



THAAKAT FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT

2019

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## WHAT WE DO

Thaakat Foundation is a nationally recognized 501©(3) non-profit organization that drives the aspirations and hopes of the underprivileged by lending a helping hand in promoting charitable work. By selflessly working together around the globe, individuals come together to conform to one goal- the humanitarian effort to help and fulfill dreams.

United, with a purpose; we look past cultural and religious boundaries to create a network of individuals that consider this organization as their own and all with the desire to help the ones in need. Thaakat is a non-religious, non-political organization.

**100% of all donated funds go towards our projects around the globe.** Our entire board works endlessly with the help of volunteers to make this possible.

Thaakat is more than a group of individuals wanting to help, we are a family that is bonded by the wishes of those in need.

## BOARD

We at Thaakat are fortunate to have many supporters who are our guiding light and allow us to spread the kindness around the world. 2019 has been a year filled with growth and expansion.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are so excited to wrap up our year. It's an opportunity for us to share what you've helped to make possible and it's also a time to talk with our country managers about their dreams and aspirations for 2020.

There are a few themes that have been core to this year's work for us. We often forget to count our blessings for the things we encounter in our average day. Access to safe water, access to toilets, access to electricity, education, future opportunities. When we think about development opportunities in our sponsored villages, it's important to think about the bigger picture because you can't help a community progress without a strong foundation of these most basic needs.

This year, we continued to battle alarming malaria incidence rates in Sierra Leone. We hit a total of 30,000 malaria positive patients since our establishment of our healthcare programs in 2014. Of the 5,147 patients we treated this year at our facility, 49% were treated for Malaria. That's 1 out of every 2 people.

It's required us to think about the larger picture. This includes programs that address clearing mosquito breeding grounds, large scale repellent spraying, early detection education and most of all, the development of public toilets. You also cannot employ disease prevention in a village without proper waste sanitation. Construction of these toilets kicked off in six villages before the end of 2019.

In Pakistan, we ventured past the school parameters to survey the strength of the family foundation of our students. We found that many of them came from families where their mothers were eager for financial independence and a basic education. After launching a successful pilot stitching and sewing course, we've decided to build a training facility dedicated to these women. We are ensuring the facility is built with their every need in mind- childcare and socializing are a part of the experience!

In Ghana, the resources are vast and our founder of the Konadu School, Clement Boamah, felt it would be a waste to not put them to work. For years he has worked to establish the Ebankese Mushroom Farm on-site. They've been able to expand the land available for growing, cropping and harvesting. We've seen profits return ten fold! Today, on a tour of Konadu you can find bee hives, pigs, rabbits, mushrooms and a team of farmers working hard to multiply their output.

We've found over the years that you cannot just build a school or build a hospital. You have to invest in the community, the land and it's people. The return on that investment will be a community that is self-sustainable, healthier and happier.

