

LIFE CENTER ETHIOPIA

2023



**With Love, Hope, and
Support, Anything is Possible!**



OUR MISSION

To equip orphans and vulnerable children for a transformed life by providing their material, educational, and spiritual needs. Providing for these needs aims to ensure self-confidence in the children and create the ability to reach their life goals.

To empower widows for self-reliance through private business models by providing skill development, vocational training, and financial loans.

Building a pathway that paves the way for a future with purpose.



Dear Friends of Life Center Ethiopia,

Because of your unceasing support and God's provision, 2023 exhibited a uniquely blessed achievement for Life Center Ethiopia. Thank you so much. I also extend my special thanks to Life Center Ethiopia's Board of Directors in the USA and Ethiopia for their leadership, commitment, and comprehensive support to me personally.

Life Center raised \$241,033 in 2023. I am grateful to you, our dear friends, who faithfully supported Life Center with your unrelenting generosity. Thank you for trusting and standing with us to serve God in helping the orphans and the widows. In 2023, 146 people donated to Life Center Ethiopia, and 62 of them were new donors—Parise to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because of your support, poor mothers own small businesses and are able to feed their children. You helped them become victorious over the poverty crunch. The women whose lives were degraded in prostitution rejected it and are emerging as ambitious entrepreneurs. They have decided to work hard and change their lives. This is heartwarming news for everyone who loves the Lord and believes in human dignity. In 2023 alone, we granted 192 new loans to widows and vulnerable women, provided them prayers, counseling, coaching, and training, and distributed hundreds of bibles to our community.

2023 was the year of graduation for many of our children from childhood to teenage years, from elementary and middle schools to high schools and colleges. Because of your support, they have embarked on a new journey of adulthood full of hope, energy, and enthusiasm. Some have become business owners,

while others have started a high-level entrepreneurial training program to become community influencers through business. They look forward to multiplying the vision of Life Center across the country. Hundreds of orphan children have also joined the Life Center family, experiencing renewed hope, while many thousands are in line seeking the same opportunity.

Being aware of your backup, Life Center staff work with exceptional commitment. They give unconditional love to the children and women we serve and have built trust that they are comfortable sharing their struggles. We have established a family of love, a community of hope.

God is using you, our supporters and partners, to change the lives of individuals and communities in Ethiopia through Life Center. I am excited to see Life Center expand to new areas of the country in 2024 and become the shelter of love, transformation, and self-esteem for thousands of orphans and widows, who, in turn, will change their communities' lives.

In 2023, Life Center is promoted to the Ethiopian people in a big way via Ethiopian newspapers, magazines, and radio and television programs. This is the first of its kind and scope. This opens new opportunities for Life Center to continue developing a network and openly supporting our projects in Ethiopia.

I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to serve him and the cause of your heartbeat in this way. It is a humbling experience of his mercy and his fierce love. Because of the highly encouraging impact and the successful path we see in people's lives, we have become even more committed to serving orphans and widows in Ethiopia. And I invite you to continue supporting Life Center Ethiopia in prayers, finance, and material donations.

