





Challenging Heights 2018 Annual Report





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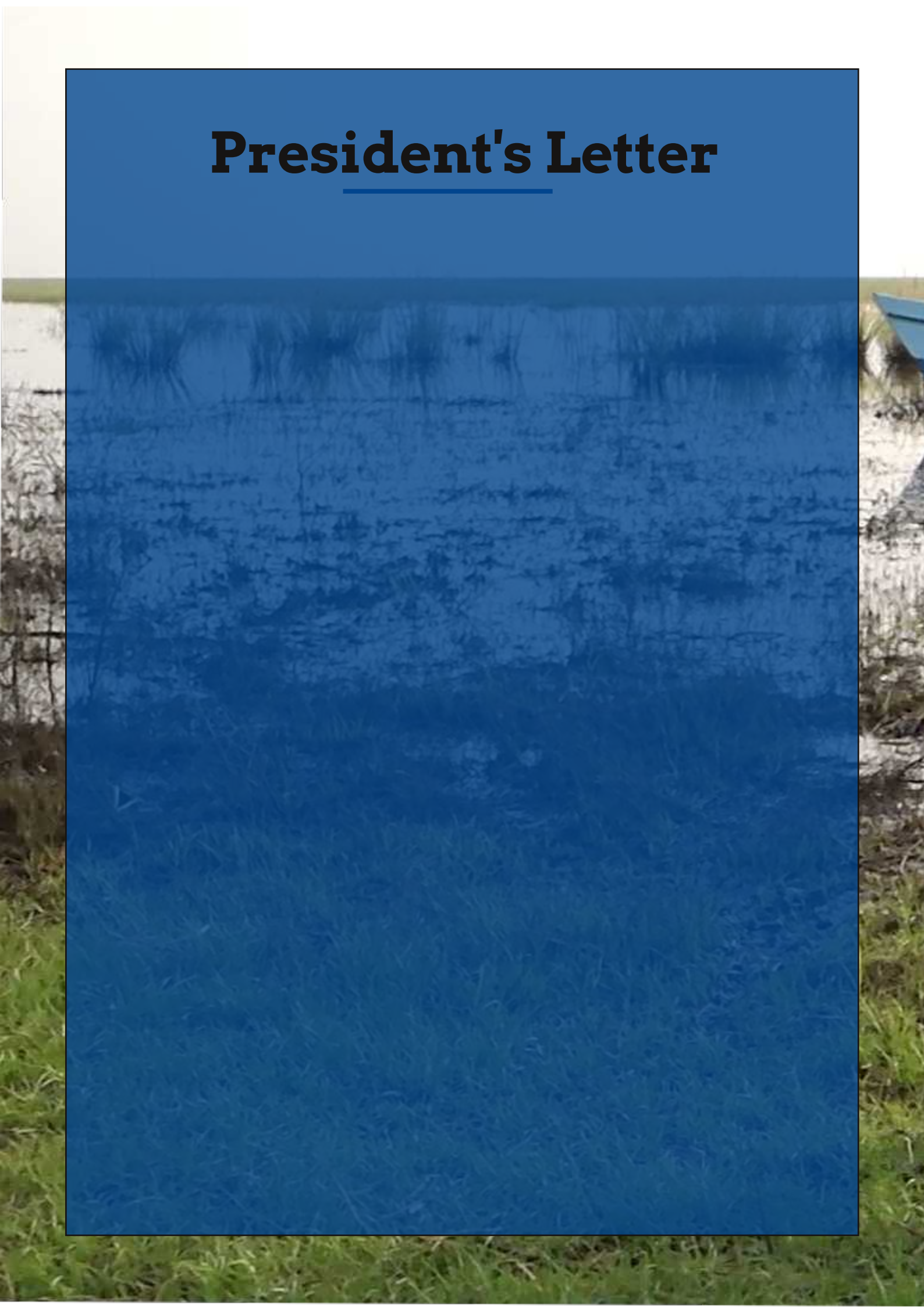
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Our Mission

To prevent child trafficking, reduce child slavery, and promote children's rights.