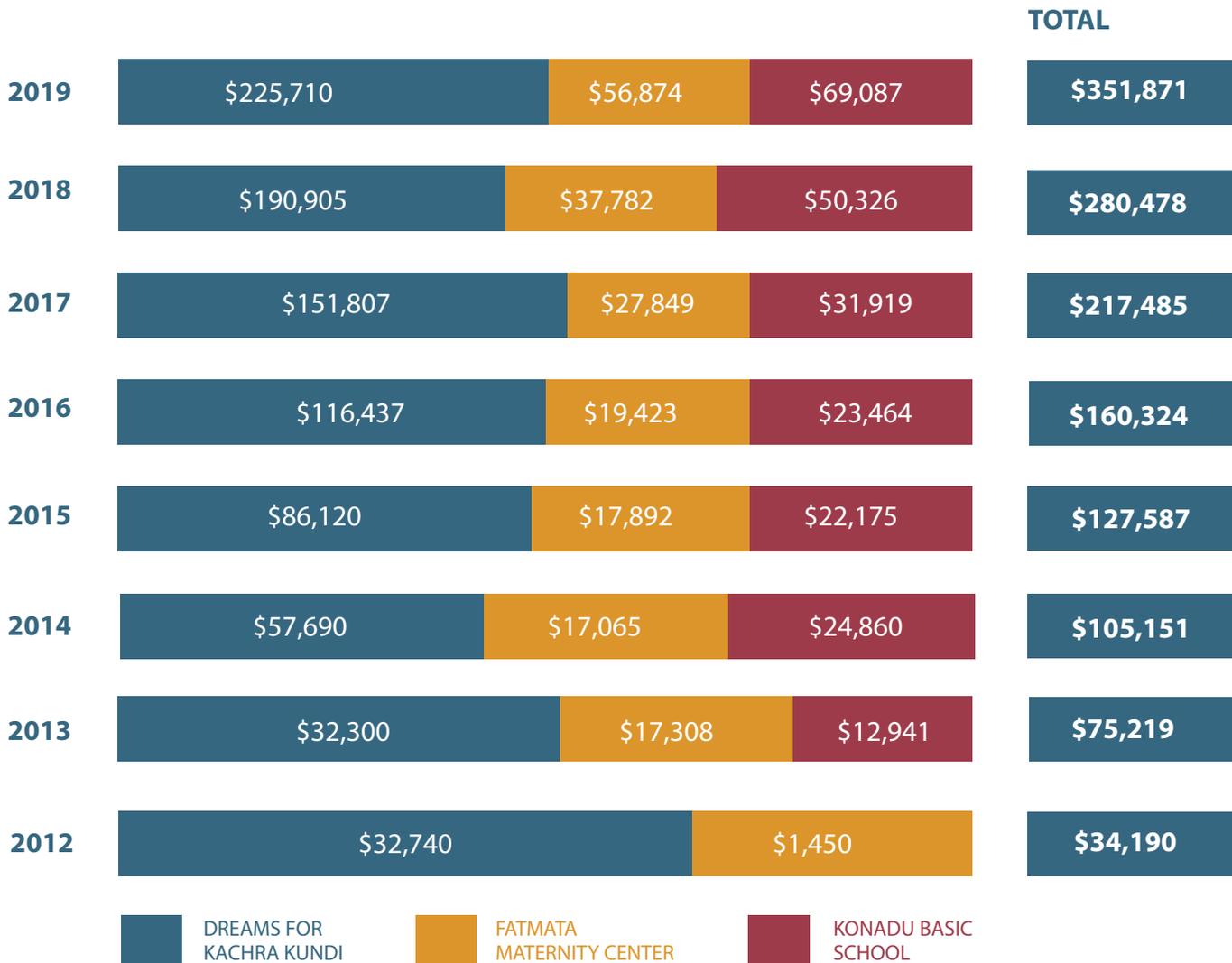
# WHAT KEEPS THE WHEELS TURNING: OUR FINANCIALS

100%

of all overhead is covered by sponsors and corporate contributors, we never allocate donor funds towards expenses.

**We managed to invest more in our projects while spending LESS.**

## GLOBAL PROJECT INVESTMENTS



2019 was an exceptional year of growth for Thaakat Foundation. Our growth came largely from funds donated by the general public, but we also had growth in grants and corporate contributions.

**We raised \$81,000 more than 2018 and have grown each year since we established in 2007.**

Thanks to the love from our donors, our increase in funds allowed us to donate MORE towards our global work at each site (Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Ghana). An additional \$70,000 was invested towards large scale projects such as a women's technical training center, computer and biology labs and the construction of a new healthcare facility.



## THE BOARD

**UZMA BAWANY | FOUNDER  
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### GLOBAL OPERATIONS

**Nudrat Zoha | Chief of Operations**

Afra Ashraf | Global Projects Manager

Priyanka Patel | Global Projects Manager

Reema Patel | Global Projects Manager

Megha Karnam | External Communications  
& Grant Management

Puneet Soni | Special Projects

### MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

**Azka Asif | Director of Marketing**

Afreen Yasin | Social Media Lead

Aysha Qamar | Content Curator

Amal Amir | Content Curator

Jay Raval | Graphics and Media

### EVENTS FUNDRAISING

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Development

Saad Bawany | Program Manager

Aqsa Bawany | Sponsorship Recruitment

Amani Memon | Fundraising & Development  
Outreach

### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ayesha Lodhia | Treasurer

### TOURNAMENT LEAD VOLUNTEERS

Upesh Desai | Tournament Lead & IT Support

Farhan Ahmed | AV

### BENEFIT DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Asra Dhorajiwala

Mahera Suhail

Saman Haque

Faiz Hussaini

Sana Memon

# OUR GLOBAL PROJECT MANAGERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE



## **PRIYANKA PATEL** **HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS, SIERRA LEONE**

*"Our community in Sierra Leone has welcomed us with open arms and embraced us as their own. With every program, new phase of construction, and momentous occasion, I am constantly in awe of how far we have come. This last year was our most successful year, as we completed the construction of our new healthcare center, but the work does not stop there. I am beyond excited to continue to work closely with our site manager, Philip Momoh, as we take Healthcare Without Borders to new heights."*

## **AFRA ASHRAF** **KONADU BASIC SCHOOL, GHANA**

*"I've had the pleasure of working with the Konadu Foundation assisting in managing projects for the past couple of years. One of the best parts about working with Konadu is getting to collaborate with the site managers, Clement and Justice. They are both so passionate about their work, and their visions for the school and farm are truly inspirational. It's great to work with them and set a plan for what we can accomplish, and I know at the end of the day, they will always get it done"*



## **REEMA PATEL** **DREAMS, PAKISTAN**

*"My experience serving as the Global Project Manager has been an incredible journey. I am proud to be part of an organization that dedicates itself to equal opportunity education for students from all backgrounds, female empowerment, and uplifting the community at large. Over the last year, we explored ways to increase educational and learning opportunities for girls and women and help them make a living with the Technical Center."*

*Thaakat not only invests in the students that attend our campuses, but also in the health and wellbeing of the surrounding communities to make an everlasting impact. We would not be as successful without our talented team, generous donors and supporters, and site managers. Thaakat Foundation is a family making a global difference!*



# CAMPUS CHAPTERS

A campus chapter is a group of students who are passionate about empowering others, and are ready to take the next step to lead the charge at their school to help fulfill Thaakat's mission. Each campus chapter is student-led, student-initiated organization on a high school or college campus that partners with our national Thaakat Foundation organization.

These students look to drive the mission of Thaakat by setting up local drives, formals and fundraising events to build awareness of the work going on overseas as well as play a part in helping create funds. We thank these leaders for their dedication in working towards our mission of sustainable healthcare and education in some of the most poverty stricken areas of the world.