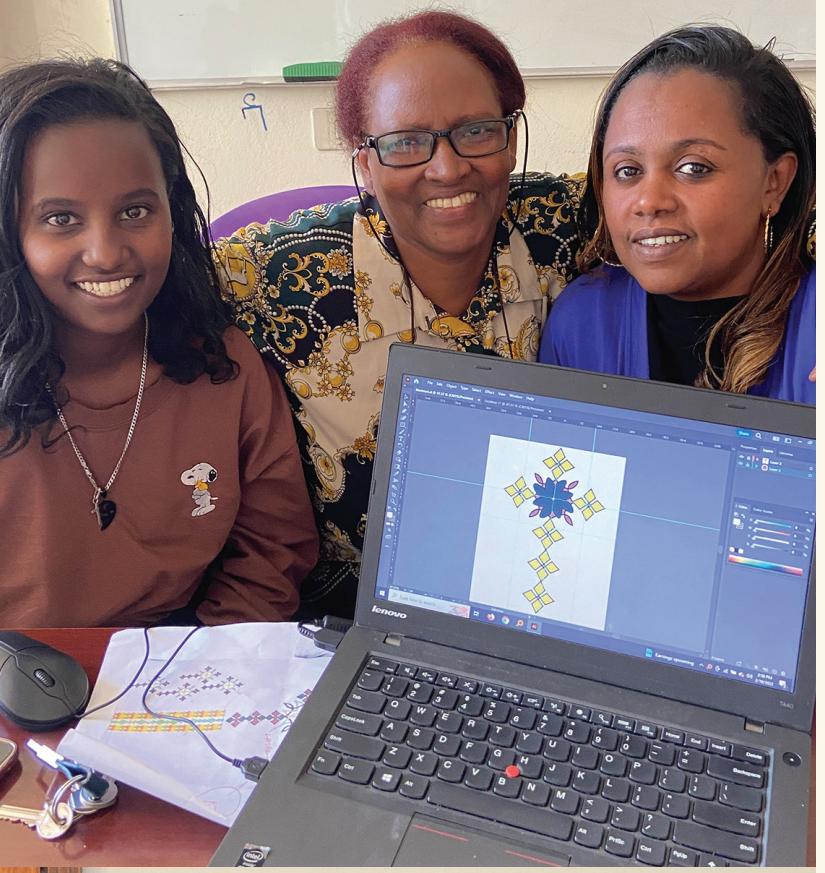


Thank you & God bless you,

Mulu G Woldeinsae
Executive Director



Through your heartfelt donations, you are building skills that transform lives.



Sponsorship delivers exponential growth for children Academically, Personally, Socially, and Holistically.

What \$40 per month does for a family:

- As of December 31, 2023, 276 children were sponsored. 218 of them are in Addis, and 58 are in Sekota.
- After-school tutoring is provided to 75 students, grades 5-8, three times a week. At each tutorial session, they also receive snacks. Computer training and tutoring are provided to students 9-12.
- Parents and caregivers attend free parenting training classes to learn how to raise their children.
- \$4,392 was spent on providing food during tutoring sessions in 2023.

*in partnership with Horizon International



Our widow microloan program is much more when you see the impactful results.

As of 12/31/2023

- 192 Loans Distributed
- 294 Loans Total: 252 in Addis Ababa, 42 in Meki
- 87 Loans are Completely Paid
- 10 Basic Business Course training for 300 Women. They included the initial training, business plan coaching, and business setup. After establishing a business, the women receive monthly follow-up calls or visits to help and encourage the new business owners! *in partnership with Touch Of Love International (TOLI)



Life Center Ethiopia's women's microloan program, offered in partnership with Touch of Love International (TOLI), has rapidly grown. Due to the high level of growth and demand, the Course was delivered monthly to loan beneficiaries. The course provides women with the skills needed to run a business successfully.



My name is Fetia Delil.

I am a wife and a mother of four children. After I gave birth to my fourth child, my husband left us, and I had to provide for my children alone. After two years, my husband came back when his health began failing him, so I had to take care of five people in addition to myself. It was challenging until I came to Life Center and received a microloan and sponsorship for my oldest daughter. My daughter is 21 and helps me run my merchandise business to provide for our family.



Image Above: The Director of Life Center, Mrs. Mulu Girmay and Fetia Delil's first daughter

My name is Emebet Ayele.



I have two children. We all live together in Addis Ababa. I was fortunate to attend school and get my diploma in social work and my BA in Theology. I went to Life Center to get business training for my poultry business; in addition to training, I also became a microloan beneficiary. I am now optimistic I can grow my business and become successful with the help of God and Life Center.

Thanks to you, our donors, our Special Projects were one of the major highlights of the year!

In 2023, we launched two new Special Projects with the generous support of our donors.



T-Shirt Printing Business:

10 teenage orphans have been selected to run a t-shirt printing business. They have all finished school and have received the necessary business training to be successful. They are eager and excited to help the Ethiopian economy. The fundraised money will be used to purchase a heat press, printer, and a high-quality computer for graphic design..



Sewing Department Expansion:

At the end of 2023, we purchased seven more sewing machines to double our capacity. Now, 12 women can sew at once, and more can be trained in sewing skills to one day start a business.



My name is Firehiwot Sileshi.

I was born and raised in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. I am a widow and have a daughter. We were forced to leave home on June 30, 2020, due to civil unrest, so we currently live in Addis Ababa with 7 of my relatives and two children in a 2-bedroom house. I work as a hotel security guard to provide for my daughter. I heard about Life Center Ethiopia through our local government partners and joined their sewing program. Designing was once a dream of mine, and the Life Center staff made that dream possible.



Image of Firehiwot Sileshi

Together, we can help solve one of the essentials of life - Nutrition.

In 2023, Ethiopia faced a famine, and the civil unrest caused many people to go without food. In response, Life Center Ethiopia partnered with Maximum Impact Foundation to provide food to starving people in Sekota.