The Issue

Currently, an estimated 40.3 million people are being trafficked with an estimated 24.9 million of those in forced labour! It is estimated that 1 in 4 victims of human trafficking are children under the age of 18. In Ghana, 133,000 people are currently the victims of human trafficking and of those 20,000 are children in forced labour on Lake Volta.





Who We Are

Challenging Heights is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation in Ghana that works to protect children's rights and end child trafficking. Founded by James Kofi Annan in 2005, our main efforts focus on addressing trafficking of children to Lake Volta, where they are forced to work in the fishing industry. We work in underserved coastal communities in Ghana, providing support to women and children in hard-to-reach areas that are at risk of child trafficking.

February

On the 14th we celebrated the birth of all of the children at the Hovde House

March

14 Children Rescued

January

22 Children Reintegrated

December

42 Children Rescued

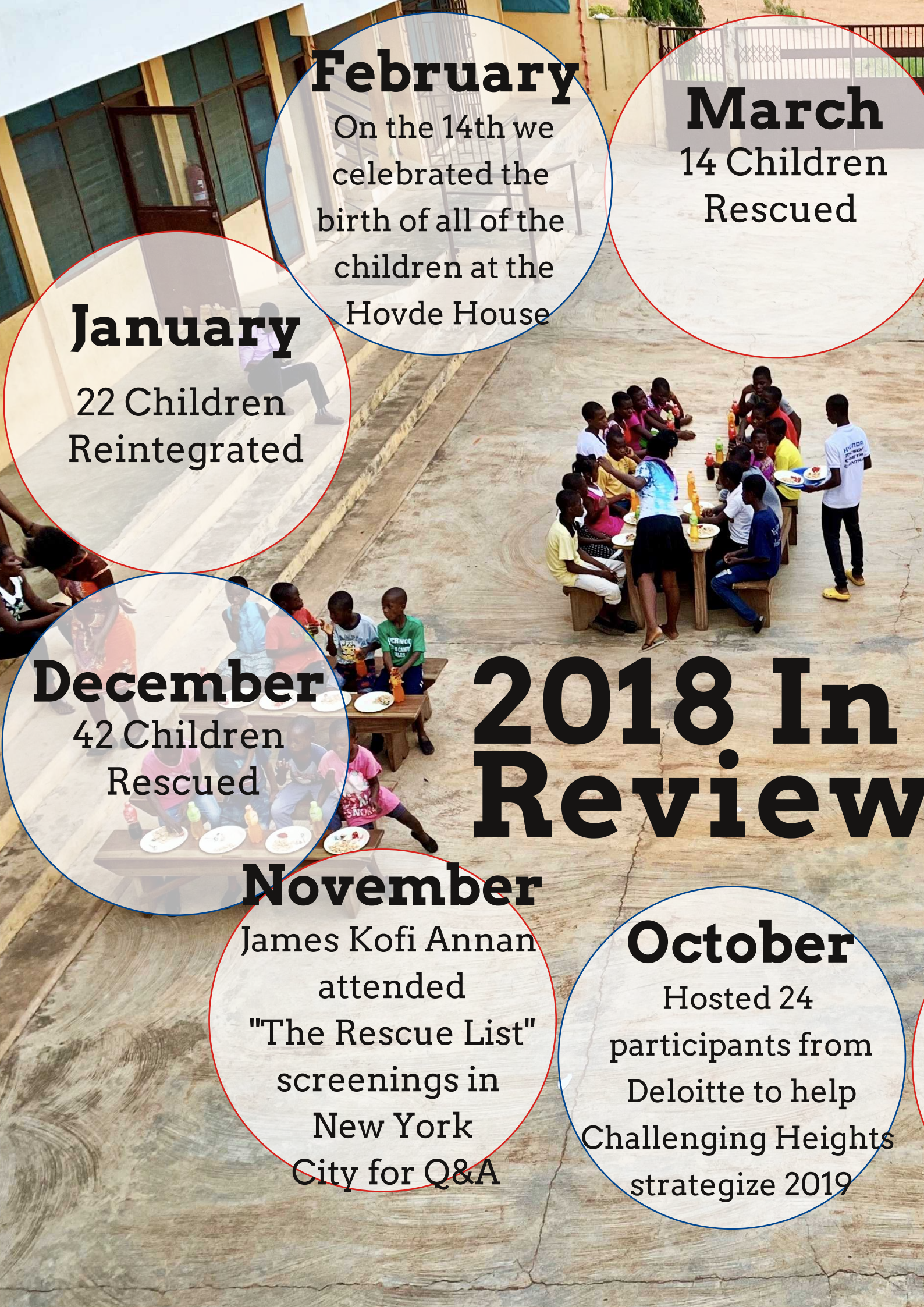
November

James Kofi Annan attended "The Rescue List" screenings in New York City for Q&A

October

Hosted 24 participants from Deloitte to help Challenging Heights strategize 2019

2018 In Review





April

The film
"The Rescue List"
made it's debute at
the San Francisco
Film Festival

May

Began our Youth
Economic
Empowerment
Programme with
the inaugural
class

June

Completed
communitcy
sensitization

July

Family visit with
soon to be
reintegrated
children
& caregivers

September

11 Children
Rescued

August

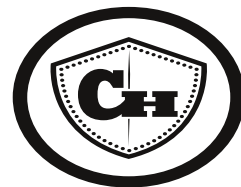
Phase 1 of the
Shelter
Expansion
completed

What We Do



Rescue & Recovery

We rescue children in forced labour and offer a holistic programme of rehabilitation and reintegration. With support from the Hovde Foundation, we built the Challenging Heights Hovde House, a rehabilitation centre, that provides continuous survivor care. Also, we work with communities to help survivors and other children to live in freedom. As part of this, we train Community Child Protection Committees in child protection.



Prevention

We have identified a number of the root causes for child trafficking in the source communities where we work and are addressing them through community engagement through a variety of programmes. The key root causes that we've identified are poverty, naivety, and family separation. Through economic empowerment programmes for women and youth we are addressing poverty. We're tackling naivety through community sensitisation and awareness campaigns. Our presence in the community through Community Child Protection Committees and Alternative Dispute Resolution gives people a chance to address family disputes and prevent trafficking.