## ACTIVE CHAPTERS

- ▶ Bradley University
- ▶ New York Institute of Technology
- ▶ Rutgers University New Brunswick
- ▶ The College of New Jersey
- ▶ University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign
- ▶ University of Illinois at Chicago

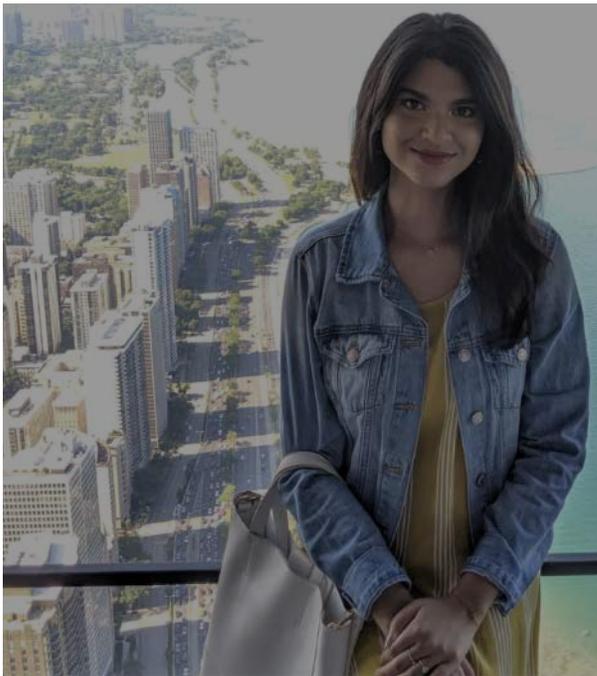




### Suhaib and Umair | President/Vice President | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chapter

**Suhaib:** I am President of Thaakat Foundation at UIUC and have been a part of Thaakat for the past two years. To me, growing up, it was always important to give back. I was always looking for an opportunity to fit who I am as a person. Coming in as a sophomore, gaining my leadership skills and learning how to be successful and also use that to handle this organization has changed me in a big way. We have raised more money than ever this past year and that gives us fulfillment. Thaakat has helped me professionally in terms of helping to develop leadership and teamwork skills. I feel like this will take my career aspirations to a new level. I feel more prepared going into interviews.

**Umair:** I was involved with Thaakat Foundation and their annual basketball tournament freshman year. What really drew my attention was the amount of direct impact we can make compared to other charitable organizations. It really drew my attention. My parents came from Pakistan and focused on helping people of all backgrounds and religions. I take pride in helping not only one type of person but overall a great mass of people across so many countries. It unites us. It's a wholesome effort; I'm glad to be a part of the change.



### Hiba Syed | President | University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Chapter

I first heard about Thaakat Foundation my freshman year when I was walking around our involvement fair at UIC. I learned more about Thaakat my Sophomore year when my sister joined the board. I started attending the volunteering events and fell in love with the mission. I joined my Junior year as the Public Relations officer and am now the President as a Senior.

I was born and raised in Chicago, been here all my life. I am currently finishing up my bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and will be getting my Doctorate in Physical Therapy at UIC. The organization's dedication to promoting healthcare and education in underserved communities is something that resonates with me. Growing up in Chicago there is a lot of missed opportunity, especially in public education that may arise due to a child's background, where they live, and the resources around them. Thaakat does an amazing job in managing their projects so that their mission statement is fulfilled, and they are changing the lives of people without discrimination.

### Katerina Liu | President | Rutgers Chapter

I'm a senior at Rutgers University and I've been on Thaakat for 3 years. This year I get to lead our team as President. Our focus is on building new awareness for the cause and people in need. At the end of the day it's about what we can do to build representation for people in remote and overlooked communities around the world. As soon as I heard about the organization there was never a doubt that this is something I want to be a part of. I thought, *"It's the chance to do my part for community service, I can help other communities that are overlooked. It was a dominating factor."*



# 10TH ANNUAL FEED THE NEED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We wrapped up our 10th anniversary Feed the Need Basketball Tournament and it was arguably our best one yet. For the first time, we introduced two separate brackets of play (Advanced and Community). This allowed us to recruit a record 22 teams totaling 200 participants. The two-day event was held at Oak Brook Park District, our longstanding venue partner, in Oak Brook, IL.

Visit our [tournament webpage](#) to see all information and results from all ten years.

## Where does funding during the tournament come from?



SPONSORS



CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS



TEAM REGISTRATIONS



EVENT REVENUE

We cannot thank our contributors and participants enough.



# THE EFFORTS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT BROUGHT IN A TOTAL OF OVER \$63,000.

*Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor, Nexus Pharmaceuticals, for sponsoring our two day event.*

## 2019 ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORS

*Thank you to sponsors of our annual tournament and annual dinner in 2019.*

### PLATINUM SPONSOR: NEXUS PHARMACEUTICALS

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Walt Disney World

Every year, we start planning the event and outreach 6 months prior to the weekend event. There is so much effort from so many people that goes into this. Thank you to our volunteers, score keepers and everyone else who stopped by the event to watch, eat and donate. We are grateful of the support we get each and every year. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

This event is so important because it funds nearly a full year of budgets required for our Healthcare Without Borders medical facility in Sierra Leone and our Konadu Basic School in Ghana. This year, we will use the funds to increase staff, build more classrooms, sponsor sports programs and upgrade on economic development opportunities at the Konadu School. Additionally, we will continue dispersing funds towards our acute malnutrition program, malaria prevention programs and completion of our brand new healthcare facility and staff quarters in Sierra Leone.

Each year we have two food sponsors that go above and beyond for the event. This year, Mr. Broast (Lombard, IL) and BurgerIM (Oak Brook, IL) provided enough lunch for 150 people, respectively. Other highlights from the event:

- ▶ Nexus Pharmaceuticals was our Platinum Sponsor for the two day event.
- ▶ We distributed 200 dri fit jerseys, one for each tournament participant.
- ▶ Our winning team packages were sponsored by Roots, each player received cozy hoodies.
- ▶ Our 10th anniversary design merchandise sold out.
- ▶ We welcomed two new championship teams.
- ▶ Our auction featured a hot sneaker DROP! We auctioned off retro Air Jordans that everyone wanted, sponsored by Kicks.
- ▶ We raffled off tickets to Walt Disney World

**And, we set a new fundraising record high of \$63,000!**

The implementation of both a Community and Advanced bracket this year allowed teams to compete at the level they felt most comfortable, ultimately resulting in a happier and more competitive atmosphere. It required three full courts and a long, demanding schedule, but it worked out due to a hardworking volunteer team.

