



The Liberian Orphanage/Humanitarian Projects, Inc.

**“Creating Avenues to
Remove the Stain of Shame,
Restore Dignity, and
Rediscover the Wealth of Treasure
in Humanity in Liberia, West Africa
and
other Underserved People around the World!”**

Annual Report for 2024

Words from the Founder



It gives me great pleasure to report another year of amazing accomplishments! The Liberian Orphanage and Humanitarian Project, Inc. (LO/HP, Inc.) celebrates 15 years as a U.S. faith-based Federally recognized 501(c)(3) public charity humanitarian organization. Historically, our vision was birthed in 1990 after my initial visit to Liberia, West Africa. That's when I witnessed unimaginable human suffering, extreme poverty on every level and justifiable hopelessness of the average Liberian. These experiences catapulted me into action to help the poorest of the poor escape the realities of their conditions. For years afterwards, I championed various efforts to address these issues, and eventually, LO/HP, Inc. was birthed as a continuation and expansion of those endeavors.

Thus, personally, for a span of 35 years, I have enjoyed the awesomeness of significantly improving the quality of life for many underprivileged Liberians. The provision of services in concert with our goals and project objectives continue to result in measureable life-changing interventions which caused many Liberians who were destitute and without hope to now be empowered for a brighter future. They are equipped to become productive members of their society, ready to contribute to the betterment of their families and to the Republic of Liberia. That's great news in any language, especially from such humble beginnings for them and for me.

With gratitude and great appreciation for our donors, sponsors and volunteers, I present our **Annual Report for 2024.**

Mrs. Sharon Loving Ruff

Our Vision Through Projects and Initiatives

The mission of the Liberian Orphanage and Humanitarian Projects, Inc, (LO/HP, Inc.) is to significantly impact the lives of orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected and underprivileged children, youth, teens and young adults in Liberia, West Africa and to engage in humanitarian, educational, medical and agricultural initiatives that will improve the quality of life for disadvantaged and special needs individuals in Liberia and in other parts of the world. Our primary source of funding is from generous donations and monthly pledges from compassionate individuals and religious organizations. Partnerships with businesses, educational and humanitarian national and international organizations, combined with generous donations of goods and services (including printing, technology, educational material, medical supplies, school supplies, clothing and humanitarian aid items) allow us to serve a population far beyond our donation level. And, with the response from appeals for our Operation Blessing Project, we are able to ship urgently needed educational and humanitarian aid items to Liberia where they are distributed free-of-charge to the poorest of the poor in urban and rural areas. We consider it an honor to help address and highlight the needs of the underprivileged.

Since our inception, LO/HP, Inc. has been propelled by an all volunteer staff at every level of the organization. Our humanitarian projects and initiatives have helped thousands, relieved suffering of untold multitudes, changed lives, provided tools of success, birthed hope and otherwise improved the life of those most in need who, in most instances, had no one else to help them. Our current and planned efforts are:

- **Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes Project** – Provides grants to orphanages/child welfare homes for food, clothing, education, personal hygiene, medical assistance, furnishings, staffing, renovation, construction, clean water, and sanitation projects.
- **Humanitarian Project** — Provides grants to destitute children, teens, adults and senior citizens for emergency food, medical care, housing and small renovation/construction projects, and provides the needy with humanitarian aid relief items: clothing, shoes, personal care, household items, educational material, etc. free of charge through our Operation Blessing Project.
- **Educational Enrichment Project** — Provides educational grants to impoverished children, youth and young adults for tuition assistance, uniforms, and school supplies for grades K-1 through 12th; to construct, renovate and equip educational facilities (books, satellite systems, computers, furnishings, etc); and, to create alternative educational programs.
- **College / Higher Learning Project** — Provides grants to disadvantaged adults for college scholarships and higher learning programs, such as medical/ dental/ nursing skills, computer, vocational, agricultural and other training streams with opportunities for educational travel, internships and foreign exchange positions throughout the world.
- **The Blind and Visually Impaired Project** - Provides monthly subsidy grants to Blind and severely visually impaired individuals and married couples for food, clothing, housing, medical care and educational needs as part of our “*Seeing Hearts Project*.”