Advocacy

We are vocal advocates of human rights and engage with governments, civil society organisations, media and other stakeholders to protect them. A participatory and integrated approach to decision making is important to us when it comes to children's needs. Assessing the impact of social and economic policies on women and children at the local, national and international level is central to this. We campaign for children's rights and seek to promote the prosecution of traffickers.



Numeracy
Numbers

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20





IMPACT

Over the last 16 years, Challenging Heights has supported over 1,700 children rescued from slavery and has rehabilitated, reintegrated and monitored over 400 children with their families in their communities in several parts of Ghana.

118

Children
rescued in
2018

RESCUE, RECOVERY & REINTEGRATION IMPACT

Referred By:

3

International
Justice Mission

5

Free the Slaves

20

Mercy Project

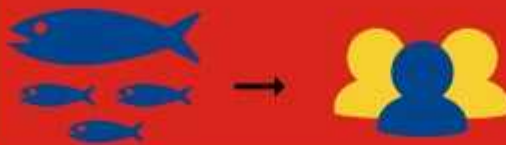
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Ghana Anti-
Human Trafficking
Unit

66

Challenging
Heights

Families
Supported



119

Children
reintegrated
in 2018

183 = 35 + 148

Children cared for
at the Challenging
Heights' Hovde
House

Girls



Boys



Children
Monitored in
2018



Meet K! He is approximated to be 15 to 16 years old and arrived at our shelter on the most recent rescue. He was sold in the Ivory Coast along with his brother and has been trafficked throughout West Africa. Two years ago Challenging Heights rescued K's brother off from Lake Volta, his brother told the staff at Challenging Heights that he had been sold with his brother and was persistent to remind us. After 2 years of hoping to find K and reunite the brothers, K is at the Challenging Heights Hovde House Shelter! When K came to the shelter initially, he was shy and reserved, would often sleep in class, and talked about going back to the lake and of the promise his trafficker made to him to give him a room in a house on the lake after he turned 18. K is now doing better and since meeting with his brother on Family Day, understands that he has the opportunity to attain so much more than what his slave master promised him. K is achieving so much! He now know's his ABC's, 123's, can do basic addition and subtraction, has stopped sleeping in class and has improved in his handwriting! He has even tested into KG 2! K is also the president of the Child Counselors Programme! We are all so proud of K (and all of our kids) for making such great strides!