Our winners advanced each round with nail biters leaving spectators on the edge of their seats. Phenomenal teamwork and defense led **Team Flight** to their first ThaaKat championship, after participating for just the second time. **The United Nations Basketball Club** avenged their loss from the first day to reign as inaugural champions to our first ever Community Bracket.



PICTURED: TEAM FLIGHT



PICTURED: UNITED NATIONS BASKETBALL CLUB

The United Nations Basketball Club captain, John Chiamas shared his thoughts:

***“All of the blood and sweat from the previous four years makes this finally worth it, and we can’t wait to come back next year to defend the title!”***

Karachi  
Pakistan



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## DREAMS

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**Country Manager:** Saad Shiekh  
**Thaakat Project Manager:**  
Reema Patel



**STUDENTS  
SERVED:**

**1000+**

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**DONATIONS  
INVESTED IN  
2019:**



**\$225,710**





# CAMPUS-II

**298**   
**TOTAL STUDENTS**

**193**   
**TOTAL BOYS**

 **105**  
**TOTAL GIRLS**

CLASS	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
NURSERY-A	12	13	25
NURSERY-B	7	18	25
KG 1-A	4	18	22
KG 1-B	13	9	22
KG 2-A	10	15	25
KG 2-B	5	17	22
I-A	13	11	24
I-B	11	14	25
I-C	4	16	20
II-A	4	16	20
II-B	6	13	19
III	6	19	25
IV	8	6	14
V	2	8	10

# CAMPUS-III

826



TOTAL STUDENTS

485

TOTAL BOYS



341

TOTAL GIRLS

CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
NURSERY-A	24	17	41
NURSERY-B	23	19	42
NURSERY-C	28	27	55
KG 1-A	21	13	34
KG 1-B	17	14	31
KG 1-C	20	12	32
KG 1-D	21	13	34
KG 2-A	17	13	30
KG 2-B	17	12	29
KG 2-C	17	11	28
KG 2-D	16	16	32
I-A	36	0	36
I-B	0	35	35
I-C	37	0	37
I-D	25	8	33
II-A	45	0	45
II-B	0	40	40
III-A	21	0	21
III-B	0	25	25
IV-A	23	0	23
IV-B	7	20	27
V	17	11	28
VI	19	5	24
VII	17	11	28
VIII	9	7	16
IX	4	8	12
X	4	4	8



## STORIES OF OUR STUDENTS

### TAIBA

Taiba's family recently shifted from their village in Punjab to get work in Karachi. She had been studying in Punjab, however when she came to the new area she revealed how bad the environment was and how many people who are living in the neighborhood are sick. Due to the pollution in the area, a lot of her friends fall sick and can't come to school. Due to the unavailability of doctors in the area, they have to travel miles to be treated.

Taiba was determined to address this issue when she grows up and become a doctor so that her community doesn't have to walk miles to get a doctor. Even now she is determined to help them and told us that she reads books to understand how these illnesses can be prevented. With a heavy heart she told us that the future feels grim when she sees all of the pollution, but she hasn't given up hope.

### ZULFIQAR

Zulfiqar is a football enthusiast and since a small football ground was constructed in Campus 3, he spends most of his free time playing with his friends. With 3 other siblings and only his father as the sole breadwinner, there were times when their father thought of removing Zulfiqar from school and bringing him to work. There was a time when Zulfiqar dropped out of school to work in the shop. Fortunately, a few months later he was in school again because the community helped them and advised his father that an education will make him a better man.

Zulfiqar told us that he will work very hard to become a doctor when he grows up because he wants to give back to the community in their hard times like they did when their family was going through tough times.



### NASRULLAH

Nasrullah joined the school in Class 1 as his parents were aware of the importance of education. His parents ensured that their children received an education but there was a falling out in the family which resulted in his brother running away from home. The burden to earn money now fell on Nasrullah which meant him dropping out of school to work at the shop. Thankfully after much discussion with family, Nasrullah is still studying at the school. He was very happy and explained that if he didn't complete his education, he would not be able to join the Army when he grows up.

## AREESHA

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Areesha lived in a very harsh neighborhood when she was young and saw a lot of crime in her area. Her own house was robbed and she saw that the criminals were not punished. She had seen her hardworking parents suffer but that didn't stop them from ensuring their children get educated. Due to the experiences she endured she is determined to become a Policewoman when she grows up to stop those who do wrongful actions. Fortunately, the crime rate has decreased a lot in the last couple of years due to the increase in literacy rates in the area.



## MUHAMMAD GULAB

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Muhammad Gulab, brother to 9 siblings, told us that his parents were always against his education but now they are proud to inform us that 4 of their children have completed their education through high school. He revealed that there were times when his father was unable to feed such a large family and they wouldn't have any food on the table. During these periods of difficulty, thoughts of putting his children to work did come to his father's mind but they persevered.

Gulab loves playing cricket and stated that he will work really hard to get selected for the national team and will be proud to represent his country on the cricket pitch. His love for teaching has no bounds as well. He wishes that one day he will be respected by his students the way his peers respect their teachers.



## AISHA

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Aisha is very creative and loves to draw in her spare time. Along with her 3 siblings, she spends hours on all of the details in her artwork and schoolwork. She told us that once her brother fell very sick and she desperately wanted to help her parents, so she started coloring a picture with her brother to keep him distracted from his illness.

