



# Childspring International

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# Annual Report 2015



# Message from the Executive Director

We are proud to present the 2015 annual report for Childspring International. It's been a gratifying year of growth, program building and service. Read on, and learn why we are so passionate about providing life-changing surgeries for children in the developing world and thereby transforming communities.

We use a number of metrics to measure our progress and manage our mission to provide these surgeries for children. Please see the charts and graphs on the following pages. One metric that I would like to highlight is the growth of children treated. In the year 2000, we treated 49 children. This year alone, we treated 340 children. That's 15 years of steadily increasing the number of children's lives we changed.



We continue to add programs and improve the delivery of our services. We rely on our amazing medical committee in Atlanta and work with in-country experts and medical providers to deliver the most effective and compassionate care. You can learn more by reviewing our program page.

At Childspring we never forget that it's all about the children we treat, and the communities in which they live. We keep our children and families at the core of what we do. In this year's report we have shared some of their stories. They inspire us all.

As we move into 2016 and beyond, I want to express my sincere thanks to our donors, employees, interns, volunteers, partners and supporters. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Thank you!

*Childspring International provides life-changing surgeries for children from developing countries, and as a result, transforms communities.*



# Programs

**Project Healthy Hearts** provides surgeries for children in Colombia with severe heart conditions.

**Project Soaring Hearts** provides surgeries in Germany for El Salvadoran children with heart conditions.

**Project 365** funds hernia surgeries for Haitian children.

**Project Heartbeats** funds surgeries for Haitian children with heart conditions.

## Project Heartbeats – A Closer Look

Childspring is thrilled to report on a new partnership recently formed in Haiti to further support Project Heartbeats. Our partner works to increase the number of children able to receive cardiac surgery in Haiti through the development of a national cardiac surgery waiting list. They use a clinical triage system to ensure patients with the most urgent need for surgery are treated first. Despite their truly remarkable ability to serve 100 children every year, there are still 250 patients on their list awaiting surgery. Within Haiti, they work with several other organizations to establish permanent pediatric cardiac centers. Beyond Haiti, they are able to send children in need of more complex procedures to a hospital on the Cayman Islands.

This partner will evaluate all of our children diagnosed with cardiac conditions and add them to the national registry. They have already agreed to treat several Childspring children during upcoming missions. In turn, Childspring will help them by identifying hospitals in the United States willing to accept children on the national waiting list in need of surgeries too complex for the capabilities of the Haitian and Cayman Island hospitals.

Last year, a local cardiologist on a mission trip met Laurie, the 15-year-old girl pictured at left, when a Haitian doctor at a hospital in La Gonâve pulled him aside to show him Laurie's echo. The cardiologist referred Laurie to Childspring in hopes we could help find a way to ensure she received the heart surgery she needed. Laurie was successfully treated through our new partnership! We are eager to see how this partnership grows and will allow us to better serve more Haitian children in desperate need of life-saving cardiac surgeries.





# Programs

**Project Little Eyes** provides corrective eye surgery and glasses for children in El Salvador.

**Project Bridges** connects children in Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador with treatment in their home countries for conditions not included in our specialized programs.

**Project Bridges U.S.** creates pathways to care in the United States for children whose conditions cannot be treated in their home countries.

