



REACH ANOTHER FOUNDATION

2023
Annual
Report



Addressing neural tube defects in Ethiopia
through prevention, treatment and
aftercare solutions.



Dear friends and supporters,

As we reflect on the last year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the immense progress we have achieved together. 2023 was a testament to the unwavering commitment of our community in advancing ReachAnother's mission.

This annual report showcases the remarkable and tangible impact of our programs on the lives of children and families. It is a celebration of the collective efforts of our team, supporters and partners who have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of pediatric neurosurgery in Ethiopia.

From life-saving surgeries to innovative training and vital medical equipment donations, each page of the report is a testament to the power of collaboration and accessible healthcare.

Looking ahead at 2024, I am filled with optimism for the future. By integrating our initiatives into local institutions, we are paving the way for lasting change and ensuring that pediatric neurosurgery becomes accessible to all who need it in Ethiopia.

With warmest regards,

Patricia

Patricia O'Neill
President, ReachAnother Foundation

Marinus (Dick) Koning February 10, 1946 - January 7, 2023

Dick was born in the eastern Dutch town of Oosterbeek shortly after the Second World War. Inspired by his parents' motto, "it's only worth doing if it serves someone else", he and his twin Jan, went to medical school at the Free University of Amsterdam. Next, Dick headed to the Bronx in New York for a six-year surgical residency at Albert Einstein Medical School.

Dick met his wife, Patricia O'Neill, in Asia which began a long and wonderful relationship lasting 46 years. From 1978 to 2008, Dick practiced as a general, laparoscopic and bariatric surgeon in Redmond and Bend, Oregon.

When Dick first visited Ethiopia in 2009, he realized the extent of the neural tube defect crisis and decided to spend his retirement years advocating for children affected by this birth defect.

Thanks to his efforts and the community he built around him, more than 11,000 babies have received surgery to date, many surgeons have been trained, awareness for this condition has dramatically increased and a way to prevention has been paved.

Brain cancer took Dick from us way too early. We miss his loving kindness, his drive to serve, his mischievous sense of humor, and the way he would light up when he saw you. His constant determination to push boundaries and his deep generosity will continue to inspire us. He helped us realize what is possible, and what one caring person can achieve for others. He was the real deal.



Mission

ReachAnother's mission is to prevent and treat neural tube defects in full partnership with, and sustained by, Ethiopians so that every child affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus has the chance to grow and thrive.



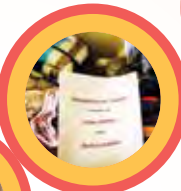
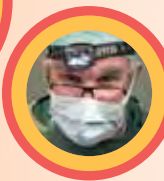
Our Story

2023



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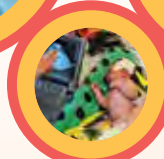
- ReachAnother Foundation is born with the intention to fund surgeries and, for the first time, give hope to children affected by neural tube defects.
- Dick and his wife, Patricia, spend months in Ethiopia exploring opportunities to help.



2009 - TODAY

Fueled by compassion for the children, medical expertise, and sheer determination, ReachAnother has evolved from a little bootstrap Central Oregon group to a respected, high impact NGO.

ENVISIONING an Ethiopia free of preventable neural tube defects and where all affected children have access to quality treatment and aftercare.



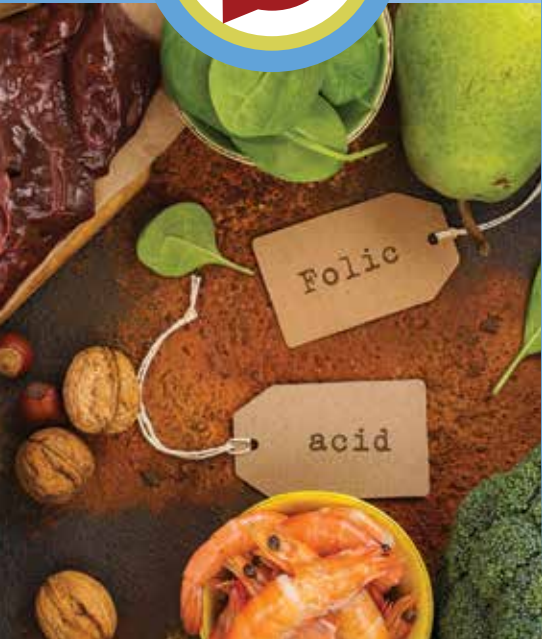
- Passing of our founder, Dr. Dick Koning.
- Dick receives lifetime achievement awards from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Spina Bifida Association.
- Start of a 3-year collaboration with Rotary to give folic acid to Ethiopian women to prevent multiple neural tube defect pregnancies.
- The WHO passes a resolution to accelerate food fortification to prevent neural tube defects.
- The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust partners with ReachAnother to fund the first state of the art pediatric neurosurgery center as well as expand existing programs.
- July 1st, folic acid fortified flour becomes mandatory in Ethiopia. Only 20% of the population consumes flour products.
- ReachAnother Ethiopia team grows to 4 full-time staff.

