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INTRODUCTION

LETTER

Dear Friends,

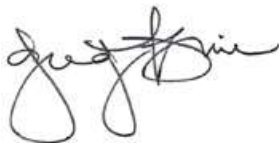
Thanks to supporters like you, Visions reached new heights in 2022! Our global reach continues to grow, as does the incredible community of support that continues to surround us and enable our work globally. We are immensely grateful for your continued generosity, support, and belief in the transformative power of education.

With this Annual Report, it is truly our pleasure to share a bit more about the impact our collective efforts have had on the lives of so many youth around the globe who dream of a better education and a brighter future. For so many people living in poverty, they do not want a hand-out; they simply need a hand up. At Visions, we believe in enabling opportunities, but it is ultimately the people themselves who must decide to seize the moment and make the most of it.

We also believe that there are no better advocates for a community or its needs than the people who are from that community itself. For this reason, Visions has always prioritized local leadership and ownership. Only in this way can we truly build civil society and create sustainable solutions to the many, many challenges vulnerable communities face today.

We remain deeply grateful to you for your vital support of these young people around the world and of Visions in general, which is enabling them to pursue their dreams, realize their potential, and make possible an independent future in a better, safer, and more just world.

With gratitude,



Greg Buie, MA
Executive Director & Co-Founder



Meera Pathmarajah,
EdD
Co-Founder

OUR MISSION

To enable sustainable development through education, leadership, and technology.

Visions is especially focused on enabling social change in communities affected by poverty, conflict, disability, and gender discrimination. We envision a world where all people have access to quality education, are empowered to realize their unique aspirations, and are equipped to make positive contributions to our world.

THE NEED

Worldwide, millions of children face immense daily hardships that prevent them from accessing a quality education or preparing themselves for a meaningful, educated, and independent life.

Since 2003, we have labored tirelessly in creating educational and personal development opportunities that serve community needs and enable youth to improve their own lives and overall wellbeing.

Currently, Visions operates predominantly in 5 countries - Ethiopia, India, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua and the U.S. In 2022, however, we also supported educational initiatives in Kenya, Guatemala, and Canada.



OUR TEAM



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Executive Director



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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!



When the seed was planted in 2003 to conduct a peace & empowerment camp in Sri Lanka for youth who had been deeply affected and displaced by war, our Co-Founder Dr. Meera Pathmarajah could scarce have realized what would come of that fateful decision. As we now enter our 20th year of operations, we still cannot believe how far Visions has come.

In 2022, Visions employed 232 people globally across six countries. Our brand has also grown, with the establishment of independent local entities bearing our same name, logo, and general mission. Visions India celebrated its 6th year anniversary last year. Visions Nicaragua (and Visions Guatemala) are entering their 5th year, while Visions Ethiopia is entering its 3rd year. And Visions Sri Lanka was granted nonprofit status in 2022 - nineteen years after our first effort in the country.

Now 4 years into development, the digital education platform we have been building - Blue Brick School (www.BlueBrickSchool.org) - reached the pilot phase in 2022, with pilots being conducted in 2 countries (India, Guatemala) and 2 languages (English, Spanish).

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Since our inception...



51,000+
lives impacted



5,600
students & teachers
trained in leadership



308
scholarships awarded



4,100
students have attended
after-school programs



350+
leadership & teacher
trainings conducted



293
international volunteers
traveled abroad



\$21 M
invested in education
programs



6,500
students trained through
e-learning programs



As our network has grown, so has our impact. These are just a few quick statistics on where we ended the year.

As we look to the new year, we are excited about what the future holds. We are preparing to scale our efforts in all countries this year, in the hopes of reaching thousands of more youth to access the quality education that they deserve!

ETHIOPIA



While Visions has been supporting deaf education in Ethiopia since 2012, it was not until early 2019 that we facilitated the establishment of Visions Global Empowerment Ethiopia (“Visions Ethiopia”), an independent, registered Ethiopian Residents Charity.

Working in partnership, we aim to develop the potential, skills and abilities of persons affected by poverty, disability, gender discrimination or other hardship through initiatives focused on Education, Community Development and Socio-Economic Empowerment.



