



Jenny Brady
Executive Director

I am honored to be part of SOTENI's critically important and impactful work in Kenya. My professional background is in development, communications and project management for private, nonprofit and public sector organizations. Most recently, I worked in corporate communications for a French Multinational energy management company. I live in Cincinnati with my husband and our sweet dog. I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I've received so far! I look forward to getting to know all of you – our supporters, volunteers and all my friends in Kenya. Please don't hesitate to drop me a note at jennybrady@soteni.org.

Noreen Obilo
Programs Manager

I am the Programs Manager at SOTENI Kenya. My main role is to manage the daily operations and support project implementations at the Villages of Hope. I have over eight years of experience in the health sector in Kenya and Namibia, where I have worked on community development projects and in health facilities. I am passionate about people - uplifting the social economic status of disadvantaged communities and individuals. I am married and a mother to one energetic boy. I am pleased to be a part of SOTENI's work and all that we are endeavoring to achieve together. I welcome hearing from you. My email address is noreen@soteni.org.



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2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

This year, SOTENI celebrates its 15th anniversary. In a time of great uncertainty for many organizations, institutions and causes, SOTENI persists. Why? Because of you. You who are reading these words.

SOTENI prospers because of you: Ubuntu. Ubuntu means "I am because you are." Humans depend on connection, community, and caring. Simply, we cannot be without each other. The following thanks represent the vast network of individuals, who comprise the Ubuntu spirit that keep SOTENI alive.

Thank you:

- to Randie Marsh, for your ingenuity, compassion, and productivity;
- to Onsando Osiemo, for your legal acumen and leadership on the SK Board;
- to Meshack & Elizabeth Maleche, for housing volunteers in Mbakalo;
- to our Kenya staff and our Village Coordinators, Calvin Aloo, Raphael Barasa and Peter Gitong;
- to our new leaders, Noreen Obilo in Kenya and Jenny Brady in Cincinnati; and
- to you, for doing what you can, whether it's
 - Donating your old laptop or ten thousand dollars,
 - Writing a letter of encouragement to someone living with HIV/AIDS,
 - Advocating to legislators for smart international development,
 - Seeking potential donors and funds for public health interventions,
 - Experiencing Africa firsthand, or
 - Running for office or voting for justice, freedom, respect, and peace.

Relationships are at the heart of what we do. Thank YOU for continuing to support SOTENI's mission over the past 15 years, and into the next 15 years and beyond. SOTENI is because you are.



Thank you,
Victoria Wulsin
Founder & Vice Chair, SOTENI International

LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that this year, we celebrated 15 years of SOTENI. Yet, it was a tremendous year for our work in Kenya and in the US.

We accomplished much in Kenya, including strengthening our flagship AIDS Barefoot Doctor program. We made the vision of the Mary Kibor community center a reality. We also have an exciting opportunity to expand into serving youth and adolescents, who are chronically underserved in the communities around the Villages of Hope. We welcomed Noreen Obilo as the new SOTENI Kenya Programs Director. We strengthened the capacity of SOTENI Kenya's staff through a series of workshops, including on how to collect data so that we can continue to demonstrate SOTENI's impact and tell our story.

Stateside, the success of our annual Gala of Hope in Cincinnati was unprecedented, thanks to your generosity. Our speaking engagement with Carcole House in Cincinnati allowed us to share our lessons in Kenya with a local HIV/AIDS service organization, while learning about the local epidemic. And, we embarked on our first executive recruitment campaign which was highly successful.

We are pleased to start the Fall with a new leader at our helm, Jenny Brady, and are excited about identifying new priorities in our upcoming strategic planning process.

Finally, I want to thank Randie Marsh for her guidance and leadership for almost 13 years. Her legacy will long be ingrained in the heart and soul of SOTENI.



Warm regards,
Alex Vrazo
Chair, SOTENI International Board of Trustees

BE A PART OF OUR VILLAGE

SOTENI International believes in working together to affect change. Your support makes us part of the same village of hope, united in a common vision and cause— all of us working together to prevent AIDS.

MAKE A GIFT

A little goes a long way. Your gift of \$25, \$50 or more will directly support SOTENI AIDS Barefoot Doctors, our community clinic and empowerment center and community-responsive programs.

Visit www.soteni.org/donate

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer locally in Cincinnati to help us build our capacity to serve more individuals and communities in Kenya.

Visit www.soteni.org/get-involved

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15 YEARS OF CARING FOR INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS



OUR MISSION

Working for 15 years to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in rural Kenya and to improve the lives of those affected by HIV AIDS.

OUR IMPACT

SOTENI International is a US-based nonprofit that has been working for 15 years in rural Kenya to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and to improve the lives of those affected. We work with Kenyan partners to design and implement public health interventions that create positive change for individuals & communities. SOTENI's major programs are currently: AIDS Barefoot Doctors; Clean & Safe Drinking Water; a community resource center and health clinic; Bridge (international internships); and sponsorship of orphans.

TOP ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS INCLUDE:

AIDS BAREFOOT DOCTORS

SOTENI's AIDS Barefoot Doctors program allows community health workers to provide home-based care, group therapy and education to people living with HIV/AIDS. They educate and care for those who are HIV-positive. There are currently 18 AIDS Barefoot Doctors facilitating 141 support groups throughout three village communities.

CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

In 2010, we partnered with P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water Program. It has been implemented in all three of SOTENI's Villages of Hope. The main goal is to provide clean drinking water to people who are HIV+ and their households. Round 4 reached 141 groups and over 2,000 households.