CHALLENGING HEIGHTS' COMMUNITY LIBRARY IMPACT

11

Schools
Served



550

Library
patrons

19,000

Books available
through the library &
E-library





YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWER- MENT PROGRAMME IMPACT

5

Vocational
Education Training
Modules



Digital TV Instillation



Driving



Phone Repairs



Interior Decoration



Beauty Therapy



68%

Of participants
employed within
3 months of
graduation

93 = 45 + 48

Individuals
trained

Females

Males

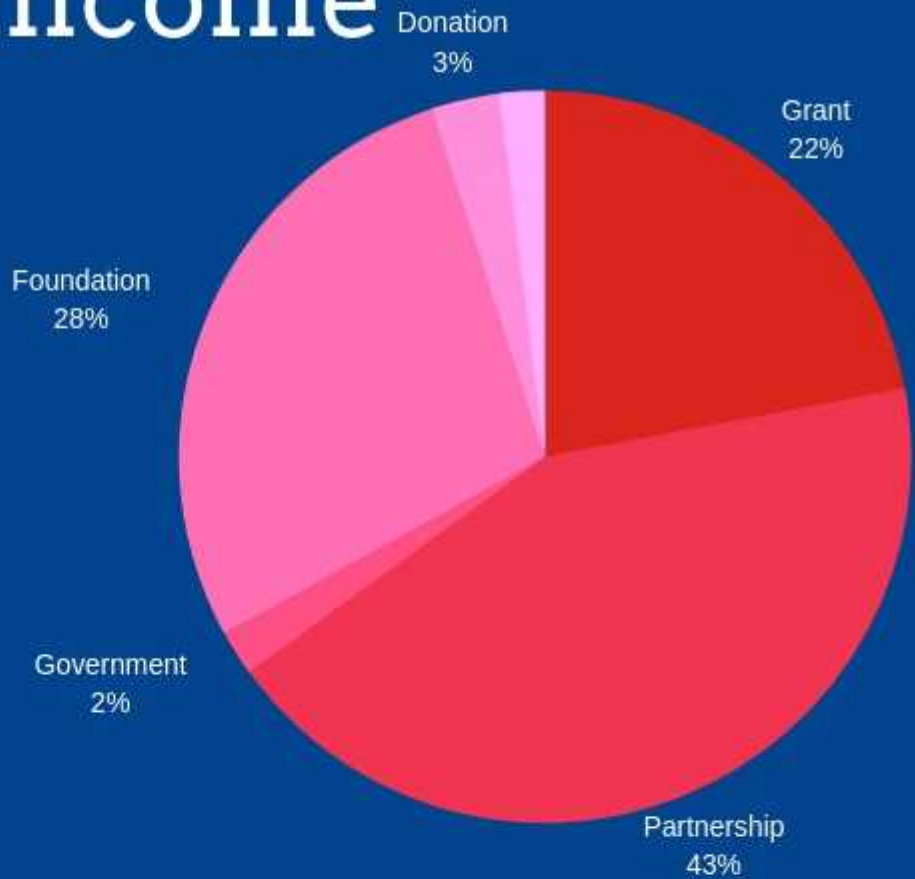




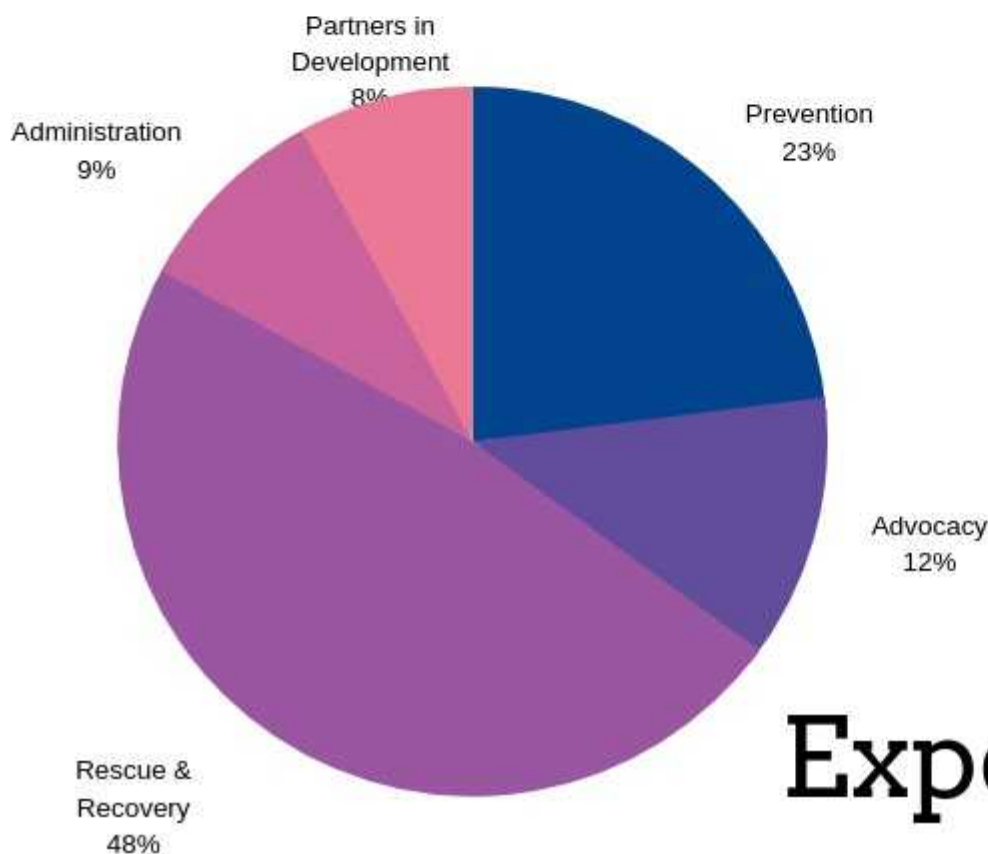
Meet Emmanuel, he graduated from our YEP skills training in August 2018 with a certificate in Mobile Phone Repair! In November 2018, Emmanuel was able to open his very own shop to service phones here in Winneba! Emmanuel says he's able to make between 50-100 GHC doing repairs per week but hopes to increase sales. He says the most challenging part of his work is that he lacked accessories to fix some phones and must go to town to get them.

Support Income

We are extremely grateful for all of our funders who make this work possible. Here's a breakdown of our funding sources for 2018.



Financials



Using our funding in the most effective and impactful way is important to us, which is why more than 90% of our funding goes towards programming.

