

# Generating Hope



## Hope for Our Sisters 2019 Impact Report

### Thank You for a Year of Abundance!

**Thank you** for **your role** in this year of abundance. **Thank you** for walking with us along this journey of hope. We enter our eighth fall season with deep appreciation for the great abundance **you** have bestowed upon us and the difference **your investments** are making in the lives of our sisters in Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Nepal. **Thank you for generating hope with us!**

Having an **impact** means to have a **strong effect on someone or something**. That is what **you** do each time **you choose to invest in our sisters** with your time, talents and treasure. This year has produced **abundant growth** in our **prevention** and **empowerment** programs, as well as continued funding for critical **fistula repair surgeries**. This concise report highlights some of the most exciting aspects of this year's impact and is filled with beautiful stories of hope **you** helped us write.

**Dayana**, age 15, is the fifth child in a large family with little financial means. After **laboring several days** without delivering a baby, her family brought her to the Wellness Clinic (Goma, DRC) for an **emergency cesarean delivery**. The result? **Healthy mom and baby!** Even though her family lacked the needed funds, she still received **quality, life-saving care** through the Maternal Health Fund **you** continue to **replenish with your investments**.



Our three **Maternal Health Funds** (DRC: 1, Angola: 2) are a **significant and effective fistula prevention avenue**. The most active fund is through our **partnership** with the Wellness Clinic in Goma, DRC that helped Dayana in the above story. As of August 2019, **your investments** funded **244 cesarean deliveries** this year in Goma alone! In addition to preventing fistula, the Clinic's "ability to provide a timely and needed c-section is key...to reducing maternal and infant mortality," says Dr. Myron Glick of the Jericho Road Community Center, founding organization of the clinic. By funding fistula prevention, **you** have the opportunity to play an active role in our sisters' desire for **hope and health**, and the overall **wellness** of their communities.

Due to **your generosity**, we also experienced **great abundance** through our events, our first HFOS Donor/Team trip, and the “fruit” of our empowerment programs.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in Generate Hope 2019! Whether you attended, invested, served or donated beautiful raffle items, you helped create a **magical night of abundance** where we **raised over \$19,500** to fund our three **Maternal Health Funds** and the **Ultrasound Empowerment Program** (Angola). Dr. Priscila Cummings, medical partner from Kalukembe, Angola, and keynote speaker, inspired everyone in the room with her **passion**.



**Thank you** for funding our **first HFOS Donor/Team** trip to Angola! Anne and Christine (pictured with partners Yolanda, Sylvina and Irene) spent two weeks meeting with **precious sisters**, interacting with **medical partners** and witnessing our **Fistula Prevention and Awareness Team** in action. This trip enhanced and strengthened our **relationship** with our medical partners and teams in Angola, and provided **new stories of loss and hope** as we continue on this journey with our sisters.

A constant hope is that the programs **you fund** will become **self-sustaining**. We have enjoyed watching the abundance our sisters have experienced through the Aftercare Program by **learning** to sew bags and hats, **making** cards, **crafting** baskets, and learning to read and write. Our Aftercare Team in Angola has led this effort with love, creativity, courage and care. It is with special joy we share that **Laurinda**, a sweet sister we met in 2016, is now **teaching her fellow sisters** to sew. **Home-sewn abundance!**



**“Thank you again for a year of abundance!”**  
*Brooke F. Sulahian, HFOS President & Co-Founder*