She said she would love to follow her passion of drawing and hopes to become an artist one day. She also aims to become a doctor so that she can help as many people as possible. Her parents are also very supportive of her dreams and would love to see their daughter become a doctor.



# EMPOWERING WOMEN

Women's empowerment has been a pillar of ours at Thaakat Foundation since our inception. Every year, we survey our villages and look at our demographics to see what more we can do in this area.

Though our primary schools boast a 40% female enrollment rate and our college has an astonishing 80% female student body, there was one segment of women we had left out, mothers.

In Jam Chakro village, Karachi, Pakistan where our schools are based, many of the mothers work in the landfill from morning to night. The income is little and is not stable, it also puts them in dangerous working conditions. We surveyed women in the area last year about what they would like to do. They told us that they can earn an income by sewing clothes, and so there began our pilot.

In April 2019, we started with a group of 13 women. By September, we had 30 women enrolled. The pilot center was filled with the chatter of women who had the opportunity to work but also socialize with one another. Their children were welcome and the center was placed closed to their homes. In 2020, we are setting out to construct an actual training facility and can't wait to share continued successes of these women!

## RUKHSANA

STUDENT AT WOMEN'S  
TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER  
Enrolled in sewing and stitching

“ In the beginning, I had no idea how to use the sewing machine or even a sewing pin but now I am skilled enough to be able to cut and sew clothes. Now, I am able to draft and sew clothes for my daughter. I am now learning to make other clothes like dresses, traditional Pakistani shalwar kameez, etc. It's a blessing to have this facility close to my house as it's difficult for me to go outside the village for training or work. I hope to master this skill and would really appreciate if I could earn through this skill with the help of Idara Al-Khair. ”

## FARZANA

STUDENT AT WOMEN'S  
TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER  
Enrolled in sewing and stitching course

“ When I first joined the Technical center, I had very limited expertise in making clothes. I could only sew our traditional clothes called Brohi, but had no clue of measurement, proper cutting and drafting. After only six months I learned a lot from the teacher in the center. I have learned how to cut and stitch clothes and now I am able to sew other people's clothes. Moreover, I now have the skills to stitch clothes for weddings and holidays through which I am able to earn extra income and provide for my family. However, I have requested my instructor to teach me to make men's clothes as well so that I can make clothes for my sons. It will also give me the opportunity to sell them and earn funds to support my family ,because my husband does not have a fixed income and only brings money when he gets work. ”

Blama Perri  
Sierra Leone



## HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS

**Country Manager:** Philip Momoh  
**Thaakat Project Manager:**  
Priyanka Patel  
**Head Nurse:** Mariama



**PEOPLE  
SERVED:**

**20,000+**

**DONATIONS  
INVESTED IN  
2019:**



**\$56,874**



**OUR GLOBAL IMPACT**





# HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS READY TO LAUNCH OUR NEW FACILITY

When we entered rural Pujehun in 2014, we made it our mission to provide access to free and quality healthcare for the community's residents.

Lack of public toilets, toxic streams and miseducation around disease made ailments like Malaria, STDs and infant acute malnutrition extremely prevalent in these areas. So, one by one we've tried to address these challenges.

Thanks to a grant this year from the Bobear Family Fund we've been able to continue our Malaria prevention work by clearing insect breeding grounds and funding disease education as well as indoor and outdoor repellent spraying of villages. We're excited to announce that along with this prevention initiative we've been able to continue construction on our 2nd maternal and child health care facility in the district. The facility which just received it's final touches, launched in February 2020.

The last village we had been working in for four years had progressed beyond what we could have imagined. The village along with its five catchment communities now have public restrooms. Each of these villages have new guidance, education and training around malaria prevention and treatment. The mothers in these areas now understand what is required to keep a baby healthy long after it is born. Our facility beams light from our main gazebo for residents around the clock. We can't wait to replicate this progress in our new community. To date we've been able to provide treatment to over 20,000 patients and deliver over 500 healthy babies. The sky is the limit!

Sierra Leone has the highest lifetime risk of maternal mortality in the world with a risk of

**1 IN 17**

women not surviving child-birth. It also has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the world.



2019 was a HUGE year for us in Sierra Leone, as we entered a new village with hopes we could replicate our successes from the past few years. The district welcomed us with open arms as we completed construction on our new center.

Unfortunately, Malaria continues to plague villagers with over 50% of patients at our center being diagnosed with the disease in 2019.

**2019**  
TOTAL CASES TREATED



**5,147**

<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>1,646</b>
<b>ADOLESCENTS</b>	<b>843</b>
<b>CHILDREN UNDER 5</b>	<b>2,658</b>

## TOP FIVE TREATED DISEASES IN 2019

### ADULTS

- MALARIA
- ARI/PNEUMONIA
- STI
- TYPHOID FEVER
- HYPERTENSION

### ADOLESCENT

- MALARIA
- ARI/PNEUMONIA
- WORM INFECTION
- DYSENTERY
- TYPHOID FEVER

### CHILDREN UNDER 5

- MALARIA
- ARI/PNEUMONIA
- MALNUTRITION
- SKIN INFECTION
- DIARRHEA (WATERY)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL BIRTHS</b>	43	93	88	93	83	93	493
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	2,050	4,339	3,276	3,454	4,686	5,147	22,952

Fatmata Maternity Center and Healthcare Without Borders in Sierra Leone have seen a total of 22,952 cases and 493 births from 2014 - 2019.

## MALARIA IS DESTRUCTIVE TO THESE COMMUNITIES

This disease is causing widespread burden. Malaria is a serious and sometimes fatal disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects a certain type of mosquito which feeds on humans. People who get malaria are typically very sick with high fevers, shaking chills, and flu-like illness. In these communities, the health of the most vulnerable in these area is at greatest risk.