AT A GLANCE



80
children attend our Deaf Center



18
Full-time staff & volunteers,
13 of whom are deaf themselves



90+
meals served per day at our Center (free of charge) to address food insecurity & health



200+
total number of deaf youth & young adults reached in 2022



15+
children ages 2-6 attend the center's preschool daily

Visions Center for the Deaf - Hawassa, Sidama

Our Visions Ethiopia team has expanded both the scope and quality of services for Deaf youth at our Visions Center for the Deaf in Hawassa, Sidama in southern Ethiopia, which now serves around 80 children and their families, almost all of whom are from extremely socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Services on offer at the Center, all of which are provided free of charge, include:

- preschool
- academic tutoring for all ages in 5 subjects
- mentorship
- sign language training for family & community members
- interpreting support
- daily lunch (including for local Deaf young adults who are unemployed or underemployed and are in great financial need)
- transportation support to/from our Center



"I have no words how to say thank you, knowing how things were before. Now [my son] comes to the center everyday, has his breakfast and lunch here, plays, has friends, and is happy."

Our Center has become a gathering place for people to find community, language, support, friendship and respect -- the first place of its kind in this area!

Additionally, our staff are now providing sign language and academic support services for Deaf youth & young adults in multiple satellite locations across 4 regions -- Oromia; Sidama; Amhara; and the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region.



INDIA

Visions Global Empowerment India is an independent nonprofit organization in India that continues the tradition of implementing education and community development projects for under-served populations in India, inspired by the educational development work of Visions Global Empowerment (USA) since 2008. Visions India is registered under the Trust Act of India and the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.

Learning & Empowerment Program

The Visions Learning and Empowerment Program (also referred to as our "after-school program") is a multi-dimensional program that provides vital after-school support intended to foster the overall development of children and youth aged between 6 to 18.

Visions currently runs **17 after-school study centers** reaching out to a total of 695 youngsters in three districts of Tamil Nadu, namely Tiruchirappalli, Thiruvannamalai and Kalakuruchi. These 17 centres mostly (95%) cater to the youth who come from socially discriminated communities (i.e. Dalits and Tribals).

AT A GLANCE



695

youth attended our after-school centers in 3 districts across Tamil Nadu



300+

youth participated in 12 national and international day celebrations



250+

youth on average participate in each leadership training



235

tree saplings planted and cared for in 2022



13

Books read on average by each child in 2022



275

students wrote General Knowledge ("GK") tests every week

Other Initiatives

Health & Hygiene

In order to provide emotional support and promote awareness of adolescent girls' rights, health, and hygiene (specifically with regards to menstrual and reproductive health), Visions India initiated a new initiative in 2022 known as the Visions Adolescent Girls Associations.

- 61 girls in total have participated in the Adolescent Girls Associations to-date.
- Our Visions India team opened a new office in the Kalrayan Hills and is undertaking a larger scale health and hygiene project there for communities that lack proper sanitation access with support from a foundation based in Chile.
- Our team also conducted a menstrual health & hygiene management project in partnership with a U.S. researcher and have plans to do a second study soon as well in partnership with UC Berkeley.

Blue Brick School Pilot

Currently, there are 54 children enrolled in the Blue Brick School (www.BlueBrickSchool.org) pilot across 3 training centers, which aims to enhance the literacy skills of early learners.



"I am who I am today because of the relentless support given to me by Visions...Without Visions, I could not imagine being in this position."



Youth Talents Meet

The 6th Annual Visions Youth Talents Meet recognized the talents of young people from Visions Learning and Empowerment Centers and aimed to help them make meaningful contributions to their communities. Over 450 youth participated in this event held on December 28, 2022 at DM Town Primary School, Tiruvannamalai.

University Scholars Program

The Visions University Scholars Program was launched in 2015 to provide holistic support services to high-achieving, mostly rural youth from the communities we serve who are in transition to higher education or the working world. Currently, the program supports 69 students attending various universities in Tamil Nadu, with 39 students having already successfully completed their programs and graduated, many of whom are now employed. In total, 113 young adults have benefitted from this initiative to-date!

NICARAGUA

Working in partnership with philanthropist Robert D. Friedman, Escuela Vera Angelita is a private, nonprofit boarding school for girls who hail from underserved & vulnerable communities across Nicaragua. In February 2022, the school opened its doors to our inaugural class serving students in Grades 5-8 from mostly rural communities across Nicaragua.

Our modern school campus lies on a beautiful 437-acre property in the community of La Grecia in San Ramón, Matagalpa, Nicaragua. The school campus is located in a secure section of the almost entirely self-sufficient Vera Angelita, which is also home to a full-fledged farm, coffee plantation, botanical gardens, onsite housing for staff & guests, plant nursery and private nature reserve.