**Project Sonrisas** provides surgeries worldwide for children born with cleft lip and palate.



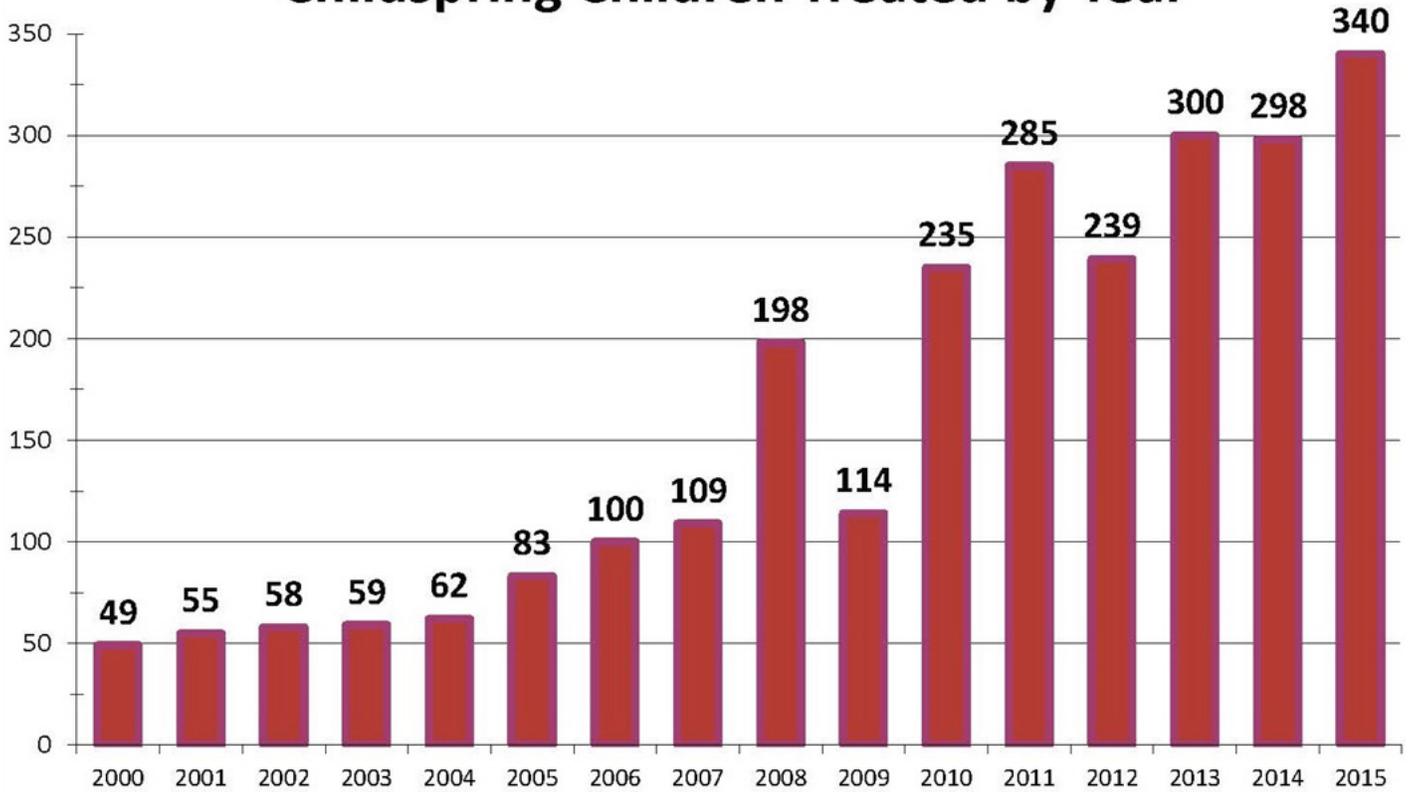
# Patient Selection





# By the Numbers

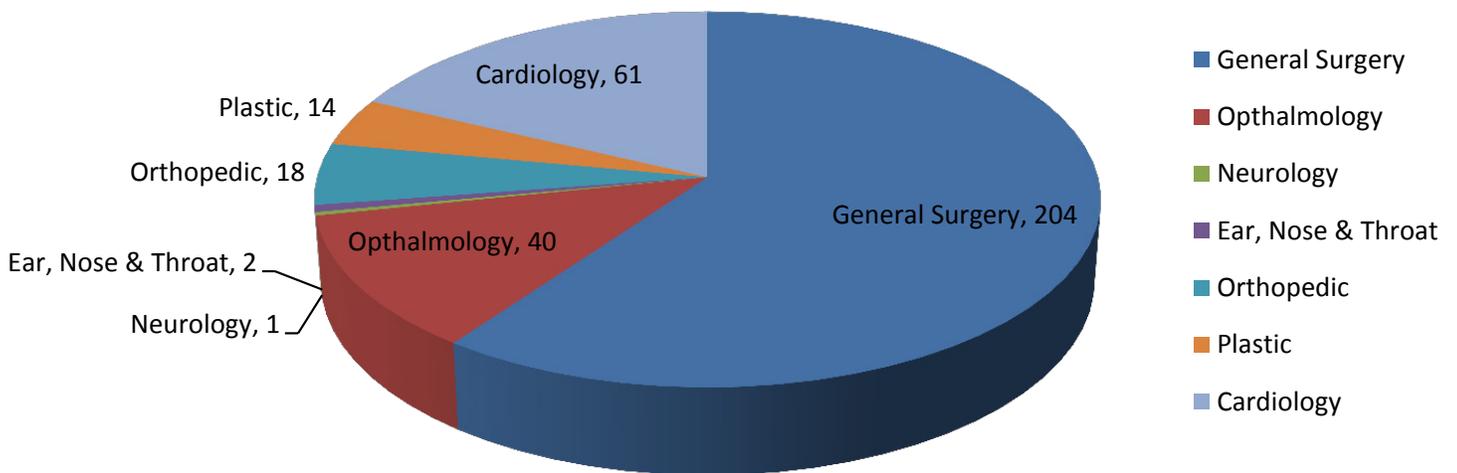