Expenditures

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support we received from all of our partners and supporters. With their passion and commitment, all of them helped us to achieve so much in 2018.

Abolish Slavery Now	
Amazade	
Australian High Commission	Amanda Anduiza
Beauty for Freedom	Anderson Technologies
Blindon Foundation	Ann Campbell
Breaking the Chain through Education	Blauvelt Foundation
Breslaff Foundation	Chuck & Kathy Glatz
Butterflies/Child Development Khazana	Curt & Jen Sidden
Castle View High School	Doug Edwards
Douglas County School District	Elizabeth Jaffe
EMpower	Eric Vroegop
Engage Now Africa	Heather Picerne
Family for Every Child	Jeff & Ilana Kashdin
Free the Slaves	John Caulkins
Freedom for All	Julia Spangler
Grand Valley State University	Kathleen DeRose
Heritage High School	Lisa Halsted
Hovde Foundation & Sunwest Bank	LuAnn Thum
Charitable Foundation	Lynn Watkins
Inter Church Organisation for	Meemee Sharry
Development Corporation	Miles Macleod
Made in a Free World	Peter Gartland
Mercy Project	Peter Daniolos
Micah 6:8	Regis Jesuit High School
UN Voluntary Trust Fund on	Tom & Kari Klein
Contemporary Forms of	Toni Watt
Slavery	
UNICEF	
Women in Social Enterprise	