

Fukushima Tsunami Disaster Response in Japan.

2015

2012

Hit a lifetime water well number of providing water to over 1,000,000 people with access to safe drinking water. Began work on the Asia Food Factory. Started expanding into Latin America.



We launched the US Warehouse, which continues to mobilize millions of dollars of goods to Local Care Networks for outreaches to this day.

2016



The Establishment of The Lead Team inside the US office. Asia became more difficult to get into due to global politics. This was a great test to see if our models of ministry could withstand an ever-shifting and sometimes volatile global climate. To this day, we have vibrant outreaches being led by Indigenous Local Care Networks and we are so thankful! This test opened doors for us to fully expand feeding into Latin America.

2020

2018

Kicked off more expansion and multiplication for rescue homes in Asia. Launched Summer Meals Programs in DFW.

Covid caused shifts to projects globally. The need for food around the world increased and thankfully our Local Care Networks rose to the charge, feeding over 6.5 million meals in one year.

- During this time, we saw one of the largest red light districts we were working in shut down, signifying a victory in the fight against trafficking as well as a shift in strategy. We pivoted outreaches to ensure we were reaching as many as we could with trafficking prevention and awareness. We also saw a huge shift to trafficking through digital platforms and so our team worked to develop tools and awareness around how to stay safe online.



2017

Expansion into Latin America. We began feeding outreaches and building out a plan to address major trafficking needs inside Latin communities.

2021

Fed 8,041,580 meals and maintained programs through Covid shutdowns.

2022

Opening of Casa Esperanza - our first rescue home outside of Asia!

2023

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Transition

Ministry Transition is a necessary and vital component to secure future generations of impact, as part of building Organizational Capacity. As SOS grows, opening more rescue homes and helping more at-risk children, it is imperative that we have a cohesive plan to ensure a continuum of care and future growth on behalf of our donors and Local Care Network partners. In light of this, we built out a 3-year transition strategy, working with the Board of Directors and an Executive Coach that specializes in transitions.

On September 1, 2023, Christie Weehunt Anthony, Director of Operations, was appointed by the

Board as Executive Director, and given a seat on the Board. As Executive Director, she will oversee the Executive Team, with a goal of building a strong, cohesive leadership team to take over the executive functions of SOS.

Dwayne Weehunt will maintain his title as President and Founder, as well as Chairman of the Board. He and Christie put forth a plan to work in tandem over the next two years to pass off Executive Duties. At the end of the two years, Dwayne and Leslie Weehunt will both still hold full-time roles as members of the Executive Team and Dwayne will stay Chairman of the Board for the foreseeable future.

FAQ:

- **How will this affect me as a donor?**

You are a crucial part of SOS, and we are extremely grateful for your partnership! As we proceed with this transition, the most noticeable change will be that you will begin to see more direct communication from Christie! Outside of that, your donor experience will remain the same, as your gifts will continue to secure the lives of at-risk children around the world!

- **Will there be any changes to SOS's mission in this transition?**

Our mission and vision remain the same—to secure the lives of at-risk children. In this transition, we want to expand projects and do more—help at-risk children, partner with Local Care Networks, mobilize more communities, and create more rescue and rehabilitation beds. Securing more at-risk children drives our decision-making strategy in this transition season.

- **What is next for Dwayne?**

Dwayne will maintain his title as President and Founder, as well as Chairman of the Board. Dwayne and Leslie will continue to focus on developing key international partnerships and projects to help secure at-risk children.



WHERE WE ARE HEADED

From the desk of Christie Anthony

As we step into a new season at SOS, I first and foremost want to say “thank you!” I have had the honor and privilege of working closely alongside our donor and ministry partners for over 16 years now, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for every one of you. The incredible work of SOS is only possible because so many continually say “yes” and step into areas of great need with us, bringing hope and safety to at-risk children.



SOS began out of Psalms 12:5, with a deep-rooted belief that every child deserves protection. For decades, SOS has developed and implemented solutions that help secure and protect at-risk children.

By focusing on four key areas that have the greatest potential for impacting children’s lives - food, water, rescue and community development - we have seen nothing short of miracles take place as lives and communities are secured. The vision of SOS is not changing, we are sowing seeds of God’s love, compassion and freedom into the poor, needy and at-risk children of the Nations- our heartbeat has always been protecting at-risk children, and it always will be.

As I lay out plans for growth, alongside our Executive Team, I am energized and excited for the work that lies ahead of us.

