



LIGHTHOUSE OF
HOPE MK



ANNUAL REPORT

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2018



A 2018 Recap

FROM OUR FOUNDERS



The opportunities and experiences we have had the privilege of being a part of since the beginning of Lighthouse of Hope MK, in 2016, have been amazing.

2018 was a busy, but encouraging year for us. We continued our volunteer work with the local public orphanage in Bitola, hosted a summer intern and two volunteers from the UK, built a Sensory room for the orphanage, and helped the local Roma development center by donating school supplies for their children. We also began the therapy dog training program, giving a second chance to rescue dogs - to be therapy pups for children from hard places.

However, our biggest step forward came when we purchased The JOY Home, a group home for up to 6 orphans to live in a family-style setting.

We finished 2018, with a warm Christmas dinner, welcoming our new team members, Dustin and Faith Minter, and Betty Easter.

As we work on the remodel and completion of The JOY Home, in preparation to receive children, we look forward to what 2019 will bring!



Project Highlights

THE JOY HOME



The JOY Home, purchased in 2018, will be a family-style, small group home for up to six children. These children are currently in institutional orphanages. North Macedonia's plan to deinstitutionalize all orphanages is already taking place, and will be completed by the end of 2019. The result is that children will be moved into more family-style settings.

This house is a three-story, unfinished structure. The design for the inside was able to be developed in the best way to accommodate special needs children. The ground floor is where up to two special needs children will have their bedrooms, as well as play rooms, and access to the outdoors! The inner and outer doors are wide enough to be wheelchair accessible! The bathroom is designed to allow for wheelchair access for toilet facilities and for showers.

The second floor is where up to four fully-mobile children will have their bedrooms, and bathroom. This floor has balconies, which will be made fully safe and secure for children. Imagine having tables and chairs where children can draw, color, enjoy fresh air, and have a great view of the trees and nearby mountains! And when they want to play outside, it's just downstairs, and out the door, where there is a fully fenced yard to run and play!

The top floor is a general area, for storage and future office space. It has a bathroom with toilet and sink facilities.



Project Highlights

PUBLIC INSTITUTION



Lighthouse of Hope MK partnered with the The Home for Infants and Young Children, which is North Macedonia's only public orphanage that cares for orphans ages from newborn to three years old.

In 2018, in addition to the Sensory Room project, we donated two new, industrial-sized sinks to be used to bathe the children, four custom-made wooden playpens with mattresses, as well as infant nutritional supplies

Weekly volunteers spent more than 720 hours in 2018, working with the 80+ children living in the public institution. We focused on the special needs children, using our backgrounds and giftings in creating opportunities to develop healthy attachments - a desperate need for institutionalized infants and young children. Armed with the knowledge that attachments are formed by the time a child is 3 years old, our focus was on spending time with the children. We also created information sheets for the nurses/caregivers, to give ideas about how they could help the children with attachment - eye contact, healthy touch, laughter, music, etc. and we modeled these methods for them.

The relationships we built at the Home for Infants and Young Children have developed into a partnership that includes many projects lined up for 2019, and will continue as long as the institution remains open.



Project Highlights

SENSORY ROOM



In order to provide attachment and play therapy for the children living in The Home for Infants and Young Children, Lighthouse of Hope MK enlisted the help of volunteers from the United Kingdom, to build a Sensory Therapy Room inside the institution - to be used by our volunteers, as well as the special education caregivers employed by the the orphanage.

Great care was taken to provide a safe, colorful, and warm atmosphere that was sensory rich and appropriate for the ages of the children who would be using the room.

The results were fantastic and the excitement from the staff of the orphanage, as well as the faces on the children the first time they entered, was out-of-this-world!

Some of the aspects that made the Sensory Room great for children were:

- Aromatherapy and sound machines
- Light/Dark Room with a bubble tower
- A colorful ball pit, with padded corners
- Therapy Table with age-appropriate equipment
- Therapy Taco Swing
- Padded flooring
- Giant bean bags
- Lots and lots of shatterproof mirrors to capture the smiles on their faces



Project Highlights

ROMA DEV CENTER



Our partnership with another local NGO in Bitola, North Macedonia, the Sumnal Center for Roma Development in 2018 was an important step in creating a strong bond of cooperation with other organizations and humanitarian groups that are working in similar areas of need.

In the Fall of 2018, we donated a full year of school supplies for the 25+ children who attend the center everyday, as well as warm slippers and winter hats to be used during the cold winter months.

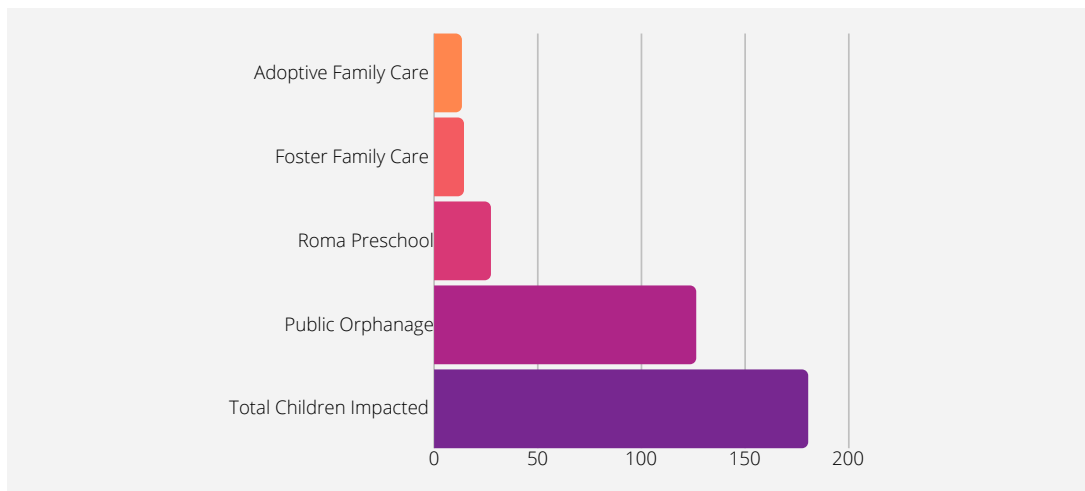
Additionally, we gave the center new shelving to hold the supplies, as well as lockable cabinets to keep the children safe from scissors, heavy books, etc.

