

# 2021 Annual Report



REACHANOTHER  
FOUNDATION

Igniting Change - Reaching Further

Our mission is to help our Ethiopian partners build the medical self-sufficiency and prevention awareness needed to save the lives of children affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus.





Dear friends,

For over 12 years, ReachAnother has collaborated with hospital staff, advocacy organizations, government officials in Ethiopia and volunteers from around the world—building critical partnerships with the aim of saving the lives of babies born with hydrocephalus and spina bifida in Ethiopia.

In 2021, the persistent challenges and uncertainty posed by COVID-19 and civil unrest have curtailed the number of children having received surgery, but it made us want to do more rather than less.

We are determined to implement fortification of salt with folic acid, a program that will prevent 90% of neural tube defect (NTD) cases in Ethiopia. We are also tirelessly working to develop systems of multidisciplinary care so that every baby born with NTD can live and thrive. We are proud of the list of accomplishments highlighted on the next page.

ReachAnother is stronger, more energized and more hopeful than ever thanks to the deeply rooted commitment of our international partners, the fierce perseverance of Ethiopian neurosurgeons and the generosity of our supporters. Thank you!

Sincerely and with gratitude,

*Dr. Marinus Koning*

Founder and President

## Our 3 Pillars Prevention, Treatment and Aftercare



117 million  
Ethiopia's population



60 neurosurgeons trained



8,500 surgeries performed



6 Centers of Excellence



5,000+ volunteer hours annually

44,000+  
pregnancies affected by  
neural tube defects  
each year

90%  
of neural tube defects can be  
prevented with adequate levels  
of folic acid in the mother's diet.





# 2021 Highlights - Converting Hope into Action



- Dramatically increased our **advocacy efforts** for the prevention of neural tube defects through salt fortification with folic acid, in Ethiopia and worldwide
- Completed **Phase 1 of salt fortification studies:** supply chain and stability



- Sent a newly graduated neurosurgeon from the UK on a month-long **Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship** at Zewditu hospital to work and teach
- Produced a **physical therapy informational video** and purchased **monitors** for parent education



- **1,200** children received spina bifida and hydrocephalus operations
- Collaborated with **CHAMPS** to identify severe neural tube defects in the context of a population-based surveillance project



- Identified two **SBH Team Coordinators** to help build the patient-centered, multidisciplinary teams necessary to provide quality care for children born with neural tube defects



- Printed the **3rd edition** of our **Parent Handbook** in English/Amharic and Oromiffa languages
- **Implemented our newly designed training course for SBH care teams**—30 nurses were trained at 2 partner hospitals



- Expanded the **Circular Instrument Project** to repurpose Dutch surgical equipment that is being phased out because of EU regulations. 12,000 instruments were collected and shipped to Ethiopian partner hospitals

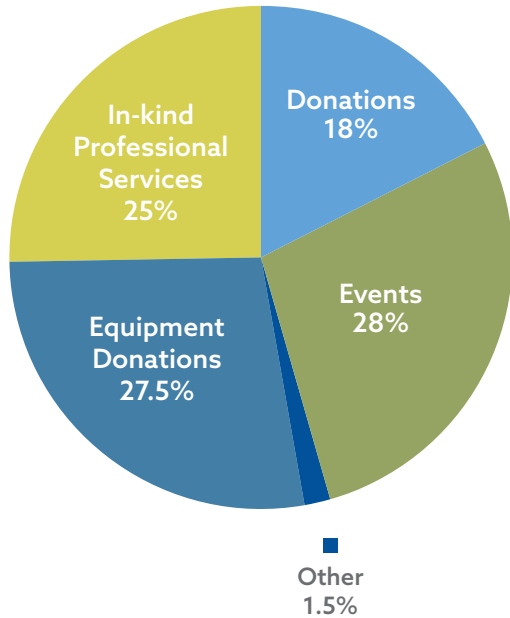


- Purchased a set of **ETV** (Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy) equipment that allows surgery for hydrocephalus without the use of a shunt
- Delivered **280 pounds of donated medical equipment and supplies** valued at \$110,000





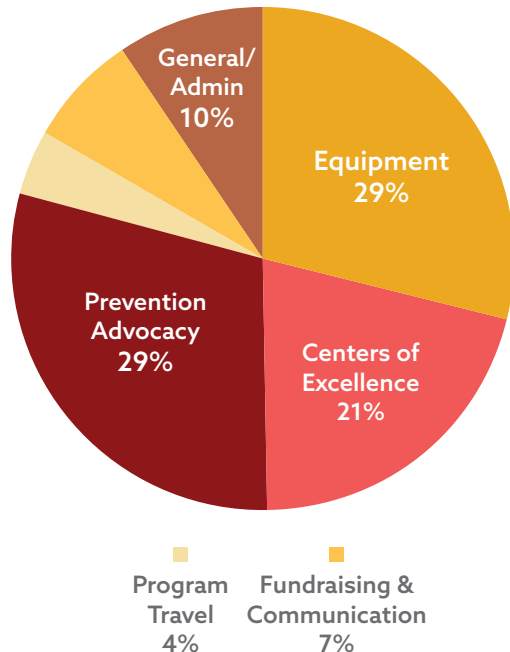
# 2021 Financials



## REVENUE

Donations	\$ 70,241
Events	\$ 112,059
Equipment Donations	\$ 109,700
In-kind Professional Services	\$ 100,000
Other	\$ 6,250

**Total** **\$398,250**



## EXPENSES

Prevention Advocacy	\$ 108,500
Centers of Excellence	\$ 78,323
Equipment	\$ 109,700
Program Travel	\$ 15,517
Fundraising & Communication	\$ 27,231
General/Admin	\$ 34,669

**Total** **\$373,940**

## Meet Melaher

*When she was 10 days old, she received a life-saving corrective surgery for spina bifida and a shunt to treat hydrocephalus at 5 months old. Melaher loves going to school and hopes to be a pediatrician to treat babies that face medical complications, like her.*

*Melaher's story reflects the strength and perseverance of those who experience neural tube defects. She and the thousands of children like her in Ethiopia are why we strive to reach further.*



**Thank You to All Our Donors and Supporters!**

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We believe that every child born with neural tube defects deserves the chance to live a happy and independent life.

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