AT A GLANCE



68

total students served our first year from Grades 5-8



850+

jobs created since project inception.



9,000

pounds of organic food from our farm donated to a local maternity hospital.



139.2

acres under wildlife protection.



60

staff who attended free English courses.



240

goats, sheep, horses, donkeys, dogs, chickens, ducks, cats, and water buffalo living onsite.

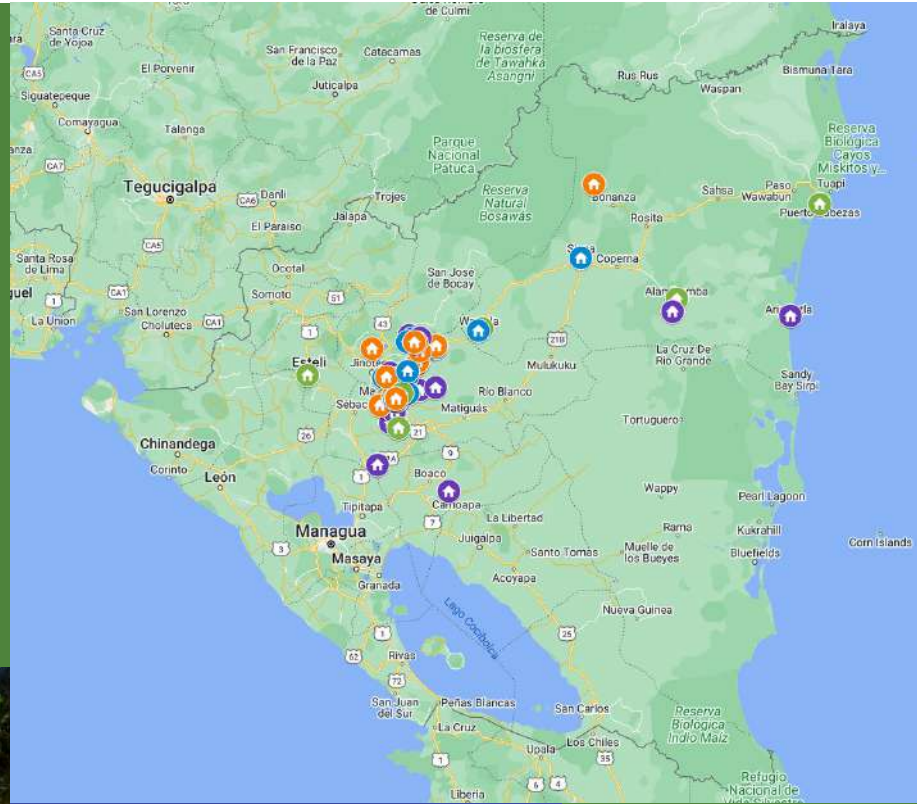
EVA'S MISSION: To prepare young Nicaraguan women in leading independent, healthy, goal-driven, and meaningful lives and to develop their academic, personal and professional leadership abilities for active participation in the modern world.

WHO WE SERVE



WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARE LOCATED

- 66%** RURAL COMMUNITIES OF MATAGALPA
- 14%** CARIBBEAN COAST
- 19%** RURAL COMMUNITIES OF JINOTEGA
- 1%** BOACO



STUDENTS' FAMILY INCOME

- 24%** LIVE ON AROUND \$10 A DAY
- 70%** LIVE ON AROUND \$5 A DAY
- 6%** LIVE ON AROUND \$1 A DAY



STUDENTS' NATIVE LANGUAGE

- 92%** SPANISH
- 7%** MISKITU
- 1%** MAYAGNA



STUDENTS' HOME LIVING CONDITIONS

- 94%** DON'T HAVE PROPER SANITATION FACILITIES
- 79%** HAVE A DIRT FLOOR
- 36%** DON'T HAVE CLEAN WATER
- 73%** USE A WOOD STOVE



Student Scholarship includes:

Uniforms * Room & board * All meals & snacks * All school supplies * Medical care
Counseling * Family support * And so much more...

Academics

Our bilingual (Spanish / English) curriculum is focused on experiential learning with the intent of developing critical thinking abilities, while also nurturing student passions and developing the skills needed to understand and address important local and global issues.

Our students have successfully demonstrated a passion and a capacity for learning, inherent leadership qualities, and a desire to make a positive impact on our world.