Garden and Well Project



In Sekota, 10 widows work in the garden to earn an income for their families as well as provide fresh vegetables for the surrounding community.

Additionally, Life Center installed multiple clean water wells that provide drinking water to the community and irrigation to the garden.



The Ethiopian Staff



10th Anniversary Celebration!

In Ethiopia



In the USA



Volunteer Teams

We love hosting teams of volunteers in Ethiopia. In 2023, Fellowship City Church sent Go-Teams in February and July. The February trip hosted the annual youth retreat, where the children had valuable time and learned how to process emotions in a healthy manner. In July, the teams focused on playing with the children outside and teaching them the Word of God.



My name is Selam Melaku.

I am 21 years old and live with my mother, brother, and two sisters in Addis Ababa. With Life Center's support, I am pursuing a Master's degree in Radiology at Africa Medical College.

My mother has always done her best to provide for us by washing people's clothes for a living. However, when I was sponsored by Life Center in 2013, I was given more opportunities because of Mulu and the training that Life Center gave me. I became so happy.

Later, my brother Daniel was also sponsored and became a part of my Life Center family. I have many brothers and sisters at Life Center; we are a family and share everything. Life Center is a place to recover from the hurt and a light for those who don't have hope.

I am so thankful for my sponsors! Due to their support, I have had all of my school materials provided and have received prayer in hard times. I am also very thankful for Mulu, who has shown me unconditional love, no matter my race and religion. She has given me and many others a better life. Mulu, you have a prominent place in my heart because you are a mother of many kids like me.



My name is Kena Sisay.

I was born on April 19, 2003, and live with my mother in Addis Ababa. My mom provided for me by being a day laborer and washing clothes. Before I joined Life Center, it was challenging for her to provide for us.

I joined the Life Center when I was very small, at the age of 9, while I was in third grade. Our journey began during hardship when my mother felt overwhelmed and hopeless. As a single parent, she faced immense challenges trying to provide for me after the loss of my father and sister. However, it was at Life Center that our story took a beautiful turn. Surrounded by caring mentors and a supportive community, I found solace and inspiration. Life Center became more than just a place for education; it was a sanctuary where hope was restored and dreams were nurtured. Through the guidance and resources provided by Life Center, my mother regained her strength and determination. Together, we embarked on a journey of resilience and growth. Despite our obstacles, the love and support we received transformed our lives. Today, as I look back on our journey, I am grateful for the blessings that came through Life Center. My mom and I are thankful for Mulu, my sponsors, and the Life Center.

My mom received training on a sewing machine, and together with Life Center staff, we prayed and shared love to keep going in life and to be strong for whatever happened in our past. I am also thankful for the continuous financial support, healthcare, clothing, educational materials, awards for honor students, life skills training, counseling, and all holistic services.

I want to be a software engineer, majoring in computer science, in the future. Currently, I am a second-year university student in a four-year program. I could not have done that without the love and support of God, Mulu, Life Center, and my sponsors. So, thank you.

Revenue and Expenses

2023 Financials (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

CONTRIBUTION & INCOME

U.S. Contributions	\$241,039
Partners (direct contributions to Ethiopia)	\$141,210
Other (direct contributions to Ethiopia)	\$478
Total Income	\$382,727

EXPENSES

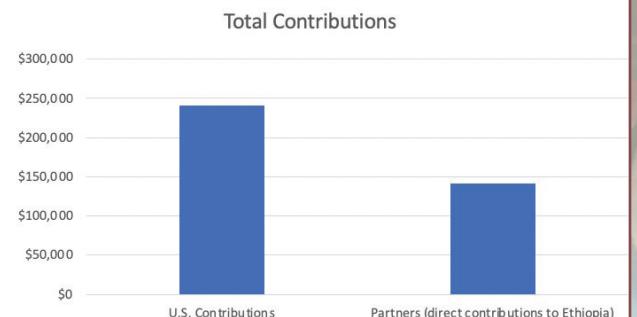
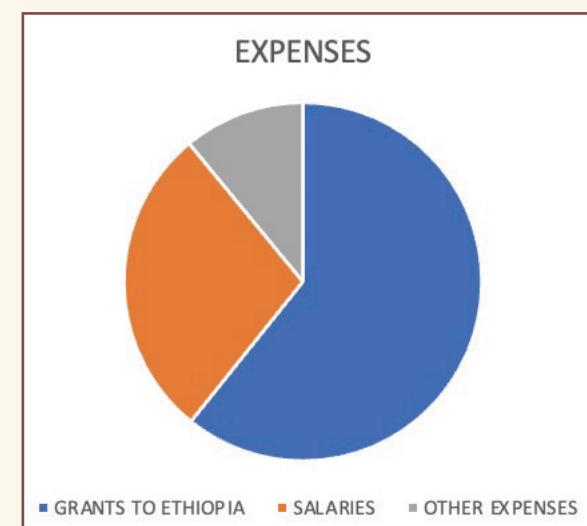
Grants to Ethiopia	\$144,600
Salaries	\$67,237
Other Expenses	\$26,127
U.S. Total Expenses	\$237,964

NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year (1/1/2023)	\$122,682
End of Year (12/31/2023)	\$141,975
Change In Assets	\$19,293

U.S. INCOME YEAR OVER YEAR

2023	\$241,039	YOY Increase
2022	\$195,073	24%
2021	\$131,442	
2020	\$119,934	



Our partners

Touch of Love International (TOLI)
Horizon International
Global Orphan Relief
Maximum World Impact
Fellowship City Church
Security Central



As Chairman of the Board for Life Center Ethiopia, I'm humbled to report that in 2023, thanks to our incredible partners and donors, we not only increased support to at-risk children and widows in Sekota and Addis by 34%, but also witnessed their remarkable transformation – a true testament to the ripple effect of your generosity.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for partners like Horizon, TOLI, Global Orphan Relief, Fellowship City Church, and Maximum Impact Foundation. Their unwavering support translates into a direct impact in transforming the lives of those we serve. Beyond the significant rise in the number of children and widows we supported in Sekota and Addis, witnessing the transformative power of our work was truly inspiring.

After graduating high school, several children who have been with LCE for years blossomed into entrepreneurs. They've launched a collaborative T-shirt design and production business, and our dedicated staff provides invaluable coaching across all aspects of their venture. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their continued growth and success!

Looking ahead, we dream of replicating this success story across more communities, empowering countless individuals like these young entrepreneurs. Our entire donor base is so instrumental in helping to fuel this ambition. With your partnership, we can write even more inspiring chapters in the lives of these children and widows, creating a brighter future for them, their communities, and Ethiopia as a whole. Join us in this transformative journey – together, we can make a profound difference.

God Bless!
David Herzog
Chairman of the Board

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2024 Vision:

Imagine a way to impact an entire community.

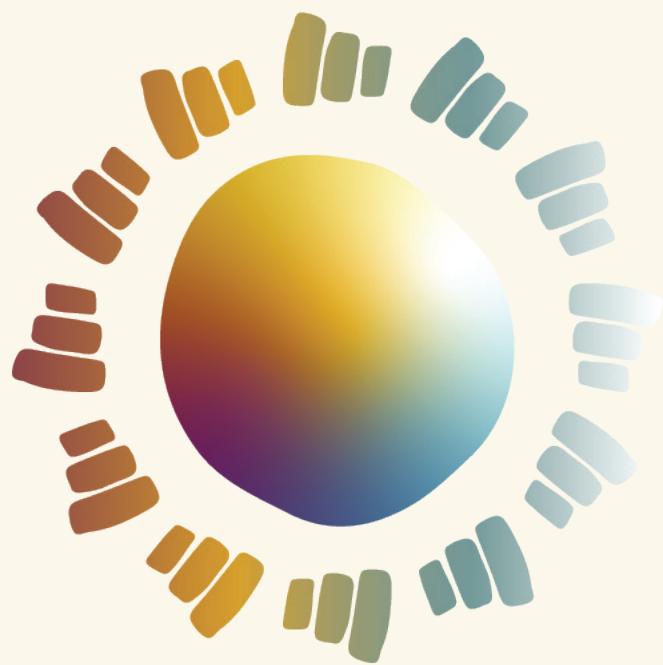
Building on Life Center's countless examples of transforming lives, in 2024, we aim to expand our reach in Sekota and Addis by 20%. We will also expand our service to new areas of the country.

We will launch an initiative called "Empowering Communities, I am Life Center!" This initiative will empower our graduating children and successful widows to become positive changemakers in their neighborhoods. Imagine these young entrepreneurs mentoring other orphans or widows and encouraging neighbors to rise above – the endless possibilities!

We'll provide new educational classes on leadership, community organizing, and peer-to-peer affirmations to equip them for success.

Your continued support, through volunteering or donations, will be instrumental in fueling this ripple effect of positive change. Join us in creating a brighter future, one community at a time!





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