COMMUNITY-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS: VILLAGES OF HOPE

SOTENI Villages of Hope are communities in which SOTENI delivers need-based programming specific to the village and driven by local community members. The three villages SOTENI operates in are: Mbakalo, Ugunja and Mituntu. Each village is unique in its needs, culture and resources.

MTAKALO

- 4,670** Patients served at the Mbakalo Health Center
- 2,150** Orphans and vulnerable children were assisted
- 815** Caregivers received parenting training and life skills training
- 54** Total support groups available

Mary Kibor Empowerment Center opened

UGUNJA

- 9,471** People served through educational & support sessions on family planning
- 30,522** Condoms distributed
- 54** Total support groups available

MITUNTU

- 32** Students were assisted with the help of Friends of Kianjai Kenya
- 33** Total support groups available

SOTENI Mituntu Mixed Secondary School now serves students who can't afford boarding school

SOTENI KENYA HQ

2017-2018 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

YOUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

- 42** Volunteers donated
- 2,302** Volunteer hours
- 2** Board members, **1** staff member and **4** interns traveled to Kenya
- 304** Donors helped sustain programs & services and meet operating expenses

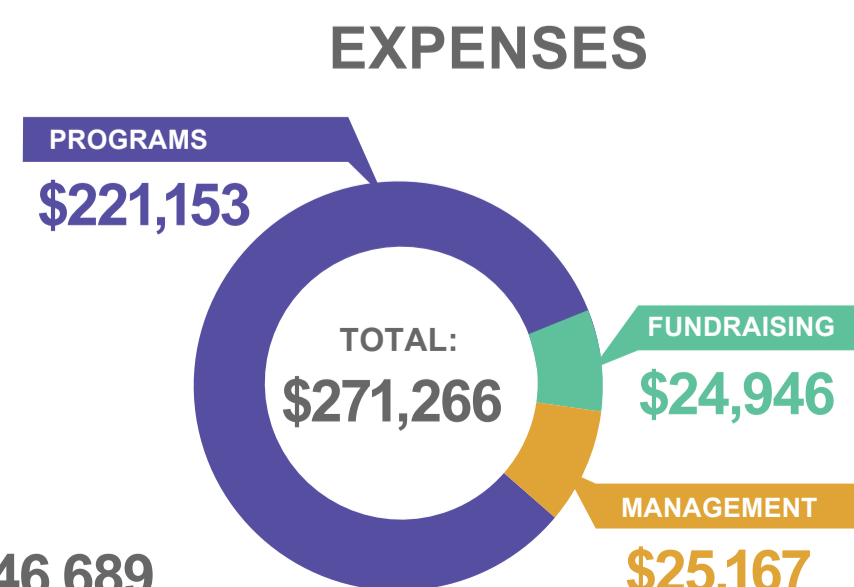
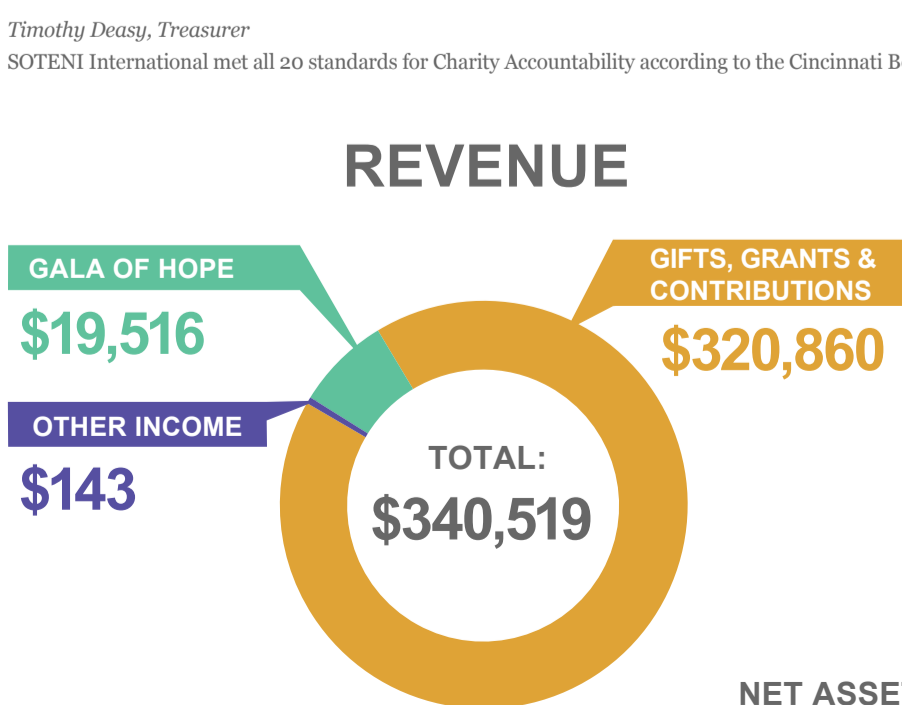
CLEAN & SAFE DRINKING WATER

- 1,172,457** P&G water purification sachets distributed in the 2017-2018 year
- This reduced the incidence of waterborne illnesses & promoted health and well-being
- New infrastructure to bring clean water to our health clinic and community center was added in 2017

AIDS BAREFOOT DOCTORS

- 18** AIDS Barefoot Doctors
- 141** Total support groups
- Training and development opportunities were provided to all ABDs on the latest in HIV/AIDS testing and care, as well as organizational coaching—for stronger teamwork.

2017-2018 FINANCIAL INFORMATION



NET ASSETS: \$146,689

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT OF THE PAST 15 YEARS.