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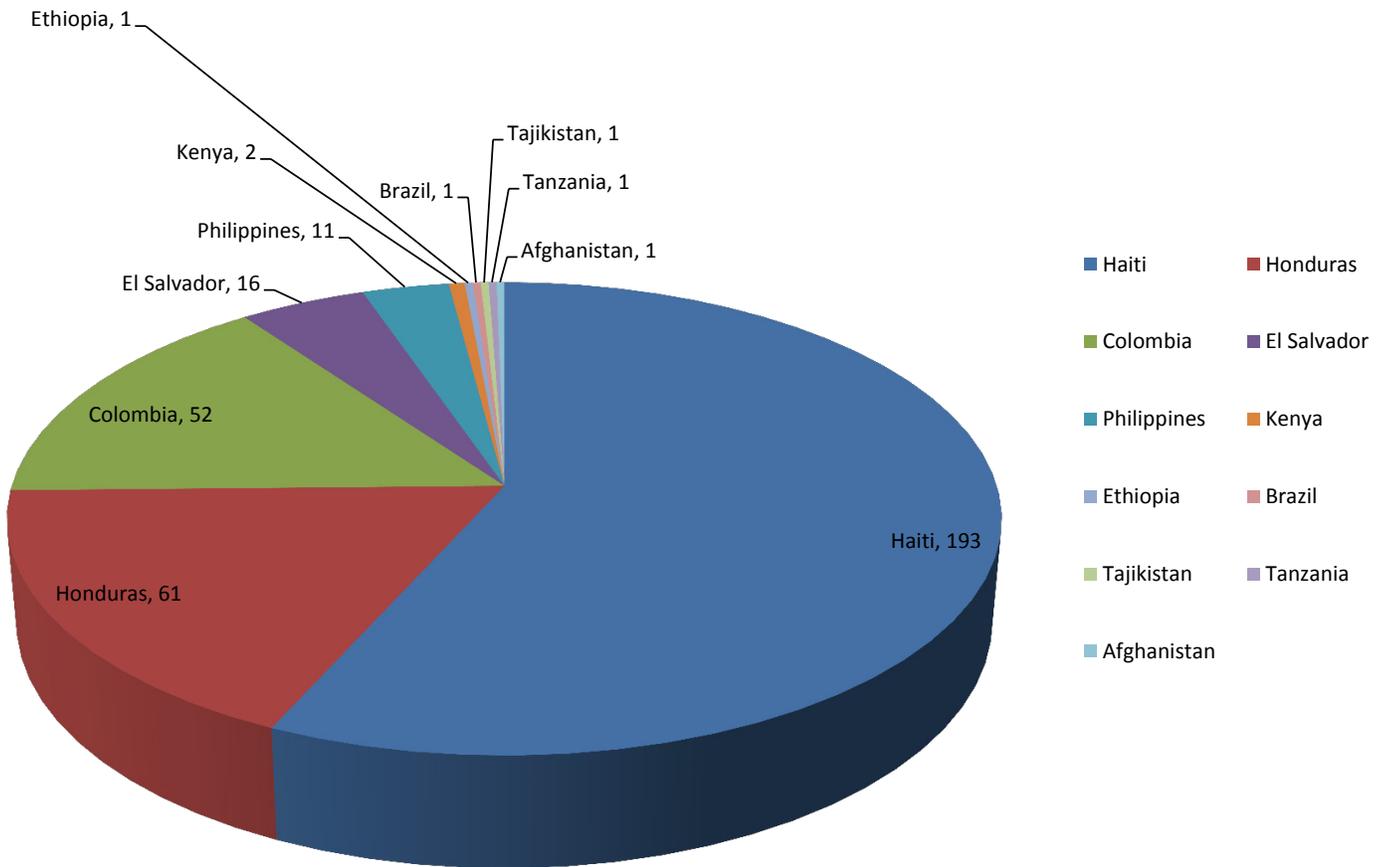
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# By the Numbers