Strategic goals: 2023-2026



PREVENTION

Work with partners to prevent neural tube defects by advocating for primary prevention through food fortification with folic acid and by implementing secondary prevention programs to give mothers folic acid tablets to avert multiple NTD pregnancies.



TREATMENT

Improve access and quality of surgical care across our 8 Centers of Excellence partner hospitals. Our focus includes providing surgeries, training medical professionals, donating critical equipment, and fostering close partnerships with hospitals, Ministry of Health and global partners.



AFTERCARE

Ensure continuous access to aftercare services for children post-treatment through multidisciplinary teams. Our focus includes patient-centered care, self-catheterization training, SBH courses for health professionals, and pediatric physiotherapy expansion, enhancing quality of life and survival.



2023 Milestones



2,268 surgeries for a total of **12,000** since 2009.
11,000 outpatient visits.



2,900 patient information recorded in specialized database for research and evidence-based decision making.



6,000 mothers attended a health education session to create awareness about folic acid supplementation and prevention strategies.



260 types of equipment worth over **\$1.1** million donated and distributed to **11** partner hospitals.

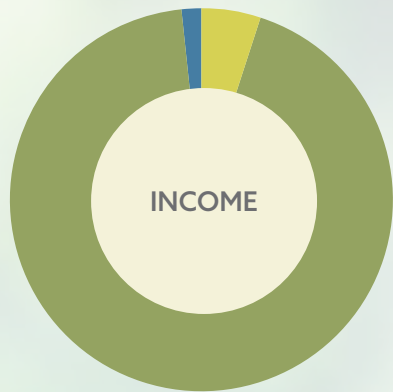


2,500 mothers prescribed folic acid supplementation.
3,000 parent handbooks distributed.



3 new full-time staff in Ethiopia.
8 new part-time coordinators in partner Centers of Excellence.

Financials: 2023



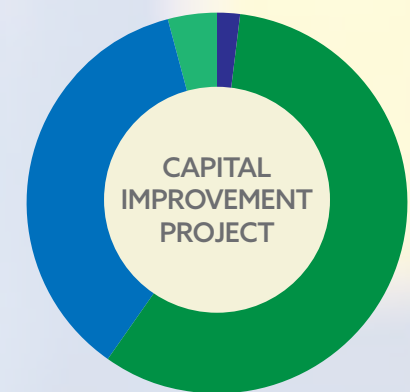
INCOME

Individual Donors (5%)	\$ 197,300
Major Grant (93%)	\$ 3,485,000
Earned Income (2%)	\$ 59,400
Total	\$ 3,741,700



PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

Advocacy & Partnership Building (15%)	\$ 58,175
Knowledge Sharing (7%)	\$ 25,000
Project Implementation (15%)	\$ 57,000
Training (10%)	\$ 36,925
Shunts & Catheters (20%)	\$ 74,500
Aftercare (8%)	\$ 30,312
Folic Acid Tablets (1.4%)	\$ 5,245
Administration (16%)	\$ 59,122
Fundraising & Marketing (9%)	\$ 32,766
Total	\$ 379,045



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

New Pediatric Neurosurgery Center (2%)	\$ 17,960
Endoscopic Third Ventriculotomy (ETV) Machines (58%)	\$ 493,517
Operating Microscope (36%)	\$ 308,046
Project CURE Container (4%)	\$ 34,025
Total	\$ 853,548