We are making plans to expand our feeding outreaches globally - building new partnerships to reach those who need healthy food the most.

Our Rescue projects keep all of us on our toes, as ever-shifting global realities keep us in need of expansion and innovation. All of our rescue homes are thriving, as girls complete programs and are reintegrated into society, beds are freed up so more girls can find hope and healing. This work is HARD and our staff is incredible.

Please keep the girls and our team in your prayers.

Fun fact: I love water projects! The hope and health that can come to a community when freshwater finally breaks through in their land is one of the most incredible moments to be part of. I receive water requests every day and our desire is to reach more communities with safe drinking water.

We continue to innovate what community development looks like. It is our desire to reach more at-risk communities with education, mentorship, business development, and trafficking awareness and training. I'm excited for where we are going and I'm so thankful for your partnership in reaching at-risk children!

Thanks for being part of SOS and helping so many children. It's an honor to partner with you.

Your friend,

Christie Anthony
Executive Director, SOS International

MEET THE TEAM

The SOS Executive Team



Dwayne W.
CEO & Founder



Leslie W.
Co-Founder &
Chief Program
Officer



Christie A.
Executive
Director



Elisha T.
Director of
Community
Outreach



Hannah W.
Director of
Marketing &
Communications



Janie W.
Director of
Finance &
Operations

The SOS Team

Ellen D.
Donor Relations Coordinator

Jaylen H.
Warehouse Manager

Daniella H.
Office Administrator

Natzimi H.
Executive Assistant

Danielle L.
Red Light Rescue Chair

Braxton O.
Community Outreach Coordinator

Christina P.
Marketing Coordinator

Jaden P.
Warehouse Associate

Javier P.
Marketing Coordinator

Robert Q.
SOS International Worship Manger

Janice S.
Donor Engagement Coordinator

Noah W.
Marketing Coordinator

A young girl with a nose ring, smiling, carrying a large metal pot on her head. The background is a warm, golden-brown, slightly blurred outdoor setting.

Areas of Impact

Food & Water

In 2023 you helped feed **4,567,419 meals** to at-risk children all over the world and provided **23,500 people** with **safe access to clean drinking water!**

Until basic needs are secure, nothing in an at-risk child's world is secure. We felt the effects of inflation big time in 2023, with food costs almost double what they were the year before. We are so thankful for those of you who gave extra to help cover costs and ensure that at-risk children had the food and water they need to grow into healthy adults!

Community Development

457 communities were developed through projects, outreaches and Local Care Networks in 2023!
\$6,282,459.32 worth of Gift in Kind donations was distributed to North Texas and **24,900 pairs of shoes** were given to at-risk children inside of Latin America.



Rescue

2023 was a year for the books in the fight against trafficking! Not only did a massive impact happen on the ground with trafficking victims, but also **over 5.7 million people were reached through trafficking awareness and education efforts**. In 2023, we **won a Cannes Film Festival Award for The Rabbit Hole** - our short film raising awareness about trafficking- along with 13 other indie film awards!

SNAPSHOT OF ON-THE-GROUND TRAFFICKING IMPACT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP:



80,000 reached
through red light
outreaches in Asia.



**286 rescue and
rehabilitation** beds
filled in Asia



**125 survivors
graduated** from
programs and
reintegrated.



400 children
are receiving an
education. These
students are either
trafficking survivors
or children of
trafficking survivors.

