

**SOS** INTERNATIONAL



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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*Dear Friends,*

I am always surprised by the impact and growth of SOS. 2022 was no different. It is our joy to share this impact report with you so you can feel and see the effect your partnership with us is having. You really are saving the lives of at-risk children all around the world!

Hope Sees. Hope Engages. Hope Belongs. Hope Builds. These four principles are the values that SOS lives by. From partnerships and staff to outreaches for at-risk children, these values are being put into action and secure communities. You will see these values at play as you read more about each area of impact: Food, Water, Rescue, and Community Development.

The growth that we are making together across all projects is tangible. Though 2022 brought many challenges, we are so thankful as we look back and see all the incredible work that was done. Please join us in celebrating as you take a deeper look into the work you are empowering. None of this is possible without you. We are so thankful for you!

Your friends,  
Dwayne & Leslie  
Founders





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# WHO WE ARE

At SOS, we develop sustainable solutions to the problems that at-risk children face every day. In response to the cries of children around the world, we call on Local Care Networks to rally together around grassroots solutions that work. We believe every at-risk child's cry is worthy of hearing and responding to.

## Our Values

See. Engage. Belong. Build.

We **see** at-risk children and the problems they face.

We **engage** with communities and local partners to provide grassroots solutions.

We strengthen communities to create a sense of **belonging** and safety for at-risk children.

We **build** sustainable solutions and partner with Local Care Networks to execute long-lasting change.

## What Others Are Saying

“My husband and I volunteered our time and resources to serve in the rescue facility in Latin America. We were amazed by the long-term relationships SOS had built with the Local Care Network. The detailed research, relationship building and care for long-term sustainability were what initially set SOS apart from other similar ministries we had seen in the past.”

- Scott & Brooke Sailer





## Strategic Partnerships With Local Care Networks:

In collaboration with well-respected Local Care Networks, we employ a strategic methodology that allows us to walk into a community and quickly identify two things:

- ⋮ What are the forces putting children at risk?
- ⋮ In what order should these risk factors be addressed?

By prioritizing the most critical needs, we empower Local Care Networks to establish a foundation of care and well-being for children. Next, we work together to innovate grassroots solutions to build local structures that prepare children to grow into thriving adults.

Since each community's needs are different, no two programs look exactly alike. We develop programs that can be sustained and multiplied within each community's cultural context.

# Areas of Impact



We work in 4 Key Areas of Impact to secure at-risk children and communities: Water, Food, Rescue & Community Development.

## Water

Globally, 2.2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Water is the most immediate vital necessity for life. Until water is secure, nothing is secure for an at-risk child.

**In 2022 you helped provide 50,000+ people with water aid.** These water aid solutions included drilling new wells, refurbishing existing wells, installing water filtration units, providing emergency water tankers, and more. The water you provided in 2022 literally saved lives, healed sickness, opened doors of education, sparked hope for the future and brought peace to at-risk children and communities.

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## What Others Are Saying

“There are so many stories I could tell or facts that I could give, and because of SOS in the last three years, our community has benefited. Over the last three years we have worked with SOS to provide:

- Over 5 million meals into the community.
- With over 1,000 volunteers
- We have done over 100 projects within DFW
- 3,000 hours spent in the community.
- 87,870 dollars put back into the community through volunteer hours”

- Phillip Kemp

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## Food

820 million people will go to bed hungry tonight. Every day, 10,000 children die of hunger and related causes.

### **In 2022 you fed 5,731,988 meals to at-risk children all around the world.**

This food made a big impact! From literally securing at-risk children and single mothers from traffickers to opening up doors for Local Care Networks to build trust and develop long-term solutions, every meal fed in 2022 was transformational.

If you haven't gotten a chance to, visit a feeding site with Gracie and see the impact you made in 2022!



## Community Development

Through community development, we help equip Local Care Networks to invest in higher education, vocational training, infrastructure, and capacity projects. This allows us to build and grow communities through human capital and locally fostered resources.

In 2022 we worked with **122 Local Care Networks** to develop and impact communities locally and around the world. This impact reaches across all of our projects.

In 2022 we sowed **\$8,114,786.34 of Gift in Kind donations into communities.** A lot of that was food, some of that was hygiene products, and all was Community Development through strategic partnership. We also gave away **22,000 pairs of shoes.**



# Rescue

There are more than 50 million slaves in the world today. One in four of these slaves are children.

**In 2022 you made a massive impact in the fight against human trafficking.** Through **11 locations in Asia and 1 location in Latin America**, you empowered incredible, transformative help to trafficked women and children. Here is a look at some of what you did.

Through Education Initiatives, **648 vulnerable children and survivors** were provided with a protected environment to further their education, rather than being exploited by traffickers. **60 young survivors** graduated and are now pursuing higher education.

**13,082 trafficking victims** were reached with outreaches and lay counseling. **152,570 nights of safe sleep** were provided to minor trafficking victims across all projects.

**Casa Esperanza**, our Latin America rescue home, officially opened in 2022 and a new pathway of freedom was forged where there was once no way out. The impact made in 2022 is one we cannot overstate. Because of your faithful partnership hope and freedom are reaching those who need it most.