FUTURE PROJECT:

- **Agricultural/ Farming/Husbandry Project** – Will provide seeds, plants, animals, agricultural/farming tools, vehicles, and machinery for small scale farming in underdeveloped areas. Provide training on best practice methods to help alleviate hunger.

A snapshot of accomplishments since our inception in 2009 reveals LO/HP, Inc. has --

- Raised over **\$521,430US** for our projects and services, with very little administrative costs;
- Provided financial sponsorship to four orphanages: The Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refugee Home, Inc.; Lofa Congo Orphanage Mission; Hebron Homes for Abused,

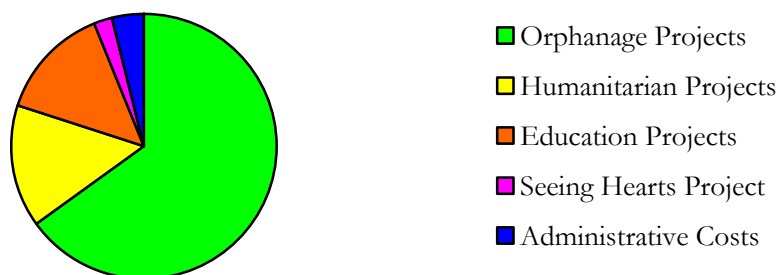
Abandoned & Orphanage Children; D.E.D. Children's Center; and, to Mother Comfort's Daycare Center;

- Built several structures, including a two-story brick building which housed The Eliza Neufville Memorial Academy's (ENMA) elementary and middle school students;
- Provided scholarships to private elementary, junior high and high schools for children living in orphanages/child welfare homes and in impoverished communities;
- Provided scholarships to higher learning institutions: technology, electrical, computer training, auto mechanic, nursing skills, nursing programs, colleges, and universities;
- Provided education scholarships for students in single-family households (who are not in orphanages/child welfare homes) where the parents/guardians cannot afford school tuition;
- Received thousands of donated man-hours by our wonderful all volunteer LO/HP, Inc. staff, our web-designers, Karen Clay LLC [clay consulting.com] and Wayne Ross [RCSR] who provides technology repairs/training;
- Provided grants for emergency medical care for seniors and the underprivileged;
- Provided grants to the Blind since 2004 in our Seeing Hearts Project;
- Provided grants for food, medicine and medical surgeries for the poor in rural villages; and,
- Sent and distributed thousands of items free-of-charge as part of our Operation Blessing Project for the poorest of the poor in urban and rural areas of Liberia. Included in the two 40ft containers and three smaller shipments were clothing, shoes, bedding, household utensils, coats/jackets, books and educational supplies, recreational items, humanitarian aid, hygiene items, bicycles, and special aides for the handicapped and the Blind. Additionally, medicine and medical supplies valued at \$10,000US was donated to a local clinic.

2024 Annual Report Highlights

A total of **\$46,867US** was donated this calendar year. While we experienced a slight decline in donations from a few years ago where we exceeded \$50,000US, we were able to funds all our projects and met our 2024 objectives. The generosity of many compassionate individuals, businesses and churches to our various appeals and the integrity of those who administer our projects in Liberia are the key to our successful endeavors. Once again, we are pleased to report that **96%** of all donations went directly to the provision of projects and services to benefit the poor. Special thanks once again is given to those who provided free office space, office supplies and paid one-half of the storage fees for donated items.

2024 Project Percentages



Accomplishments

Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes Project:

Through this year's donations, we were able to provide **\$31,388US** or the equivalent of **\$5,869,567 Liberian dollars** to this project to meet our Standards of Orphanage/Child Welfare Home Care. Of this amount, **\$2,000US** was used in orphanage construction/renovation projects. We provided:

- Annual salaries for full time and stipends for part-time staff: two administrative positions, four care-givers, one cook, one nurse, four part-time helpers (counselor, nurse, technology trainer), and four security personnel for the Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc. on Pipeline Road in the Paynesville community;
- Over 45,000 delicious nutritionally balanced meals which consisted of various fruits, fresh and dried fish, chicken, beef, vegetables, hot cereal, rice, desserts and beverages;
- Funding for monthly trash pick-up, cable DSTV, electricity and for coal for daily cooking, bathing soap, toilet paper, washing powder, lotions, toothpaste, and other basic necessities;
- Kitchen furnishings, benches, pots and pans, bowls and eating utensils;
- Clothing, undergarments, shoes, sandals, and tennis;
- Scholarships covering tuition, school fees, uniforms and schools supplies;
- Regular chlorination, maintenance and repair to the water well to provide safe drinking water;
- Bunk beds, mattresses, linen, pillows and other household items;
- Ceramic floor tile and linoleum floor mats;
- Repair/maintenance of the solar panel system to provide electrical power;
- Repair/maintenance to the septic tank;
- Exterior solar powered night security lights and ceiling fans;
- Renovations on three facilities included window screens, mosquito nets, bathroom upgrades, repair/replacement of kitchen equipment and interior and exterior painting projects;
- Medical prevention, treatments and medications for residents and staff; and,
- Other small construction/renovation projects.



***One resident describes their new life at the SIC Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home this way,
"We have everything a child needs to be happy; delivered with love!"***



Humanitarian Project:

This year's donations allowed us to give **\$7,246US** or the equivalent of **\$1,355,002 Liberian dollars** to humanitarian efforts which significantly improved the quality of life for beneficiaries. We provided:

- Grants for humanitarian aid for food assistance and basic necessities to the elderly, the handicapped and impoverished individuals;
- Humanitarian aid to an unwed mother to provide rental assistance, food, medical care and other needs for her family;
- A grant to an unwed mother for business start-up;
- Emergency medical care, food and clothing distributions to Paynesville community's poor;
- Storage fees to house over a thousand relief boxes of education and humanitarian aid for shipment to Liberia as part of our Operation Blessing Project;
- Distribution of emergency food, grants for medicine and medical care, household furnishings, and small renovation projects to impoverished individuals/families in rural villages;
- Monetary awards to orphanage staff and various tradesmen who aide our projects in Liberia; and,
- Distribution of rice and other food items to rural villagers during special occasions.

These Already Received From This Project –



Educational Enrichment Project:

Donations allowed us to invest **\$6,572US** or the equivalent of **\$1,228,964 Liberian dollars** in educational opportunities. Of these funds, many urgently needed small construction/renovation projects for

the Eliza Neufville Memorial Academic (ENMA) school building which educated 200+ students were also met. We celebrate these life changing grants which provided the following:

- Gym uniforms for elementary/junior high students whose parents couldn't afford them;
- A scholarship to attend the Monrovia Vocational Training Center's 23-month program: tuition fees, uniforms/helmets, security shoes, books, daily transportation and senior graduation fees;
- School tuition, rental assistance, apartment furnishings and clothing for a high school drop-out;
- Uniforms, shoes, school supplies and transportation for other LO/HP, Inc. project recipients; and,
- Roofing zinc, painting, electrical upgrades and classroom partitioning at the ENMA school.



The Blind and Visually Impaired Project:



Donations to our Blind and Visually Impaired Project otherwise known as our “*Seeing Hearts Project*” were awarded to one family with a Blind youth and the School for the Blind totaled **\$961US** or the equivalent of **\$179,707 Liberian dollars**. These funds financed:

- Medical examination for one Blind rural villager to determine if his sight could be restored;
- Monthly living subsidy grant to a new sponsored family of three. This family unit included a young aunt who assumed responsibility for Nelson, her Blind nephew after his mother rejected him, and his sighted brother. We provided funds for their relocation from a rural village where they lived a life of daily struggles and hopelessness for the Blind preteen to a room in the inner city, where we provided all basic furnishings and hygiene items. Our grant also provided clothing and funds for their monthly rent and food;
- A start-up business grant was given to assist the aunt in becoming financially independent;
- An education scholarship was given to Nelson to enroll in the School for the Blind; and,
- Gym uniforms were provided for all students in the School for the Blind.

Funding under this project provides basic needs for these Blind individuals and their families in a country where there is no monthly public welfare program – no food stamps, housing assistance or medical care.



We continue to seek donors to enable us to increase the number of recipients for this project. Truly, the need is great! Will you join us and sponsor a Blind individual or family?