"Thank you for teaching me how to enjoy life, how to love and care for myself, for giving me a quality education most girls do not get the privilege to receive."

Health & Well-being

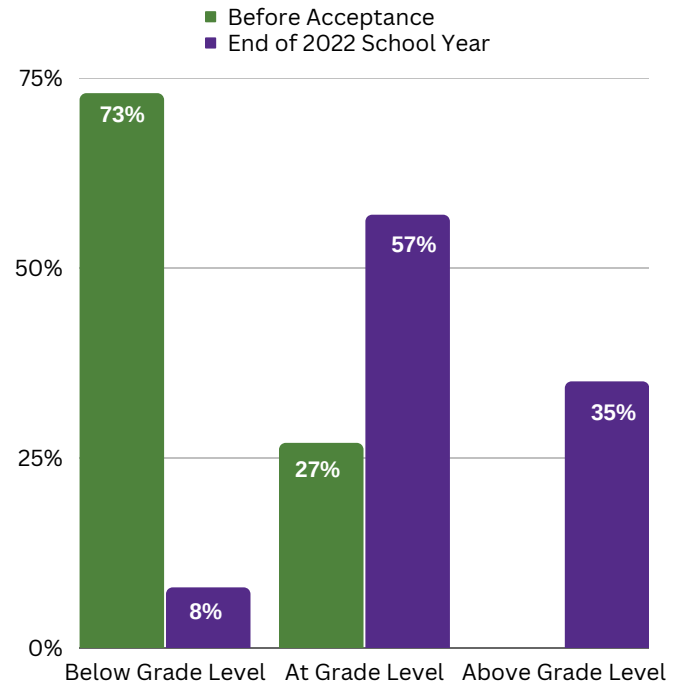
EVA provides an onsite doctor for students to begin their medical records upon arrival, which is often the first official medical documentation for many. During regular medical check-ups, some students at EVA were identified to have various health issues, such as appendicitis, epilepsy, heart defects, and severe ear and nose problems. EVA coordinated further screenings and tests to better understand these conditions with specialists in the nearby capital city of Matagalpa. EVA covered 100% of the costs associated with transportation, medication, and follow-ups.

Furthermore, all students received an annual eye exam. From those exams, 13 students were identified as needing eyeglasses and were given their own pair based on their prescription.

Additionally, all students receive regular dental cleaning and screenings. Some students have needed further dental procedures, including:

- 95 restorative dentistry
- 23 tooth extractions
- 5 root canal treatments
- 14 dental x-rays

ALL STUDENTS:



100% of students received dental and eye care services for the first time in their lives

EVA also provides 24/7 access to a counselor.

- Students meet with the counselor twice a month to help them to get to know themselves better and develop skills to become empowered young women.
- Our counselor trains caretakers and teachers on a monthly basis on different relevant topics which equip them with resources and knowledge to better support the students during their challenges.
- 100% of Caretakers are trained in workshops related to child protection and emotional first aid.

Vera Eco-Resort



An integral part of our project, which facilitates the financial sustainability of the entire operation, the Vera Eco-Resort enables guests to relax and reset through an immersive experience of natural connection, personal rejuvenation and community connection & service.

Sharing an inextricable link with the school, the Vera Eco-Resort offers the opportunity to both experience Nicaragua while also exploring cultural and community connection and purpose in a rural setting.

We specialize in group and donor retreats, customizing experiences that provide opportunities to engage with neighboring communities in supporting volunteer efforts focused on education, agriculture, health, water, conservation, research, and much more. All profits from the Vera Eco-Resort benefit the school and local community development initiatives.

We offer 27 bedrooms across 6 villas, each with its own identity and design, and a capacity to accommodate a maximum of 60 guests for groups and events. Guests have access to our onsite gym and multi-use sports court, as well as a yoga & massage platform and onsite dining facility.

We are an all-inclusive resort, meaning your stay includes accommodation, all meals, bottled water, local transportation, a guide, and all onsite activities. We have a dedicated team ready to serve and ensure you have an amazing experience. As our guest, you can enjoy:

- Healthy, vegetarian & vegan farm-to-table cuisine
- Yoga & meditation
- Horseback riding
- Service opportunities
- Spanish lessons
- Cooking classes
- Guided hikes & farm tours
- Birdwatching
- & much more!



Please visit www.VeraEcoResort.com for more information. We are now open year-round for bookings!