## 340 Children Treated by Country, 2015





## Our Children

### Sarvinozi's Story



Four years ago when helping her mother prepare a meal over an open flame Sarvinozi's clothing caught on fire. Unable to receive proper treatment in her homeland of Tajikistan, an amazing international network of concerned citizens connected Sarvinozi with Childspring.

Childspring arranged for Sarvinozi to receive multiple surgeries and laser treatments in Boston. She arrived in Boston as a brave 15 year-old, with 30% of her body covered with disfiguring scars and restricted mobility in both arms. Sarvinozi came to the U.S. with an enthusiastic, open attitude, willing to try new things. When asked if there is anything she doesn't like, she responds, "There is nothing I don't like, nothing is bad. I like everything."

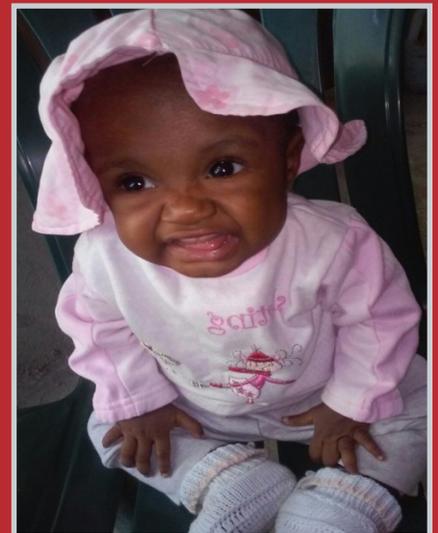
After successfully completing her regimen, Sarvinozi talked about her time in America. She will never forget her generous host families in Boston and Atlanta. This experience has inspired her to work with the elderly and help others live a better life.

### Fortune's Story

Doctors in Haiti diagnosed Fortune with a hepatic cyst and notified her parents that the necessary surgery was not available in Haiti. Fortune's parents were devastated by the lack of prospects for saving their child. "We all lost faith, hope, before the surgery. That's why we did not even give her a birth certificate. We thought she would die."

In February 2015, Childspring International's in-country coordinator in Haiti, identified the case and worked with the USA Atlanta office to dedicate resources to help Fortune and her family. Working with the medical community in Haiti Childspring helped connect Fortune with a world renowned surgeon who performed her critical surgery on September 10, 2015, while in Haiti.

"Our lives have changed. We are more than happy after the surgery. Now our daughter is alive, next month we will make arrangement for her birth certificate."





# Our Children

## Milourie and Kenipha's Story

In December, 2015, Milourie and Kenipha, sisters from La Gonâve, both received surgery at one of our partner hospitals to correct their bowed legs. Childspring foresees this new hospital partnership as instrumental in treating many more children in Haiti for orthopedic issues.