Year after year, we have treated the growing incidence of malaria with a sense of urgency. Between 2014 and 2019, we have treated 7,870 total cases of malaria. Since we launched our Malaria Prevention programs we have seen a growing incidence of Malaria cases at our center. This is in part due to more awareness of the disease and more awareness of the services at our center. What we find alarming is that more than 50% of total patient cases at our center are due to Malaria. During our Malaria prevention program, 60% of people pulled for random testing were positive for Malaria.



## FACING THE DISEASE

With the support of the Bobear Family Fund, we've been able to continue our Malaria Prevention programs 2x a year in the villages.

This program involves the spraying of mosquito breeding sites (toilet pits, public areas, school compounds, and homes), education on cleanliness to keep the disease from spreading, surveying villagers to understand overall awareness, on-site malaria testing, and treatment of individuals who tested positive for malaria.

As we head into 2020 and we look forward to the opening of our new center, disease prevention remains top of mind. Part of our prevention programs include completion of our public bathrooms in each of the 5 villages surrounding our center. Today, the communities do not have any public or private toilets.

In addition to this, our goal is to progress the health status of the most vulnerable children who are 5 and under. Through our partnerships with traditional birth attendants, acute malnutrition program and lactation education and training, we hope to help provide many health days ahead.

# 7,870 TOTAL MALARIA CASES





Tanobaose  
**Ghana**

## KONADU BASIC SCHOOL

**Country Manager:** Clement  
Boamah

**Thaakat Project Manager:**  
Afra Ashraf

**Site Support:** Justice Korsah



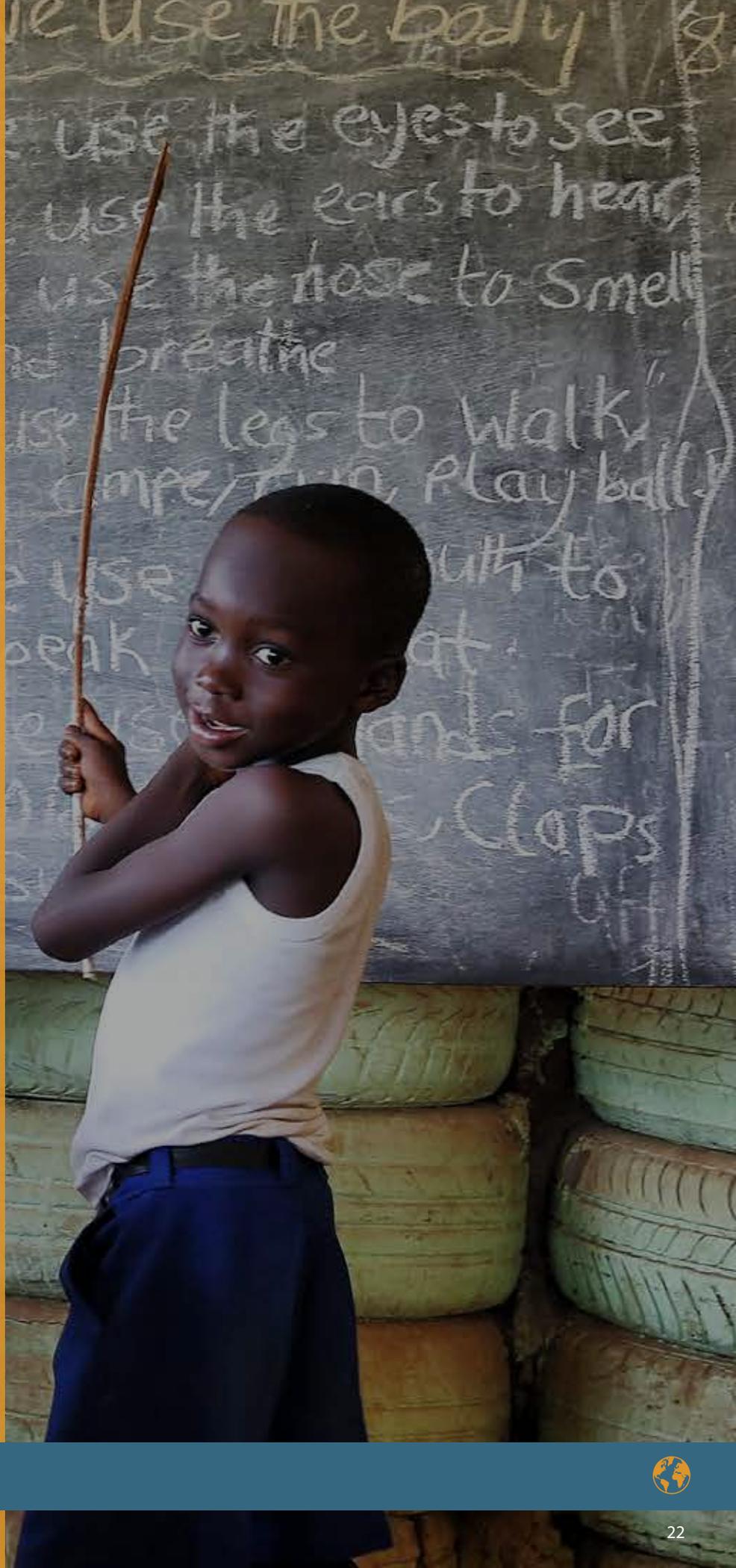
**STUDENTS  
SERVED:**

**321**

**DONATIONS  
INVESTED IN  
2019:**



**\$69,087**



In Tanoboase, Ghana people come to work in the community so that they may support their families. Their children usually do not go to school. Clement "Righteous" Boamah watched this happen, and he had a dream to build a free school that serves children left out of the existing Ghana educational system. And he strived to make that dream come true. Perhaps that is how he earned his nickname, Righteous.