Vera Angelita Estate

Our estate team consists of several specialized teams, including livestock, food production, landscaping, forestry, carpentry, security, transportation, housekeeping, maintenance, finance, and food services. These teams are crucial for the project's success.

Our goal of sustainability drives our objective to create a self-sustaining operation, empowering people and eliminating the need for external support. As we establish this project, we see our dream becoming reality, as evidenced by these highlights:

- We have achieved **60% energy sustainability** through the installation of solar panels and batteries across our property, with ongoing efforts to reach our ultimate goal of 100%.
- Our **food production is 85% self-sufficient**, featuring fully organic, vegetarian/vegan agricultural systems that mimic nature.
- **Achieved 100% water self-sufficiency** through the implementation of robust natural water collection and purification systems. Furthermore, we have taken extensive measures to reforest the property and restore the watershed by planting bamboo and endemic trees.
- Our **waste goal is to recycle 90%** of waste, which we have essentially already achieved. All solid waste and grey and black water are processed on-site, with animal waste repurposed as fertilizer. We have a robust recycling / reuse program and prioritize sustainable use materials and practices.





Conservation

In the midst of a climate crisis, we endeavor to not only lessen our ecological footprint, but also to make a positive and lasting impact on our natural environment. Over the course of the last few years, we have undertaken major efforts to reforest much of our property, restore the watershed, protect & rehabilitate local wildlife, and promote sustainable living.

35,201
trees planted

139.2
acres under wildlife
protection

60.4
acres reforested

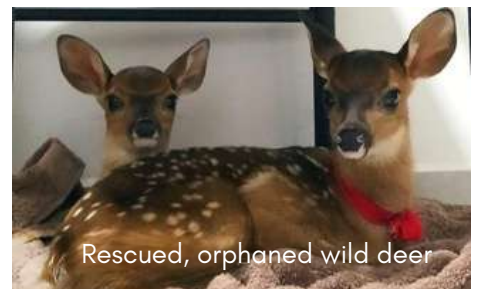
4,647
bamboo planted for
water retention

66,500
pounds of organic waste
material recycled & used
for soil

248
species of bird, mammal,
reptile, amphibian, & insect
observed and identified



A safe haven for sloths



Rescued, orphaned wild deer

SRI LANKA

Since 2003, Visions Global Empowerment (USA) has implemented nearly \$930,000 USD worth of educational programs and projects in Sri Lanka through local partnerships.

In 2023, Visions Sri Lanka officially obtained NGO status in Sri Lanka. This marked a significant milestone event in the history of Visions' operations in Sri Lanka - 20 years after originally coming to the island.

The organization currently employs 4 full-time and 4 part-time staff and directly trained / supported **1,082 individuals** in 2022!

1,000 Leaders Campaign

In 2022, we launched our "1,000 Leaders Campaign"! This campaign was made possible by donors who believed that together we can enable opportunities for youth to realize their aspirations, make a positive impact, and become community leaders. Despite an extremely difficult year in Sri Lanka, our team successfully launched the program at 10 schools in Jaffna, Northern Province. They also opened a Point Pedro office, held staff capacity-building trainings, and ran leadership trainings at a variety of institutions / universities.

We conducted 349 total Leadership sessions for students in grades 6-10 on the following topics:

- Introduction to Life Skills
- Self-Awareness
- Empathy
- Effective Communication
- Interpersonal Relationship
- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Decision Making
- Problem Solving



"I was shy and kept myself isolated from classroom activities. Consequently, I was unable to showcase my hidden talents. As a result of the LSE sessions, I was able to recognize my shyness and overcome it. Now, I volunteer for classroom activities."

AT A GLANCE



310

individuals participated in Visions leadership trainings (71 % were female)



22

teachers trained to teach Life Skills Education sessions to Grade 6-9 students



10

schools participated in Life Skills Education sessions



103

students benefited from Visions nutritional support



35

families given home gardening supplies

Other Initiatives



Study Without Hunger

Visions provided nutritional support to 103 students and home gardening supplies to 35 families in response to Sri Lanka's economic crisis. The program encouraged home-based cultivation with seed packets for various vegetables and was coordinated by instructors from the Agrarian Service Center.