As needs arise in the community, Lighthouse of Hope MK is prepared to work with partner organizations for the advancement of hope and healing for marginalized children in North Macedonia. We are grateful for the new friends we made in 2018!



Hope given

THE IMPACT



CHILDREN HELPED

In 2018, we were able to impact 180+ children through several different initiatives:

Adoptive Family Care - providing support to newly adoptive families, as well as training for parents in process of adopting and older sibling group

Foster Family Care - counseling via email, phone, and personal meetings for new foster families who received placements from the institution

Roma Preschool Center - Lighthouse of Hope MK donated a year's worth of school supplies to 27 children at the Roma Development Center in Bitola. Additionally, we provided warm slippers and hats for the children to wear during the cold winter months.

Public Orphanage - Through our weekly volunteer sessions (3 times a week), we were able to work with more than 126 children between the ages of newborn and 5 years old.



2018 Balance Sheet

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2018 Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Bank Account - Cash	\$978
JOY Home	\$82,821
Total Assets	\$83,799

Liabilities

JOY Home Loan Repayment	\$37,351
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Equity

Equity	\$46,448
Net Income	\$978
Total Liability and Equity	\$83,799

2018 was a very encouraging year.

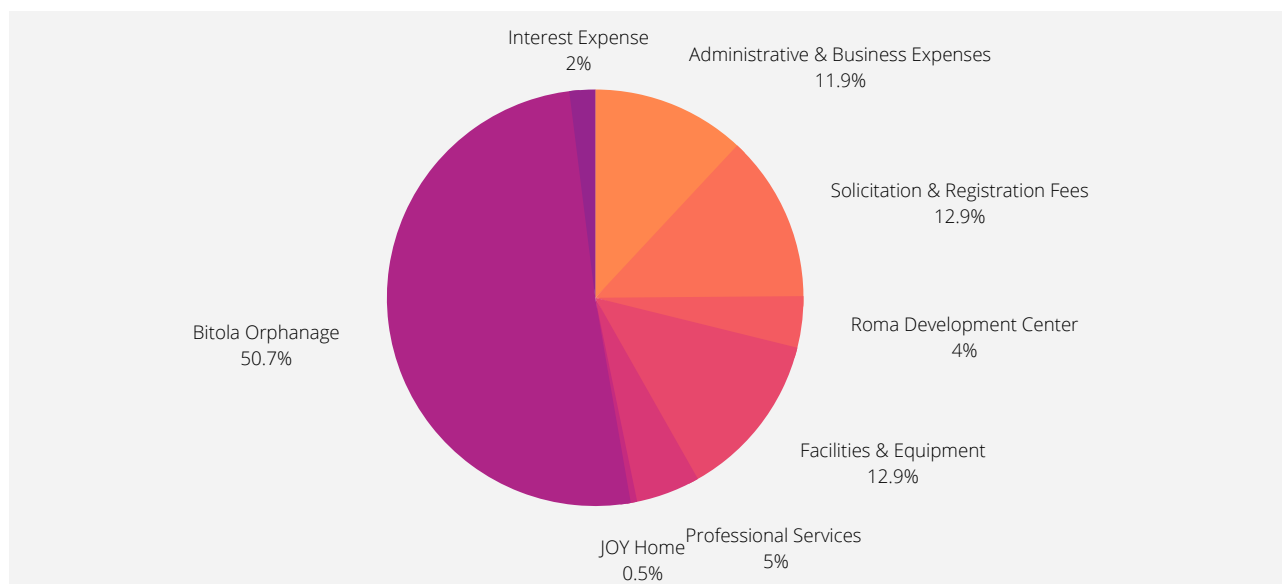
We are able to keep our costs low, with the utilization of volunteers and no staff costs. Additionally, no overseas travel was needed by staff or board members. We were able to use most of received donations specifically for the help we provide to the orphans of North Macedonia.

We were also able to purchase The JOY Home, a family-style, small group home for up to 6 children. We ended the year with a vision for growth in 2019.



Income & Expenses

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



2018 Statement of Financial Activities

Income

Direct Public Support	\$38,371
Total Income	\$38,125

Expenses

Administrative & Business Expenses	\$1,829
Facilities & Equipment	\$1,968
Solicitation & Registration Fees	\$1,627
Interest Expense	\$351
Professional Services (Notary, Accounting, Legal)	\$788
Operating Expenses	\$6,563
JOY Home	\$75
Home for Infants and Young Children Bitola	\$7,425
Roma Development Center - Sumnal	\$641
Program Expenses	\$8,141
Total Expenses	\$14,704
Net Income	\$23,421



Who we are

OUR TEAM

Our Board Members



Zoran Naskov



Jennifer Naskov



Kassie Wilson



Mike Kozlinski



Melinda Helle



Nastassia Naskov

Our Team



Betty Easter



Faith Minter



Dustin Minter

We are so excited about the team of great people who have joined us in the cause to provide hope and healing to the orphans of North Macedonia! Together, we are committed to providing the best quality and loving care to children from hard places.