Milourie and Kenipha's story began over three years ago when they traveled from the island of La Gonâve to Port-au-Prince seeking surgical options. The cost of the procedure was almost \$3,000, an amount the family could not imagine ever having; they returned home desperate and hopeless. Teased at school for her appearance, Milourie shared she "felt embarrassed to see how different her feet were compared with others."

Milourie's surgery lasted six grueling hours yet the surgeon noted the admirable resilience Milourie displayed undergoing the procedure with hardly a complaint. Both girls were fitted for braces that were adjusted for the next few months until their legs are completely straight.



When asked how the surgery impacted Milourie's life, her mother replied, "Sometimes there are things that we can't describe in life...my daughter's surgery is one of them." She considers it a miracle and an answer to prayer that Childspring enabled Milourie and Kenipha to receive surgery free of charge to the family. These surgeries mark a new chapter in both the sisters' lives and the lives of the entire family. With hearts full of gratitude, they returned to La Gonâve after much physical therapy "to share our joy and testimony with the church members so that they continue to trust my God."

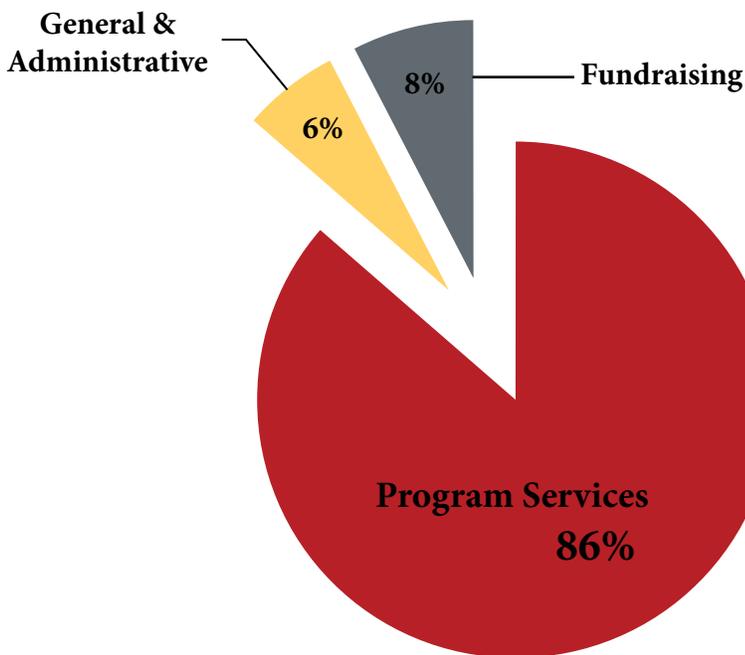


# Financial Review

INFLOWS	
Contributions & Gifts	\$292,839
In-kind Contributions	\$1,070,484
Revenue from Special Events	\$121,578
Investment Income	\$1,831
<b>TOTAL INFLOW</b>	<b>\$1,486,732</b>

OUTFLOWS	
Medical Treatments in USA	\$156,764
Medical Treatments outside USA	\$890,796
Scholarship Program	\$13,912
Other Programs	\$19,695
Direct Support to Program	\$220,225
<b>Total Program Outflows</b>	<b>\$1,301,392</b>
<b>Total Administrative Outflows</b>	<b>\$90,215</b>
<b>Marketing &amp; Fundraising</b>	<b>\$115,009</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$1,506,616</b>

## USE OF FUNDS



*With gratitude, our U.S.A. and international partnerships allow us to deliver seven dollars of life-changing care at a cost to Childspring International of only one dollar.*



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*The vision of Childspring International is to become the leading facilitator of life-saving surgeries for children in need, resulting in 5,000 transformed children's lives throughout the global community by the year 2024. This will in turn impact millions of families and communities because the impact of changing one child's future has a profound and positive ripple effect.*



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