Group Counseling Sessions

At one school, a trained para counselor from Visions conducted group counseling sessions with 22 tenth grade students, which helped increase their self-awareness and group solidarity through 12 sessions of group-based activities and reflection exercises



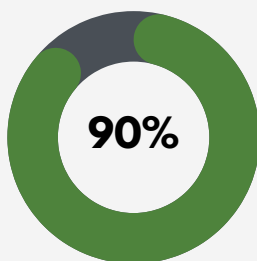
Active Global Citizenship Program

In partnership with York University, Canada, and the University of the Philippines - Dilman, graduate students from these universities worked with the Visions Sri Lanka team to plan, strategize, and implement an Active Global Citizenship training for 38 undergraduate students at Jaffna University. The program culminated with participants developing Social Action Plans (SAPs) to implement social service projects in community settings.



BLUE BRICK SCHOOL

For the last nearly five years, Visions has been building an exciting new digital education platform called Blue Brick School (www.BlueBrickSchool.org) driven by the mission of delivering offline, tablet-based e-learning resources to marginalized children globally. Blue Brick School is a collaborative, open-source platform that empowers educators to freely create, edit, and translate e-learning content. We strive to improve literacy rates in under-resourced communities by increasing children's access to locally relevant e-learning games, activities, and e-books for children who reside in hard-to-reach rural areas and lack access to technology, internet, and electricity. For this reason, Blue Brick School was established in both offline and online formats.



of children in low-income countries are unable to read and understand a simple text by age 10

THE GLOBAL REALITY

750 MILLION
people are illiterate globally

387 MILLION
primary age children are unable to read proficiently

263 MILLION
children and youth are out of school completely

*Moreover, hundreds of millions of children attend schools in classrooms that are under-resourced with educators that lack proper training.

Nicaragua



“It is mind blowing what the Blue Brick School team is doing. So far, I have not seen a platform that provides such interesting games for young children and gives teachers so much autonomy to customize them in order to suit their contexts and needs.”

- ESL teacher, Brazil

ABOUT BLUE BRICK SCHOOL



QUALITY CONTENT

Our education team and global contributors publish high-quality literacy content that makes learning fun and easy and yields real learning results - regardless of where one lives or what their socioeconomic background may be.



ACTIVITY & BOOK CREATOR

With our flexible and innovative software, anyone can build activities and books to customize their current literacy curriculum for free. Partner schools can create their own classes, teachers, and students to start playing their course.



LOCALIZATION

In many parts of the world, untrained teachers lack the resources to teach and meaningfully engage children. Blue Brick School's online portal allows anyone to easily edit, translate, or localize activities or eBooks so that children can learn with representation of characters and visuals that reflect their local language and culture.



TRANSLATION

40% of children globally are taught in a language they do not understand. This is why Blue Brick School has created easy tools for text and voiceover translation, enabling learning for children of all language backgrounds, including minorities and indigenous people.

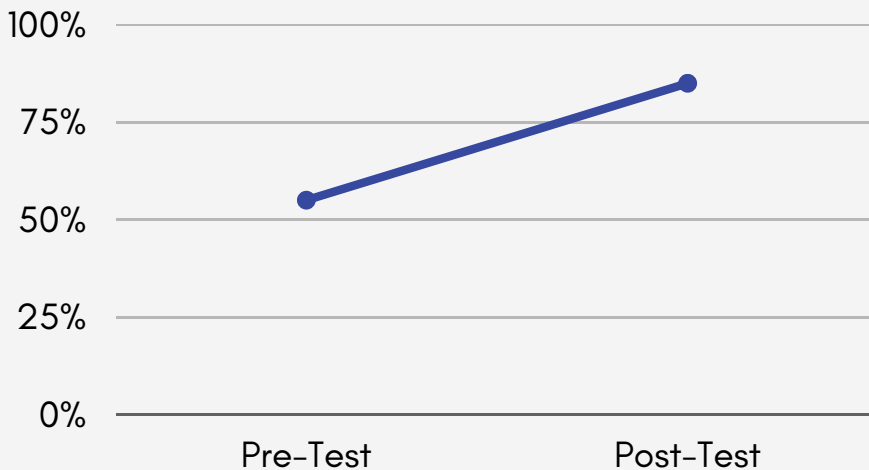
In early 2022, we began beta testing our early literacy course designed for young children, which now includes more than 300 games and 400 e-books. A pilot of the pre-K content in English began in 2022 in partnership with Visions India and is ongoing. We also undertook a pilot of the pre-K content in Spanish in Nicaragua in 2021 in partnership with our own Escuela Vera Angelita and in Guatemala in partnership with FUNSEPA. These pilots have been a great source of feedback as we work to improve the platform and prepare for hopefully a larger scale launch in the near future.

