

MADE IN THE STREETS

IMPACT REPORT



2023
EDITION

Dear MITS family and friends,

Two of my favorite words are "New Life." And I'll never get tired of watching lives transform and become new. In the United States, we get to observe nature come alive and create new life each spring. And in Kenya the team at MADE IN THE STREETS sees God create new life all year long. The team in Kenya knows that transformation from street life to new life is never easy – in fact, it may be one of the most challenging things of all. But it's also one of the most rewarding.

I want you to know how incredibly grateful we are for your unwavering support towards ending the cycle of homelessness for young people in Kenya. Your generous donations have enabled us to continue providing essential services to homeless youth, and we are deeply thankful for your partnership. Over the past year, we have made significant progress in achieving our mission of empowering street connected youth in Kenya to break free from the cycle of poverty and achieve sustainable livelihoods.

The information laid out in this report is much more than numbers – these are new lives. All these achievements and new lives would not have been possible without your continued support. Your investments in this work have played a significant role in enabling MITS to provide services to street connected youth and families in Kenya, and we cannot thank you enough.

As we look forward to the future, we remain committed to the mission to love and serve children from the streets of Nairobi, Kenya - meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs; loving them fully; equipping them to earn a living and sending them out to a new life. We are dreaming big, and there are some big things for MITS on the horizon.

Once again, we thank you for your support and commitment to ending this cycle of homelessness. Because of God's love and with your help, I look forward to seeing many, many more lives become new.

Sincerely,

Brad Voss

Brad Voss
Executive Director
MADE IN THE STREETS



A Year of *Impact*

Since 1995, MITS has continued to learn, grow and expand ways to best serve teenagers from the streets in Kenya. 2022 was an impactful year across all areas of the organization.



Education and Vocational Training

MITS provided educational opportunities and vocational training to 175 homeless youth. Through this program, we equipped them with skills that will enable them to secure jobs and become self-sufficient.

Spiritual Formation

Through Bible classes, church, mentoring, and spiritual counseling, we focus on helping our students find their identity in Christ and know the love of God. Seeing them grow into young adults who trust the Lord and experience His love is what MITS was founded on.

Trauma Counseling

After living on the streets, MITS students have faced rejection, trauma and lack of self worth. We have dedicated programs for individual and group counseling. We also continue to expand our art therapy classes for teenagers at our Eastleigh Centre.

Employment and Community Success

After graduating, MITS alumni are men and women with a licensed skillset and exciting opportunities for employment. Through MITS, they are able to earn a living and become financially independent members of the community.

On the *Streets*

Our Eastleigh Centre provides dedicated, daily programs for boys, girls, mothers and babies living on the streets. In 2022, thousands of teenagers and mothers came to receive love and care. During our mothers program we focused on economic empowerment through teaching basic skills and budgeting.

We continued our focus on art therapy and had our second annual art auction. Proceeds went to the artists and furthering the program. By giving in 2022, you made the following happen...

9,240 meals

were provided to teenagers and mothers in our Eastleigh centre.

45 home visits

brought encouragement to rebuild the lost relationships of street teenagers with their families.

750 visits

from female teens at our Friday girls programs, where they enjoy fun activities and receive health education and resources.

180 days

of base visits allowed our team to connect with and serve over 350 unique teenagers on the streets.

In the *Classroom*

From the ages of 13-15, MITS students receive education in science, math, English, Swahili, Bible and social studies.

After turning 16, they join our Skills program and choose one of the following vocational skills to study for the next 2 years:

Cosmetology, Catering, Hospitality, or Auto Mechanics.

Look what else you helped accomplish last year...

45 teenagers

left the streets and joined MITS boarding school.

120 total students

are enrolled in our boarding school in Kamulu.

4 MITS students

excelled on the national exam and are furthering their education in high school.

12 graduates

completed the MITS program and started jobs in Nairobi.

"Thanks to God because all this came from Him. Now I am having the thing that I had never had in the street like clothes, food, a place to sleep. I want to say thank you for those who have been praying for us because their prayers are transforming us to be a better person in the future; even for those who have been supporting us. May God bless you."

-Corazone
MITS student, 15 years old



With our *Partners*

The impact of MADE IN THE STREETS would not happen without our amazing partners.

Everything MITS does is possible because of your generosity, enthusiasm, encouragement and prayers. You donate online, mail in checks, attend fundraising events, go on trips to Kenya and advocate for teenagers in need.



