

# Generating Hope



## Hope for Our Sisters 2017 Annual Report

### Thank You for Investing in Our Sisters!

With thankful hearts, appreciation for God's provision, and gratitude for your amazing generosity, we are excited to share that HFOS **raised over \$120,000** for our sisters the second year in a row! The more hope we generate for our sisters, the more we can send to our partners in Angola, the DR Congo and Nepal. **Thank you for the part YOU played** - prayers, service, partners in hope, investments, donations, fundraisers, events, Facebook likes, parties, card sales and more.

#### 2017 Revenue: \$123,000

Donations\*: \$108,300    Capacity development grants\*\*: \$14,700

\*Only 9% of unrestricted donations are allocated for overhead

\*\*\$14,200 paid out of capacity grants for strategic salaries for HFOS staff

2017 Investments Sent to Partners: \$98,200 (Includes \$400 for pad shipments to Angola)

CEML (Angola): \$50,800

World Relief (DR Congo): \$10,000

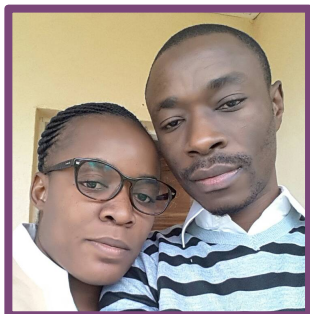
Kalukembe Hospital (Angola): \$23,000

International Nepal Fellowship (Nepal): \$5,000

Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS, Angola, DR Congo): \$9,000

### TREATMENT

In 2017, you enabled us to expand our treatment offerings. We continue to value and fund fistula surgery (\$20,000 allocated in 2017). We also chose to fund sustainable treatment through homegrown fistula surgeons and doctors who can perform fistula surgery and high-quality cesarean delivery (C-sections). We plan to invest in this type of sustainable treatment for years to come. **Thank you for your partnership.**



We are thrilled to help fund Dr. Tresor Mabanza's surgical and medical training through PAACS, our newest partner. He and his new wife Blandine are from the DR Congo. They plan to return after he graduates in 2020. The future Dr. Mabanza is passionate about providing the best medical and surgical care for those in need, including our sisters.

*Changing the lives of women, one woman at a time.*

## PREVENTION

Fistula prevention is a main reason HFOS was established. Your generosity enabled us to expand our prevention support as shown below. We are excited to also see a growing local and governmental interest within Angola for Nurse Petra and Yolanda's fistula awareness and prevention sessions. We are also thrilled that women and men reached in this manner and through our funded programs in Kalukembe, Angola and Surkhet, Nepal are using their new knowledge to make healthy, life-giving choices. Prevention, in different forms, will continue to be a main HFOS priority. **Thank you for investing in fistula prevention.**



The Maternal Health Funds are a significant and critical expansion of our prevention offerings. Until the Angolan medical infrastructure heals, these accounts play a critical role in women and their unborn babies accessing high-quality cesarean delivery (C-section): fistula prevention for the mom and safe birth for the child. You all "met" Elsabe and her family (pictured) in our Gift of Hope appeal.

To meet the demand of those wanting to learn from Nurses Petra and Yolanda, we funded the purchase of a vehicle. This used truck will enable our dedicated partners to meet with and educate those in remote areas of Angola. Prevention begins with awareness.  
\* HFOS funds Yolanda's salary as a Fistula Prevention and Empowerment Facilitator



## EMPOWERMENT

We continue to partner with our sisters to help elevate their status within their families and communities. Empowerment through skills training is a powerful tool. We believe this is only the beginning. **Thank you for enabling us to invest in our sisters in this way.**

In 2017, we saw the answer to prayers that began back in 2015. These were prayers to sell beautiful items made by the very women we serve. Hand-sewn bags and jewelry holders in stunning colors arrived at our home and have been making their way into your homes. Thank you!



**Thank You for Generating HOPE with us,**  
*Brooke F. Sulahian, HFOS President & Co-Founder*

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?" Isaiah 58:6*