Currently, we are working on two new important initiatives for 2023 - translating the platform into Tamil and launching a new pilot of this Tamil-language content in India; and translating the platform into Sepedi and launching a pilot of the Sepedi-language content in South Africa.



India Beta Test Results

47 students from 2 rural villages in Tamil Nadu, India were given a 20 question literacy assessment administered by program staff prior to beginning Blue Brick School and after playing Blue Brick school for 2.5 months.

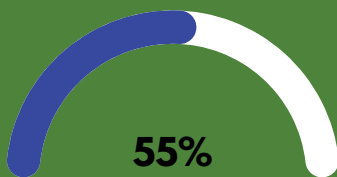


55%

average score on the literacy assessment pre-test

85%

average score on the literacy assessment post-test



On average, scores increased 55% after 2.5 months of playing Blue Brick School

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Our Partnership with Him Jyoti School (India)

In 2015, we first came to know Him Jyoti School (www.HimJyotiSchool.org) based in Dehradun in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand after making a visit to this award-winning nonprofit boarding school for girls. One of the finest academic institutions in India, Him Jyoti is a true example of what quality education can mean for young women from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds who would otherwise not have access to such an exceptional and well-rounded opportunity.

Over the past 2 years alone (2021 & 2022), Visions has channeled nearly USD \$124,000 in donations from U.S.-based donors in support of Him Jyoti School (via the Himalayan School Society) without levying any fees whatsoever.



Our Partnership with Amazing Grace Center Kenya

In 2006 & 2007, Visions conducted youth leadership trainings in Kisumu, Western Kenya, at which time we came to know an amazing young volunteer named Alice Awinja. Fast forward to 2020, and we reconnected with Alice, who was now the Founder and Director of a local community-based organization in her native Vihiga County in western Kenya called Amazing Grace Center Kenya (www.AmazingGraceKenya.org). This organization provides education and economic development support to youth, especially young women, from rural communities in Kenya experiencing high rates of poverty, HIV/AIDS, and disability.

Over the past several years, Visions has provided support in various ways to AGCK, including fiscal sponsorship, executive mentorship and support, website development, technology, and general support for education programming. In April 2022, we sponsored one of AGCK's executive Board members to attend and present at the "Tech Intersections: Women of Color in Computing" conference in Oakland, CA where she shared AGCK's work and experiences. This past December 2022, we also supported AGCK's end-of-year holiday party to celebrate all the organizational and individual student achievements.



Our Partnership with CACM (Sri Lanka)

Visions has enjoyed a very special partnership with our friends at CACM in Sri Lanka for the past decade, having implemented after-school programs, leadership trainings, scholarships, teacher development initiatives, and more together. In recent years, Visions has served in a fiscal support role with CACM, channeling donations without charge to various (secular only) education-related efforts from amongst their global support network.

In 2022, we channeled nearly USD \$123,000 in support for these efforts, which include scholarship support for CACM youth studying in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, and Europe; nutritional support for preschool youth; youth leadership development training programs; and Vocational Training Center support. We applaud CACM's continued commitment, especially that of Dr. Darshan Ambalavanar, in providing this vital support for the benefit of so many deserving young people.



Our Partnership with Calderon Kids Orange County (USA)

Every holiday season for the last 5 years, we have supported local efforts to provide relief to vulnerable families in need in Orange County, CA where our office is located. Thanks to the support of our friends at F&F Capital (with whom we share an office space), we were able to help dozens of families in both Orange County and Mexico this year past Thanksgiving and Christmas season. These efforts are organized every year by our amazing office chef Mr. Erasmo Calderon who is the embodiment of service and compassion. While we are a globally-oriented organization, we are proud to be able to support him and these efforts here in our own local communities.



EVENTS



“Celebration of EVA”: February 22, 2022 (Irvine, CA)

After 7 years of planning and development, Escuela Vera Angelita (“EVA”) private nonprofit boarding school for girls in Matagalpa, Nicaragua finally opened its doors in January 2022 with the inaugural class of students in grades 5-8. To mark this momentous occasion, we hosted a “Celebration of EVA” at the offices of F&F Capital in Irvine on the auspicious date of 2.22.22. In addition to the live music, appetizers, and libations, we raised our glasses to EVA and celebrated this achievement and all the hope it brings to so many. EVA Founder, Mr. Robert Friedman (pictured here), whose dream it was to build this school, also honored his mother Angela, after whom the school is named (along with his grandmother Vera).