***Our Mission Has Not Changed:
Let “us” continue the work!***

Every day, multitudes from Liberia’s urban cities and rural villages dream of somehow finding a way to escape a life of poverty, suffering and hopelessness. The harsh reality is that most never find a path to alter their pitiful existence; thus, they are simply trapped into a lifetime of daily despair.

As in many poor countries, the average daily pay for an uneducated, unskilled laborer in Liberia is the equivalence of \$1.50US. The smell of cooked food can’t be ignored as you walk among many communities with your mouth watering. But, all too many of Liberia’s poor do not eat every day. The sounds of the sick, young and old, moaning in agony, without money for medicine, are often heard but no one responds. People can be seen everyday wondering aimlessly in the streets: unwashed hair, dirty, stained clothing, shoeless, hungry, with hardened facial expressions revealing they are provision. Daily “Rogues” get caught stealing a piece of bread resulting in public beating as they cry out, “Have mercy on me, I am hungry!” Yes, that’s what I see every time I visit Liberia.

Life can be so hard. So, the rewards of helping people in such terrible conditions are immeasurable. From the vantage point of living in a country like America, how does one measure the value of a changed life -- from extreme poverty to provision, from sickness to health, from illiteracy to educated, from being scorned to being admired, from feeling shame and self-pity to having self-confidence and pride in oneself? Yes, we have the poor among us, but there is “always” someone, somewhere that will extend a helping hand.

Then too, imagine the explosion of emotions, after being rescued from such devastating impoverished conditions to awakening to a new reality that “*there has always been*” “*hidden untapped treasures*” deep within them and that they could now evolve to whom they were intended to be. One must have walked in their shoes and lived a life of prolonged suffering to even begin to answer such questions and to earnestly appreciate being guided through open doors of possibilities where dignity, self-respect and prosperity awaits them. We have seen it happen over and over again, as we have placed our hands in theirs! This is why we are so grateful for everyone that supports LO/HP, Inc. as we celebrate our 15th year of provision and look forward to greater accomplishments in 2025!



**A Very Special Thank You to Our Volunteers,
Willing Workers, Donors, Partners and Sponsors!**



On behalf of the poor and destitute in Liberia, West Africa and others who continue to benefit from our projects and services, I humbly extend a heartfelt “**thank you**” to everyone who donated their talents, skills,

items or made a financial contribution this year. Your many prayers and acts of compassion towards their needs ensure the continuation of our projects. A very special thanks to COSTCO (Ms. Jenny Pavan & Ms. Chantel Cartledge, Brandywine, MD), and, LOWE's (Mr. Joseph Antwi, Clinton, MD) for donations, and to our partners: Chat & Chew Ministries (Evangelist Vera Peters, Bowie, MD); The Beverly Jones-Turner Revocable Trust, Adelphia, MD); Grace Tabernacle...A Way of Holiness (Elder John D. Ruff, DC/MD); Hemingway Temple A.M.E. Church (Rev. Thann Young, Washington, D.C.); In His Steps World Outreach Ministries (Pastor Momolu Freeman, Charlotte, NC); More Than Conquerors Ministry (Pastor Anthony Conley, Lanham, MD); Praise and Fellowship COGIC (Pastor Robert Valentine, Washington, D.C.); Torn Veil Ministry, Inc. (Pastor Ron Love, Bowie, MD); and, to T&V Auto Repair Services, LLC (Mr. Terry Bass, Clinton MD) for their generous giving throughout the year.

Those of us living in developed nations are so blessed with having numerous opportunities to reach our goals and objectives in life. No such reality is available for the suffering poor in developing nations unless people like you and me get involved in tangible ways.

Words cannot adequately express the change I have witnessed in the lives of so many, truly a thousand humble thanks for **Helping Us...Help Them!** Because of each donor, these impoverished individuals know, without a doubt, that someone cares enough about their plight to extend a helping hand to open doors of opportunity wherein they and their families can escape extreme poverty and hopelessness.

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If you will

Help Us...Help Them

The needy will receive!

Those who dared to dream will have a better life!

People, once trapped in hopelessness, will have a way of escape!

And,

You will receive great satisfaction for the part you have played in their transition!

Mrs. Sharon Loving Ruff,

Founder/CEO