After 2 years without visitors because of the pandemic, we were thrilled to have a wonderful group of interns serve on our team in Kenya last summer. We also had 14 volunteers come to Kenya throughout the year and are excited to have trips up and running again!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

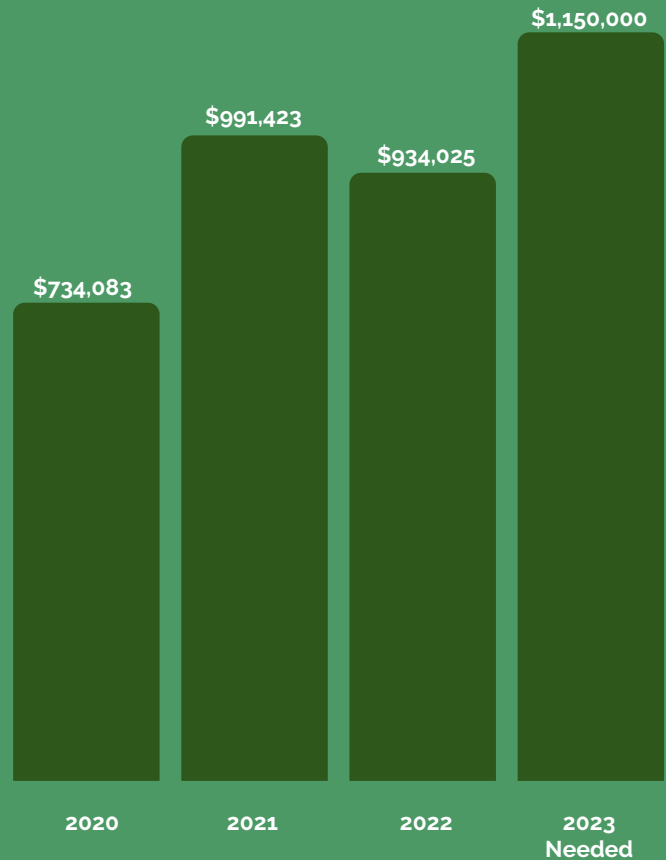
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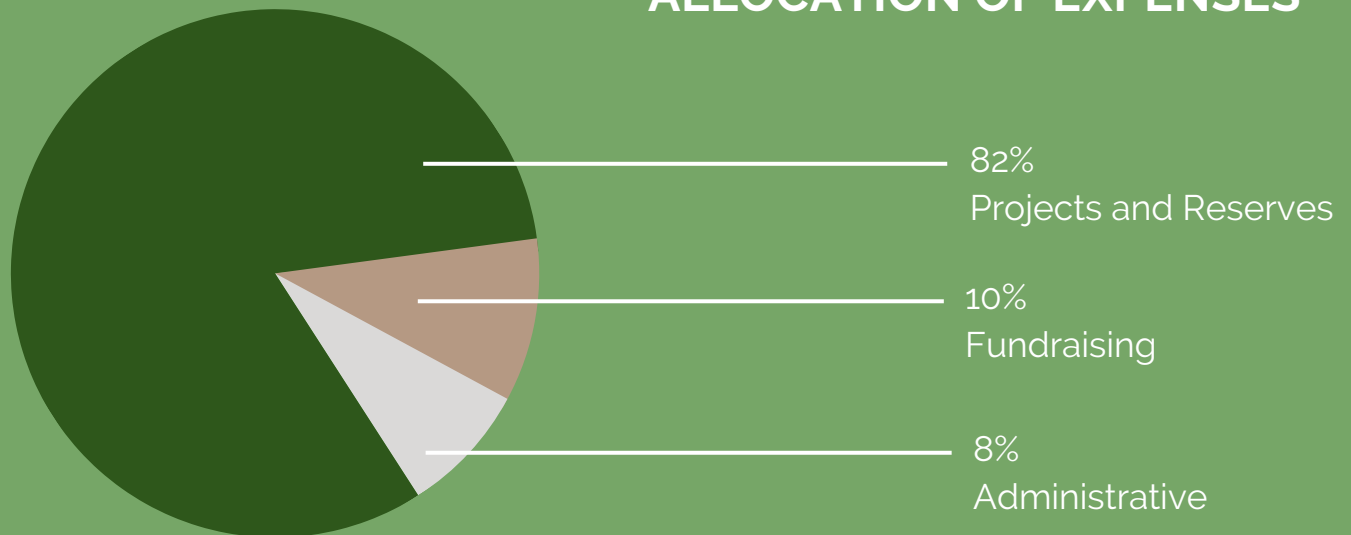
TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

In fiscal year 2022, total giving to MITS was \$934,025.

During that time \$809,201 was designated to MITS Projects and Reserves; \$75,040 to Administrative costs; and \$99,154 to Fundraising costs.



ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



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