# Impact Story

Meet Lilly\*. She is a young survivor who just started 7th grade. Lilly is like most 7th graders, and unless you knew her history, you would probably never guess all she's been through. Her abuse began at the age of 5. From 5-10, Lilly was trafficked and experienced things no young girl should ever know. She has a long road of healing ahead of her, with her biggest challenge currently being her mental health.

Even during the battle, Lilly is finding so much joy and strength as her days normalize inside the rescue home. Going to school, participating in extracurricular activities, and finding things she's good at and enjoys. Her favorite things so far are swimming and learning new nail art designs. Lilly also loves singing lessons and contemporary dance.

\*Name changed to protect minor



# 2022 Highlights

So many incredible things happened in 2022! We want to make sure you don't miss out on a chance to celebrate with us. Here are some of our favorite highlights.

## The grand opening of Casa Esperanza.

Getting to this opening was no small feat. So many invested and continue to invest their finances, expertise, manpower, oversight, and creativity. Girls are currently safe in this home, receiving love, care, and freedom.

**Development of the award-winning film, The Rabbit Hole.** We partnered with Jyra Films and the Tao Brothers to create the Rabbit Hole and help bring awareness and education to how trafficking works. This 6-minute film has made a massive splash in the festival circuits, beating out brands like Apple, Nike and so many more by winning some of the most prestigious awards available. If you haven't had a chance to watch it, scan the QR code below.



\*Trigger Warning: This film depicts the harsh realities of human trafficking, view discretion is advised.

## Expansion of our North Texas Warehouse.

Through this expansion, we mobilized over \$7.5 million worth of goods to be used in outreaches in partnership with Local Care Networks.

## We fed 5,731,988 meals in the face of some serious inflation.

Between the first and second quarter of 2022, we watched direct food costs start to rapidly rise. We know you've all felt this, and continue to feel it, in the grocery store, and we are seeing it in feeding programs too. We celebrate each of these meals and acknowledge the sacrifices made to make them possible.

## Launch of the Disruptive Hope Podcast.

This podcast was developed with the desire to equip others to be agents of hope in unlikely places. Seasons 1 and 2 are streaming, with season 3 currently in the works. In season 1, Cross-Cultural Leadership, join our founder Dwayne Weehunt as he shares from his over 30 years of international leadership experience. In season 2, Human Trafficking 101, Join Christie and Hannah as they take a closer look into the world of human trafficking.

2022 posed many challenges, but the impact and opportunities far outweigh the trials.

Want to join the conversation?



# DISRUPTIVE HOPE

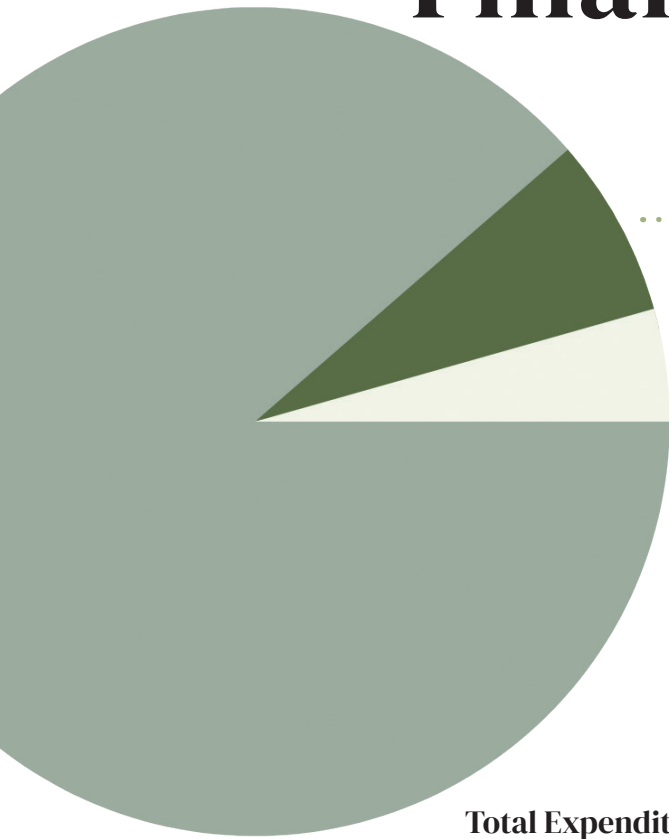
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# 2022 Financials



General and Administrative

\$792,724

Fundraising Activities

\$497,304

Outreach Program Expense

\$10,032,705

**Total Expenditures \$11,322,733**

We are so thankful for your generous giving! The impact laid out in this report would not be possible without the faithful partnership of our donors.

**For every \$1 donated in 2022, \$0.88 went directly to programs.**

We ascribe to the highest standards of accountability and stewardship and do our best to ensure maximum impact for your financial investments in outreach programs.

**Dwayne Weehunt | Leslie Weehunt | Mark Mueller  
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Phil Caldwell | Scott Sailer**



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