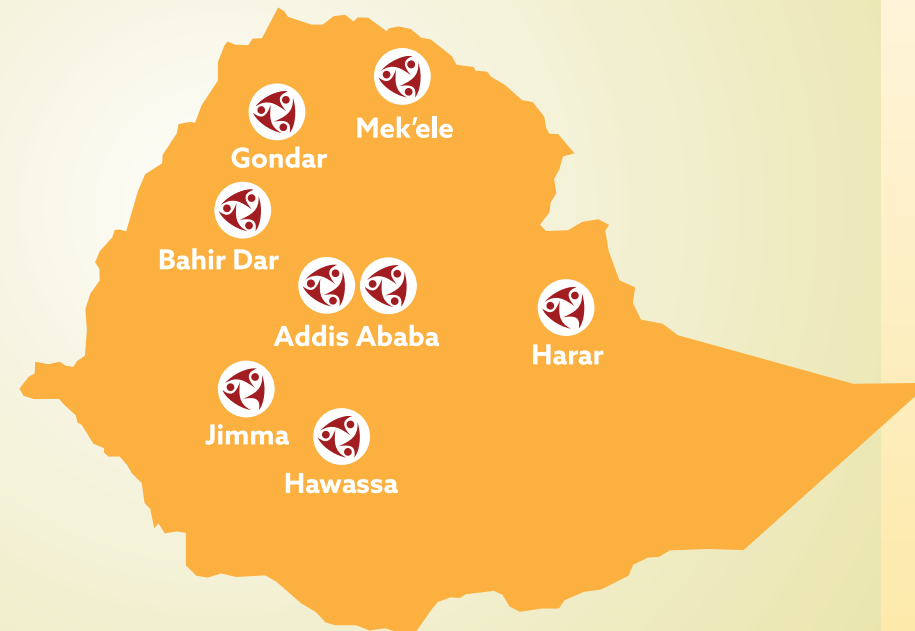




Steps forward

Reflecting on the moments that touched our hearts in 2023, one story stands out – the journey of a brave 6-year-old boy facing challenges with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Thanks to the newly established multidisciplinary clinic at St. Peter's hospital, he now has access to specialized care and physiotherapy. There's a real chance that his dream of walking independently can become a reality. By coming together, we aim to provide comprehensive solutions to enhance the quality of life of children born with SBH.

Centers of Excellence



Thank You to All Our Donors and Partners

Together, let's continue to give hope, one heartwarming story at a time.

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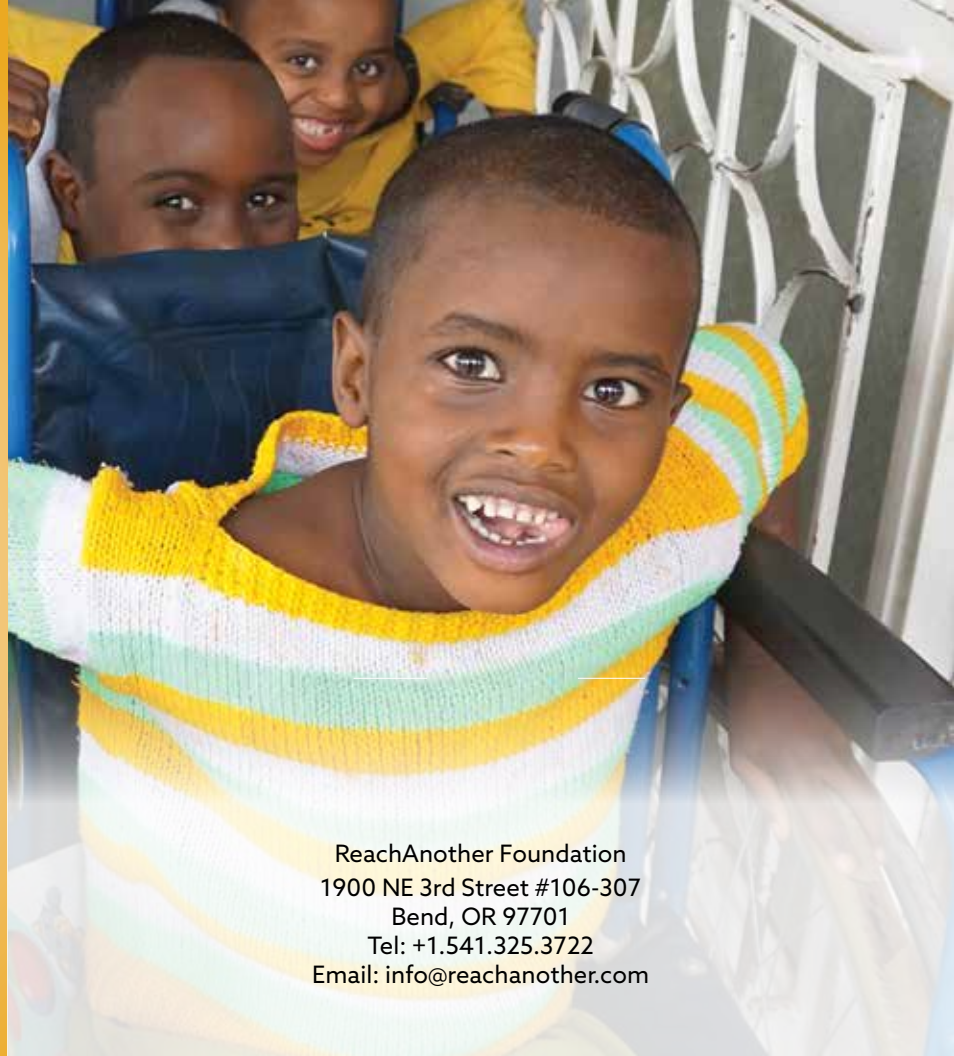
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