

# Annual Report 2021

### Child of Mine is a charitable society from Canada who partners with two children's homes in Northern India.

Our mission is to come alongside these homes and provide support for them as they carry out their vision of *equipping and raising future leaders to love and serve India*. We provide financial support for food, clothing, education, facility maintenance and construction, as well as staff salaries and development.

Children at the homes are typically from destitute backgrounds or from families that cannot financially support them. The atmosphere at each home is very much one of a large, loving and caring family, with the older children regarding the younger ones as siblings. And so, while the homes typically have close to two hundred children (ages 6+) in their care, many of the alumni still call these unique communities their family and remain closely connected.

Once children graduate from high school, Child of Mine continues to financially support them until they have completed their highest level of post-secondary education. Among the many graduates of the homes are teachers, nurses, chartered accountants, architects, and more.

The work of Child of Mine is funded by a number of generous organizations in Western Canada as well as 260 different individuals and families. We are so very grateful for their partnership.

We help support: 2 Children's Homes 138 School-Aged Children 40 Staff & Volunteers 41 Post-Secondary Students

 Schoolhouse Building on one of the children's homes campuses

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#### What an incredible year it has been!

As we reflect on 2021, we see God's goodness and unrelenting faithfulness in the details of another encouraging yet challenging year for Child of Mine. We pray that the stories included in this report will bring you a sense of joy as they testify to how God has used each one of you, whether through faithful prayers or financial support, to bring His great plans to fruition.

This year the homes welcomed **13 wonderful new** children into their families. We thank God for each one of the **138 school-aged children** that currently make up the homes, as well as the **40 staff and** volunteers that care for them.

We also stand beside the **41 post-secondary students** who are graduates of the homes and are enrolled in various college courses this year. We pray for them as they enter their communities and invest in their futures through post-secondary education.

Due to the prevalence and uncertainties of COVID in India again this year, these post-secondary students spent a portion of the year living back at the homes and studying online. While at the homes, these students were a huge blessing and stepped into various roles, helping as teachers, tutors, or wherever needed.

Even now, some students have chosen to remain at the homes and lend a hand while continuing with their studies online, while others who have since left the homes are providing tutoring and mentoring from a distance through weekly Zoom calls.

Throughout this report, we hope to honour our many supporters by providing a brief but clear look into our fiscal stewardship of donations. Please reach out to us directly at **info@childofmine.ca** should you have any questions.

Thank you for your partnership and for journeying with us as one family through another year.

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## **A Note from the Director**

Once again, we give thanks to God for providing the financial resources for the two homes through you our partners. We are humbled by the generosity of our partners at Child of Mine. Our goal with providing these financial reports is to inform you, to be accountable to you and to be transparent.

In 2021, we had an operating surplus of \$40,286 and thank God for providing, especially in the last few weeks of December. This surplus, along with surpluses from previous years provides much needed stability to continue to provide for unforeseen expenses at the homes or drops in revenues. In addition, Child of Mine will consider using some of the accumulated surplus to fund other much needed projects at both the homes.

We are thankful that our post secondary scholarship fund balance also increased. However, we anticipate that additional funds will be required in 2022, once students are able to move back to "in-class" learning at various institutions. We are so grateful that we can continue to support the young men and women in their educational pursuits and become future leaders in India.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at info@childofmine.ca

Gary Falk

Child of Mine Director



#### A Child of Mine Story

### Laptops & Internet

With COVID sending students back to the homes to continue their online education, there became a need for reliable and quick internet. In May 2021 Child of Mine sent nearly \$10,000 CAD to each home for online learning devices (both personal and classroom set ups) and internet upgrades. In total we sent nearly \$20,000 CAD. These tools will help immensely as the children continue with their schooling online.



#### **A Child of Mine Story**

### The Boys Dorm

Child of Mine had been dreaming with the staff and children for 10 years about building a new dorm for the boys, since some of the boys were still living in the original buildings. We are excited to announce that, as of October 15, 2021, through the tremendous support of many partners, the New Boys Dorm Project is substantially complete! Thank you to all who have partnered with us to turn this dream into reality!

#### ▶ Learn more about the Boys Dorm project



#### **Fire Suppression System**

Forest fires can be a big threat to the home so we are extremely thankful to share news that the fire suppression system for the new boys dorm is being upgraded to protect the entire campus!

Every year the home spends time clearing the surrounding forest floors to reduce the risk of fire during the dry season that proceeds monsoon. Even still, many years they are threatened by fires.



#### Window Frames & Screens

The window frames and screens, like many pieces of the new boys dorm, were constructed right on site. We are so thankful for the skill the site workers have brought to this project.



#### The Boys Moved In!

The home planned a very special celebration program for the day the boys were able to move into the new dorm. They gathered for a wonderful time of prayer and thanksgiving as well as some special performances and songs from the children. After the program, everyone stayed to enjoy a celebratory dinner together in the new space!