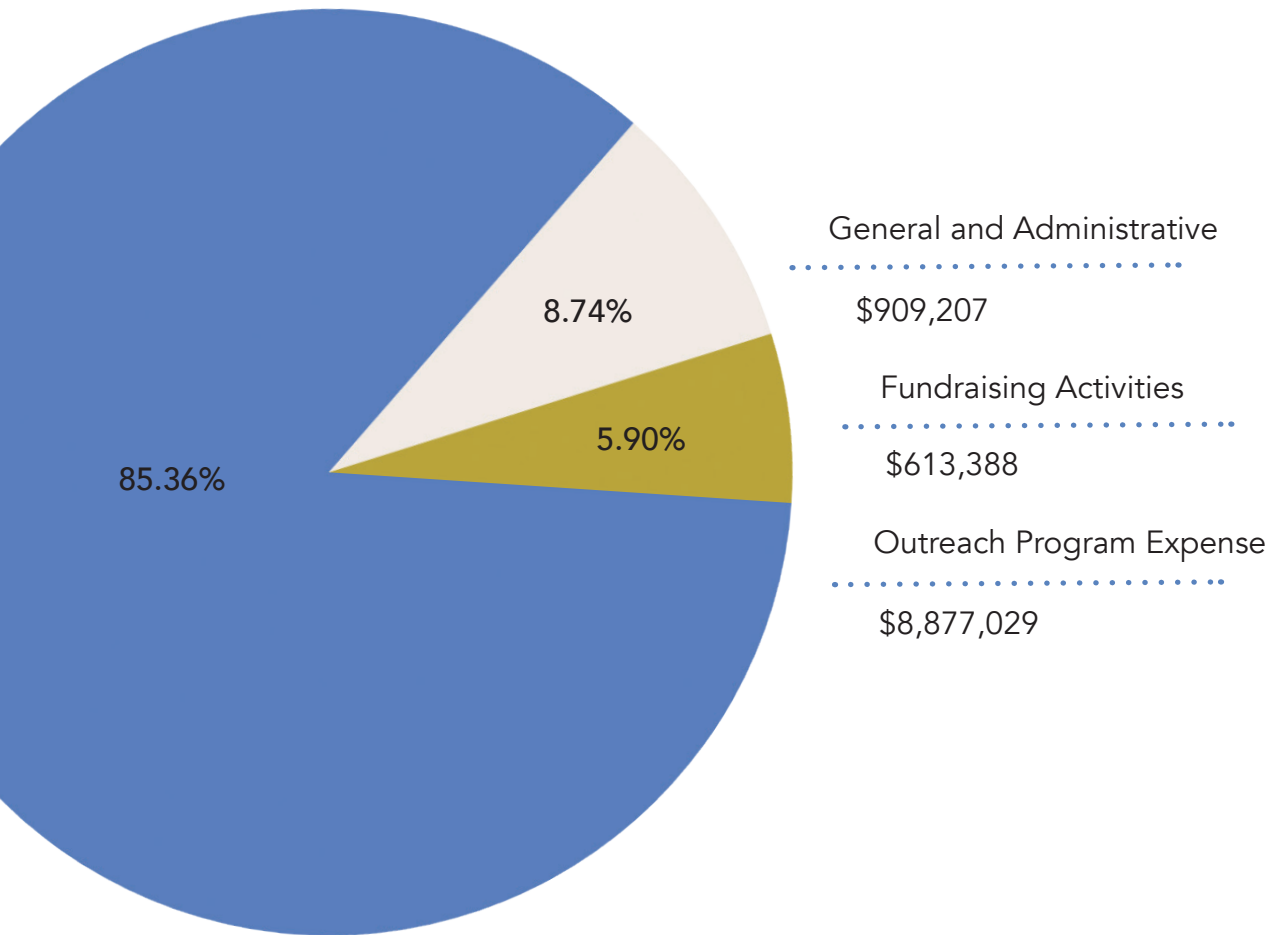


109,500 nights of
safe sleep.



14 girls found hope
and healing at Casa
Esperanza

2023 Financials



Total Expenditures \$10,399,624

Board of Directors

Dwayne Weehunt | Leslie Weehunt | Christie Anthony | Charles Carr
Mark Mueller | Toby Slough | John Chalk | Brent Pennington | Carrie Rodgers
Phil Caldwell | John Delin | Scott Sailer | Paige Allen





what others are saying

It is a privilege and honor to write a letter of recommendation for SOS International. Their partnership has had such an impact on our church, our community, and my family in particular. We have partnered with SOS for over 7 years. This has been mainly through local outreach projects but has also included sending meals to Latin America and helping with local feeding projects.

As an Outreach Team, we have seen God use SOS to meet the physical needs of hungry people as well as their emotional health. At the same time, serving with SOS allows everyday people a chance to witness the hands and feet of Jesus.

While the stories are numerous and the facts are plentiful, I would love to share a few numbers with you that tell what SOS has been able to provide with the Compass partnership:

- 7.4 million meals
- 1,200 volunteers
- 120 projects
- 3,400 hours
- \$100,272 community impact

SOS International has helped Compass live out its Outreach mission which is "Wisely participating with God's global mission and involving as much of the Compass Family as possible." They help us wisely engage our neighbors both near and far. I gladly write this recommendation and am grateful for the opportunity to share my appreciation and love for this organization with you.

Warm Regards,

C.M. Habermehl
Outreach Pastor
Compass Church