Thaakat Foundation has been the sole financial sponsor of this school since 2013. Our goal is to continue to provide a safe learning environment with education for these children.

Class starts at 7AM with breakfast and a morning prayer. Righteous and his staff provide an education based off of the nationwide curriculum, the school also provides for extracurricular development in arts and music and we are proud to share they have earned the district best in class in soccer. All of this is provided in a safe space, at no cost for the children while their parents work



### 321 STUDENTS

199 Boys  
122 Girls



### 19 TEACHING STAFF

(Primary- Junior High)



### 8 MUSHROOM FARMWORKERS

(Including 1 Beekeeper)

## FAMILY STRUCTURE

132

SINGLE MOTHERS

110

FOSTER FAMILIES

65

COUPLES

14

ORPHANS\*

\*These students live at the school.

## POVERTY RATE



UNDER POVERTY LINE



AT POVERTY LINE



ABOVE POVERTY LINE

The founder at Konadu School, Clement, is always looking for ways to help the community and school flourish. This year we focused our funding in a few areas.



**Building Expansion:** We focused on completion of the 1st floor of our multi-story unit. We were able to house a library and the Isabel's Abapa Technical Center in this structure. We can't wait to continue building on this.

**Additional Transportation:** Many students were facing delays in starting their school day because one bus was taking too long to pick up children from each community. We are fortunate to have purchased one more bus which also doubles as our sports transport bus!

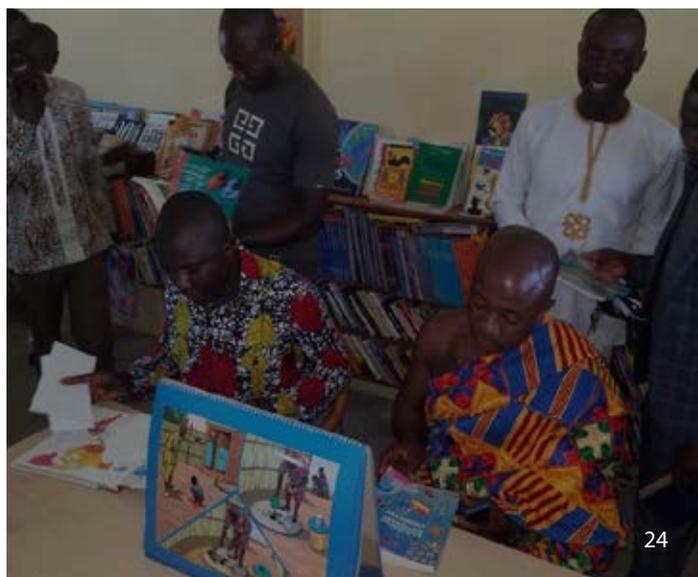


**Teacher Training:** Given we are a private school, we do not receive any support for continued education for our staff. Thanks to a grant from the Siegfried and Marianne Endlichhofer Trust, we were able to spend \$250-\$500 per teacher on a 2-week continued education training program.

We added 4 new Junior High teachers and a computer technology teacher to our staff.



**Girls' Sports Programs:** We have had a soccer program at Konadu the last few years, but had increasing interest from girls to participate. This year we invested in our first girls' troupe and they have been competing across the district.





## DEVELOPMENTS AT THE EBANKESE MUSHROOM FARM

Since 2018, the Siegfried and Marianne Endlichhofer Trust donated \$30,000 to invest in the Konadu Basic School, a large portion of this went towards development on the Ebankese farm. The Konadu Basic School was then able to purchase an autoclave (mushroom cultivation equipment) and own the spawn development process in 2018. We were no longer reliant on suppliers, which allowed for income to increase. Now, the farm brings in over \$1,000 to help cover expenses at the Konadu Basic School. This is enough to cover almost 30% of all operating expenses at the school.

In October of 2019, our site partner began rebuilding the Ebankese mushroom farm. We even brought in a professor of agriculture to help establish a progress plan for this important venture, earlier this year. The new farm will have individual units for each cropping stage and cement flooring to help reduce the loss of crops due to contamination. The nonporous floor and roof will keep out moisture, preventing contamination.

Today, the farm employs a staff of 8 workers and supplies mushrooms to many wholesalers in the market.



# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

In 2019, we were able to launch several large scale projects across our sites thanks to our wonderful grantors. We wanted to take a moment to highlight their organizations and what they made possible for us.

## BOBEAR FAMILY FUND

The Bobear Family Fund supports select charities that have outstanding leadership and a focus that positively impacts the greatest number of lives for each dollar they donate.

*"Thaakat delivers on both of these criteria. Thaakat's programs save many lives, educate children, prevent disease, and generally have a tremendous impact on the communities they serve. They are one of our favorite charities because we know that when we help them, we are helping so many others" said Dan Bobear, founder of Bobear Family Fund.*

With thanks to Mr. Bobear and his family, Thaakat was able to launch a series of Malaria prevention and treatment programs across six villages surrounding our center in Sierra Leone and begin the construction of public bathrooms in each of these villages.

## ONE UMMAH FOUNDATION

The One Ummah Foundation was founded in loving memory of Mustafa Saeed Rahman who died tragically 6 days before his 12th birthday. The Rahman family endowed the One Ummah Foundation, whose name means: "One People." The organization has gifted us \$80,000 towards our work on DREAMS, Pakistan since our partnership with them began in 2014. Their proceeds have funded important projects such as classroom construction, development of our 200ft long boundary wall, food relief programs and our orphan support program. In 2019, they also provided us with a grant to launch our women's technical training pilot program.