“Play it Forward”: April 30, 2022 (Lancaster, CA)

Featuring a casino night and buffet dinner, our “Play It Forward” event was the first gathering in Lancaster since the pandemic began. It was wonderful seeing everyone again and being able to share updates on how much Visions has grown, especially the progress of our work in Sri Lanka. With the generous support of all who attended and donated, we were able to raise over \$56,000, which allowed us to comfortably launch the “1,000 Leaders Campaign” in 10 schools across Jaffna, Sri Lanka later in the year.



“EVA Take Flight: Inaugural Year” - High Tea & Fashion Show: August 24, 2022 (La Jolla, CA)

Organized by our Visions President Tamara Lafarga with support from her fantastic organizing committee, the 2nd annual “EVA Take Flight” event of a high tea and fashion show took place at the Marine Room in La Jolla, CA on August 24, 2022. More than 100 hundred guests joined us, many of whom renewed their sponsorships of students at Escuela Vera Angelita in Nicaragua. In total, we raised more than \$150,000 through this signature event. We are always so touched to be joined and supported by so many who share our passion for our mission to educate and empower young women globally.



“Dance the Night Away: EVA Benefit Concert”: October 20, 2022 (Newport Beach, CA)

Our first major event in Orange County in several years, we could not have been more grateful for all the support we received for our 1st annual Visions / Escuela Vera Angelita benefit concert, which was held at a private residence on the stunning Newport Back Bay. In addition to the food trucks, drink stations, and silent auction, everyone enjoyed the vibrant performance of Boombox Heroes and truly danced the night away! Our live auction featured some truly one-of-a-kind experiences like a trip to a stunning ranch in Montana, a week-long cruise on the infamous The World private cruise ship, and a behind-the-scenes taping of a TV show. Thanks to everyone who supported and attended, we raised \$110,000 for this incredible cause! We are already looking forward to the next one!



FINANCIALS

2021 SUMMARY

Support & Revenue

Contributions and Grants	\$5,847,586
In-Kind	\$27,365
Investments/Other	\$39
Total	\$5,874,990

Expenses

Programs (South Asia)	\$262,281
Programs (East Africa)	\$36,153
Programs (Central America)	\$4,163,250
Programs (USA)	\$48,615
Programs (Blue Brick School)	\$581,090
Administrative/Operations	\$392,217
Fundraising	\$41,910
Total Expenses	\$5,525,516

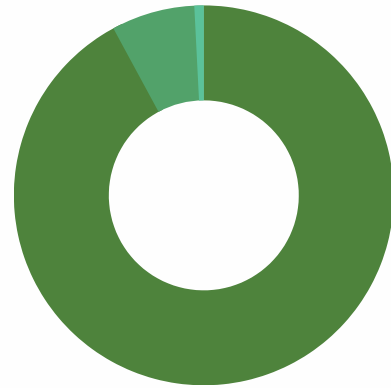
Assets & Liabilities

Total assets	\$561,037
Total liabilities	\$84,323
Current net assets	\$476,984

You can also access our full federal return Form 990 for every year on our website:
www.VisionsGlobalEmpowerment.org/financials

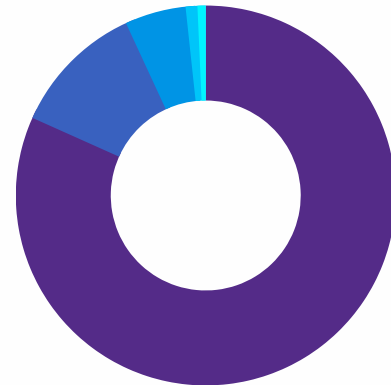
**Finalized financial data for 2022 is not yet available.*

2021 Spending Overview



92.1% Programs
7.1% Operations/Admin
0.8% Marketing/Fundraising

2021 Program Spending Breakdown



81.7% Central America Programs
11.4% Blue Brick School
5.2% South Asia Programs
1% USA Programs
0.7% East Africa Programs



"The work that is done with the girls and knowing that they are receiving a quality education in a safe environment fills me with love and passion for the work we do in the organization. I know we are making a large scale positive impact in the lives of the students."

- Josseling, Learning Facilitator at EVA



**We thank you for
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