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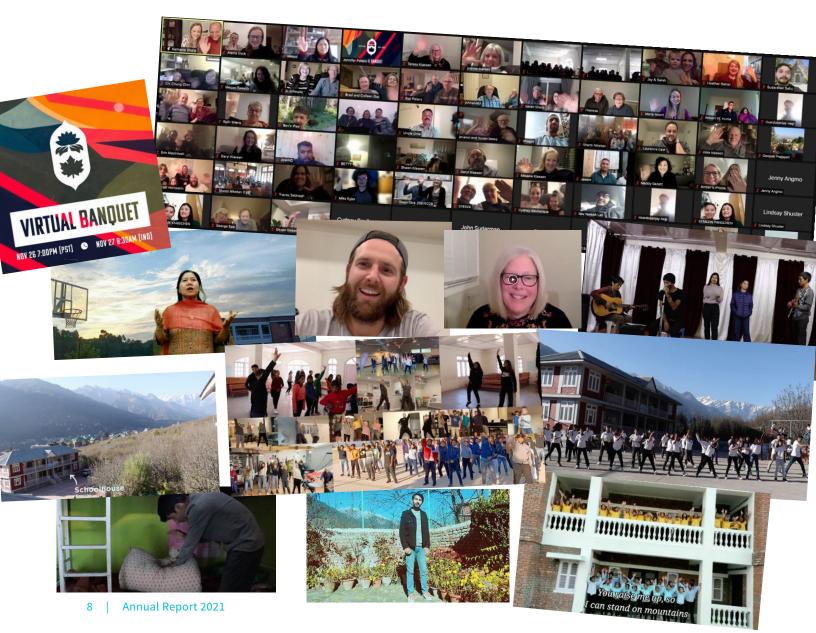
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#### A Child of Mine Story

### **The Virtual Banquet**

On November 26 in Canada and November 27 in India, Child of Mine hosted a virtual banquet over zoom! This was the second time COM has run this event and it was, again, so great to connect internationally online! We heard from the staff at the homes, board members in Canada, waved hello to all the kids, watched music, dance, and poetry performances, and heard updates. This year people in both India and Canada learned one dance, recorded themselves and we pulled these clips together to make one, big virtual dance party! Though 2021 had its challenges it was so good to gather and tell the stories of how God has been so good through it all!



## Child of Mine Society Fiscal Year 2021

#### 2021 Income & Expense Statement for General Operations

Revenue	2021 Actuals	2021 Budget	Variance Actual - Budget %	2020 Actual
Monthly Donations from individuals partners	\$149,187	\$138,200	108%	\$96,906
Donations from churches and other charities	\$69,170	\$71,800	96%	144,925
Corporate and one time donations	\$72,253	\$66,900	108%	\$47,985
Donations from fundraisers/ merchandise sales/ banquet ticket sales	\$4,375	\$6,000	73%	-
Total Revenue	\$294,985	\$282,900	104%	\$289,816

Expenses	2021 Actuals	2021 Budget	Variance Actual - Budget %	2020 Actual
Direct Support to the Children's Homes	\$154,843	\$150,000	103%	\$148,036
Payroll Expense	\$56,052	\$63,600	88%	\$57,513
General Administration Expenses	\$43,804	\$69,300	63%	\$46,320
Total Operating Expenses	\$254,699	\$292,900	90%	\$251,869
Net Operating Surplus <sup>1</sup>	\$40,286			\$37,947

#### Notes

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 Child of Mine ended 2021 with a General Operations surplus. Operating surpluses will be used to fund special projects for the homes and unforseen expenses as they arise.

Post Secondary Scholarship Fund	2021	2020		
Opening Balance, January 1	\$31,941	-		
Revenues				
Funds Received	\$37,900	\$89,988		
Expenses				
Post Secondary Scholarships Granted	\$28,233	\$58,047		
Operating Surplus	\$9,667	\$31,941		
Fund Balance, December 31	\$41,608	\$31,941		

#### **Notes**

- 1. Beginning in 2020 post secondary education funds were collected and expenses separately from general operations
- 2. Post secondary education expenses decreased significantly in 2021 as the students participated in on line learning while in residence at the homes during the pandemic; therefore, dorm fees were saved this year
- 3. There was a surplus of post secondary education in 2020 which was applied in 2021. The surplus at the end of 2021 will be applied to 2022 post secondary education needs

Boys Dorm Project Fund	2021	2020		
Opening Balance, January 1	\$226,351	\$151,897		
Revenues				
Funds Received	\$143,999	\$230,282		
Expenses				
Boys Dorm Project Spending	\$346,833	\$155,828		
Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(\$202,834)	\$74,454		
Fund Balance, December 31	\$23,517	\$226,351		

#### Notes

1. The boy's dorm project is nearly completed. The last invoices will be received early in 2022 and the remaining funds will be used to pay these invoices.