Having visited the DREAMS site several years ago, Mr. Rahman continues to be a firm believer in education bringing the means of a better life. Thanks to their support we continue to receive the moral, financial and leadership support we need at DREAMS, Pakistan.

## SIEGFRIED AND MARIANNE ENDLICHHOFFER TRUST

Thanks to the investments of the Siegfried and Marianne Endlichhofer Trust, we've grown so quickly at the Konadu School, Ghana. Since 2018 they have invested over \$30,000 in the Konadu Basic School, Ghana. Their funding for our Ebankese Farm improvements have yielded a 10x increase in profits from our mushroom sales. These profits not only cover farm worker salaries, but they also cover 30% of our total operating expenses today.

Thanks to them we also have our first ever library and computer center at the Konadu School. This funding has allowed us to accomplish in the last 3 years what we had envisioned would take 5-7 years.

## WARAICH FAMILY FUNDRAISER

For the past ten years, Sawleh Waraich and his older brother Mohsin have held a bowling fundraiser for various organizations such as Unicef, Water.org, Habitat for Humanity and many more. They have raised over \$80,000 for various organizations. In 2019, they wanted to allow their friends and family to decide where the funds go so they launched a nomination campaign and the Thaakat Foundation came out on top! They raised over \$11,000 to benefit the Konadu Basic School, Ghana. These funds allowed us to complete the first floor of our new facility and provide supplies and staff for our computer learning center.

# WHAT'S 2020 LOOK LIKE AT THAAKAT?

## DREAMS, PAKISTAN

Every year with the support of partners like One Ummah Foundation, we have been able to expand our facilities in Pakistan to accommodate for more students and more schools. With a budget of over \$250,000 in 2019 we were able to provide an education to more than 1,100 students and livelihood to more than 60 staff members. We were able to do this through two primary school facilities and one intermediary college.

### **WOMEN'S TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER:**

Though women's empowerment has always been a pillar of ours we wanted to consider what we were doing for the women in the most remote parts of the landfill. Many of them are not literate and spend their days working in the landfill. Our goal in 2020 is to complete a custom technical training facility for these women where they can learn to stitch and sew.

**COVID-19 RELIEF:** We also hope that we can fund food relief efforts for our communities. With the impact of COVID, many families are out of work. This will require us to fund at least 3-4 months of food ration packages and food discount programs in order to ensure that many of these families in poverty will survive.





## HEALTHCARE WITHOUT BORDERS, SIERRA LEONE

We started construction on our 2nd health facility at the end of 2018. In February 2020, we opened our doors to this state of the art health care center and the communities couldn't be more pleased. To date, we have treated more than 18,000 patients free of charge in the most remote areas of Sierra Leone.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** With a grant provided by the Bobear Family Fund for 2020, our goal is that we are able to provide needed public facilities to ensure we can help impact the spread of infectious diseases. We have started construction on public bathrooms in each of the villages surrounding our center. This will help to control the spread of disease which takes place due to open defecation today.

We also plan to complete construction on our nurse's quarters so that our nurses can remain on-site at the facility.

**MALARIA AND ACUTE MALNUTRITION:** With the facility complete, we can focus 2020 on continued Malaria education and prevention programs. This includes the clearing of mosquito breeding grounds, large scale spraying and awareness campaigns.

Acute malnutrition affects our most vulnerable patients, children 5 and under. With 30 or more children rotating through our malnutrition program at any given time, we hope to partner with the district to implement long term solutions.

## KONADU BASIC SCHOOL, GHANA

At 320 students enrolled, our classrooms have been bursting at the seams. Staff has been creative with outdoor learning and combining multiple classes into one room, but it's created for difficult learning environments. 2020 will focus on continued facility expansion at Konadu.

**CONSTRUCTION:** The need for an additional school building is more apparent now than ever. We hope to complete construction on the new facility by the end of this year. It will be an add onto the brand new computer lab and library that have recently been completed.

**INVESTMENT IN TEACHER TRAINING:** It is important for us to retain high quality teaching staff. In 2019, we launched 2-week continued training programs for our staff. We hope to continue implementation of these programs to enrich the overall experience and curriculum at Konadu.

**MUSHROOM FARM:** Thanks to our 2018 and 2019 grants, we've been able to increase output on the farm by 10x. This profit has allowed Konadu to pay for expenses at the school such as bus drivers, cooks, food and farm workers. It has established Konadu as a central agricultural hub and we hope to continue to build on this.



## COVID-19 IMPACT

The impact of COVID has caused widespread financial hardship on many of the communities we serve. We are doing everything we can to ensure staff receives salaries regardless of school closures. Please continue to support us as we ramp up relief efforts.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS: COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

	2019	2018
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (1/1/20XX)</b>	<b>\$60,457</b>	<b>\$48,569</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Campus Chapters	6,855	14,066
Corporate Contributions	71,789	44,661
General Donations	238,967	191,163
Grants	65,233	48,756
Sponsorship	4,600	7,600
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$387,445</b>	<b>\$306,246</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
DREAMS, Pakistan	225,710	190,905
Healthcare Without Borders	56,874	37,782
Global Misc.	200	1,465
Konadu Basic School, Ghana	69,087	50,326
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$351,871</b>	<b>\$280,478</b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting & Legal	943	1,070
Bank Fees	0	560
Campaigns - Local	0	329
Events - All	10,854	11,586
Marketing	348	0
Supplies & Mailing	1,500	334
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$13,645</b>	<b>\$13,880</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (12/31/20XX)</b>	<b>\$82,386</b>	<b>\$60,457</b>



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