Who We Are

Founded in 2003, the Tanzanian Children’s Fund (TCF) works to eliminate poverty and improve the lives of marginalized children and families in the Oldeani area of northern Tanzania.

As part of its mission, TCF provides a loving and permanent home to 102 orphaned, vulnerable children at the Rift Valley Children’s Village (RVCV). In addition to providing legal guardianship to the children who call RVCV home, TCF provides access to high-quality education, free healthcare, and economic opportunities to the entire Oldeani community.
Letter From Our Executive Director

Friends,

2019 was a year filled with exciting new projects and impressive progress. We were most pleased to welcome four new children, Eliza Jertruda, John and Emanuel, to our forever family. We also sent another group of our teenagers off to college and are now supporting over 55 children in their post-secondary education.

In our community programs, we accomplished countless key milestones over the past year. At Oldeani Secondary School, we celebrated a 20% increase in the number of Form Four students passing the all-important National Exam. While our Rifty Economic Advancement Program (REAP) worked tirelessly to diversify local business through the introduction of initiatives such as beekeeping.

As we look back at all we accomplished in 2019, we thank you for making it possible. I hope you enjoy learning more about the lives you changed and systems you improved.

With gratitude,
Peter Mmassy, Executive Director & Co-Founder
The TCF Model

Instead of focusing on just one piece of the poverty puzzle like education or healthcare, we focus on a geographic area home to 10,000 people with the mission of providing that community with all the tools and systems that it needs to find a path out of systemic poverty.

It is our firm belief that solving just one part of the poverty equation would only leave the community we serve desperate for more instead of propelling them forward. To attack the root causes of poverty from all sides, we have developed a holistic, multi-pronged, and unique approach that provides:

- A Forever Family
- High Quality Education
- Free, Accessible Healthcare
- Economic Opportunities
2019 At a Glance

**Served** a community of 10,000, of whom 6,200 are children

**Increased** annual incomes of Rifty Economic Advancement Program members by 350% on average

**Welcomed** 4 new children to our forever family, making RVCV home to 102 children

**Educated** over 900 students

**Treated** an average of 12 patients each day
Rift Valley Children’s Village

At the Rift Valley Children’s Village (RVCV) love is unconditional and family is forever. RVCV provides a permanent home to 102 marginalized and orphaned children in a remote corner of Northern Tanzania. It is a home where every child grows up knowing someone believes in them as they are empowered to follow their dreams.

The well-being of the children within our community is at the heart of all that we do. In addition to providing legal guardianship to the children of RVCV, TCF operates an Early-Childhood Care and Education Program and provides numerous scholarships to support the bright futures of all children in our catchment area.
Health

Recognizing that illness is universal but access to affordable and quality medical care is not, TCF established our Rural Community Health Clinic to provide our catchment area with free, quality and compassionate medical care. Our Registered Nurse serves not only the 102 children who call RVCV home, but provides treatment to any community member in need of care, treating over 3,500 patients each year.

With the nearest hospital being over three hours away by foot, we have made access to medical care for our remote community a reality. For patients requiring more extensive intervention, we facilitate care and cover all medical expenses for over 1,000 patients treated at FAME Medical each year.
TCF believes in the transformative power of a quality education. In order to ensure our efforts are inclusive and sustainable, we partner with the local government to co-manage Gyetighi Primary School and Oldeani Secondary School.

With dedicated teachers, an empowering school environment, a curriculum that sets students up for success and a holistic approach to student well-being, TCF is revolutionizing the standard of education for children in our community.
Our Rifty Economic Advancement Program (REAP) empowers over 700 Tanzanians to build a better life and future for themselves and their families. By providing these community members with the funds, training and resources needed to launch and operate a small business, TCF is allowing them to choose their own path towards a more sustainable income. This program is generating much needed hope for a community who for far too long has faced a staggering lack of economic opportunity. With access to increasing loans, foundational business support, and programs like our Rift Valley Women’s Group handicraft initiative, average incomes in our area have more than doubled.
To our supporters and friends:

I am pleased to report that the Tanzanian Children’s Fund (TCF) received approximately $2.4 million in contributions and other revenues in Fiscal Year 2019. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, allow me to say a resounding THANK YOU!!!

These funds have allowed TCF to continue to support its many impactful programs and to proactively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic when the virus came to Tanzania. We responded to this crisis by:

• Safeguarding the children of RVCV through a multi-month quarantine;
• Providing every student and teacher in our catchment area with face masks when schools were ordered to reopen;
• Installing handwashing stations throughout the Oldeani region;
• Continuing health care support to our community of 10,000.
These steps were made possible by your generous contributions in 2019. In 2019, our total expenditures in the U.S. and Tanzania were approximately $1.9 million. Of that amount, approximately 85% was spent directly on programs in Tanzania, with approximately 15% of our expenditures allocated to general overhead, including fundraising.

Among the many positive developments to report in 2019, I want to highlight the following:

• At Gyetighi Primary School, the school average for the all-important National Exam improved by over 8 points;
• At Oldeani Secondary School, there was a 20% increase in the number of Form 4 students passing their National Exams;
• The Rural Community Health Clinic saw a total of 3,768 patients over the course of the year;
• The Rifty Economic Advancement Program further diversified the local economy through additions such as our beekeeping initiative.

Our Board of Directors also continues to focus on the long-term financial health of TCF. We ended FY 2019 in strong financial condition, with approximately $4.8 million in our investment accounts. We have continued to safeguard these investment funds through a turbulent year in 2020. As of October 15, 2020, the balance in our investment funds was approximately $5 million.

The members of the Board and Directors of TCF are committed to using these monies to ensure the long-term support of the children at RVCV and in the Karatu region. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire TCF Community, thank you for making this possible.

R. Todd Cronan
Treasurer
Fall 2020
Financials

Revenue

- Foundations & Corporations: 43.40%
- Clubs, Other: 0.60%
- Individuals: 56%

Total Revenue: 100%
Expenses

Programs: 84.50%
Development: 9.10%
Management: 6.40%
Ways Our Work Was Supported

484 Sponsors

17 events hosted to support TCF

400 packages of supplies were received at our U.S. Office

2,474 donations from over 1,300 generous supporters

85 Volunteers

8 dinners served to introduce TCF to new faces

14 crowdfunding campaigns to raise funds
Thank You Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has guided us through our toughest challenges, advised us on plans for expansion, and helped us map our road ahead. We thank them for their service and share our appreciation for their dedication.

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To the over 85 volunteers who lended a helping hand to make our work possible in 2019, please know we couldn’t have done it without you. Asante sana!
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