



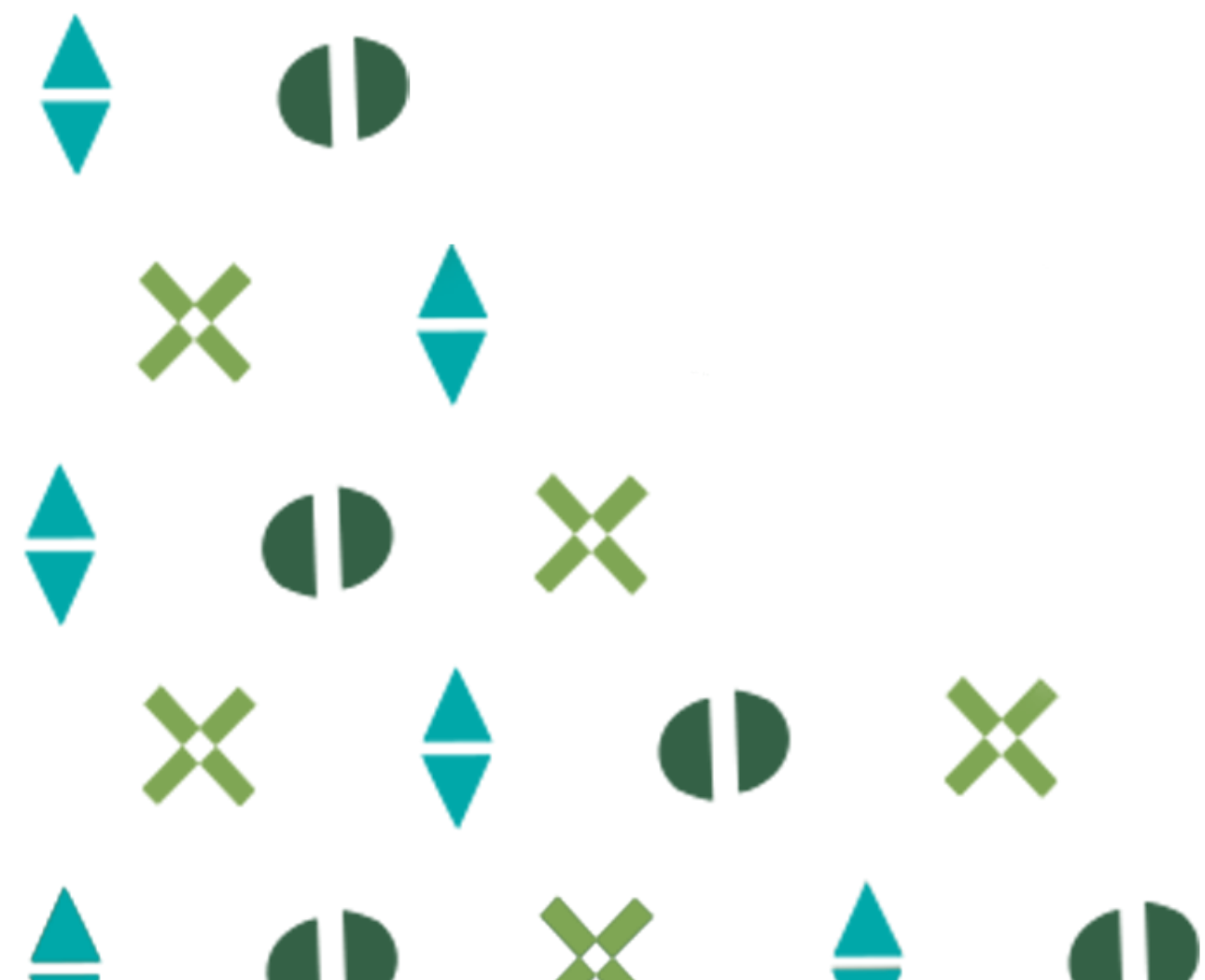
**NAOMI'S
VILLAGE**



2019 MINISTRY REPORT
Hope begins when a child belongs.

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Never underestimate the ability of a small group of
committed individuals to change the world.

–Margaret Mead



A Message from the Founders:



When we first visited Kenya in 2003 for me to serve as an orthopedic surgeon, knowing God's future plans might have overwhelmed us. Over the prior decade, an HIV/AIDS epidemic had blown through a drought-ridden community in the Great Rift Valley near the hospital, leaving an orphan crisis in its wake. Thousands of destitute children populated nearby towns, and there were signs of generational poverty everywhere – broken families, abuse, overcrowded schools, joblessness, and dwindling hope.

After taking 3 more trips, we had clearly heard God's call to help orphans and vulnerable children. Where should we start? How would resources best be spent? Was there any weapon stronger than God's love?

We have been answering these questions through Naomi's Village Home and its programs in Kenya for 10 years now. By harnessing the resources of generous families, foundations, corporations, and churches, we are providing effective interventions to break the cycle of poverty for thousands. Our staff remain convinced that Kenya's brightest future lies within her children, who must be equipped to carry their nation's burden for change.

Simply put, Naomi's Village exists to *love and empower* children, wholeheartedly, and with proper stewardship of resources. (*cont'd*)

A Message from the Founders:



Eighty-eight children have arrived at Naomi's Village Home since 2011, each holding the wonder and potential of an unopened gift. We have helped them to settle, absorbing them into a family that celebrates new additions, makes room, and shares everything. Their recoveries and progress have been remarkable. These children and 275 community pupils attend Cornerstone Preparatory Academy and LEAP Preschool, our two innovative and holistic schools.

Five babies and toddlers joined our Naomi's Village family in 2019 – Mabel, Joy, Stella, Leon, and Violet. We also added a LEAP building, funded our Sports Field, furnished Cornerstone's computer lab, and welcomed two puppies to Naomi's Village (Boots and Marco). Almost 1,100 monthly sponsors, numerous capital donors, and 267 visitors helped make this all possible last year.

Indeed, there is no weapon stronger than God's love! Your gifts, both tangible and spiritual, were a powerfully effective implement in the fight against darkness and pain in 2019. We took up that weapon and used it to soothe, heal, and develop the lives of hundreds of precious children.

Thank you,
Dr. Robert and Julie Mendonsa
Naomi's Village, Inc.



Naomi's Village by the numbers

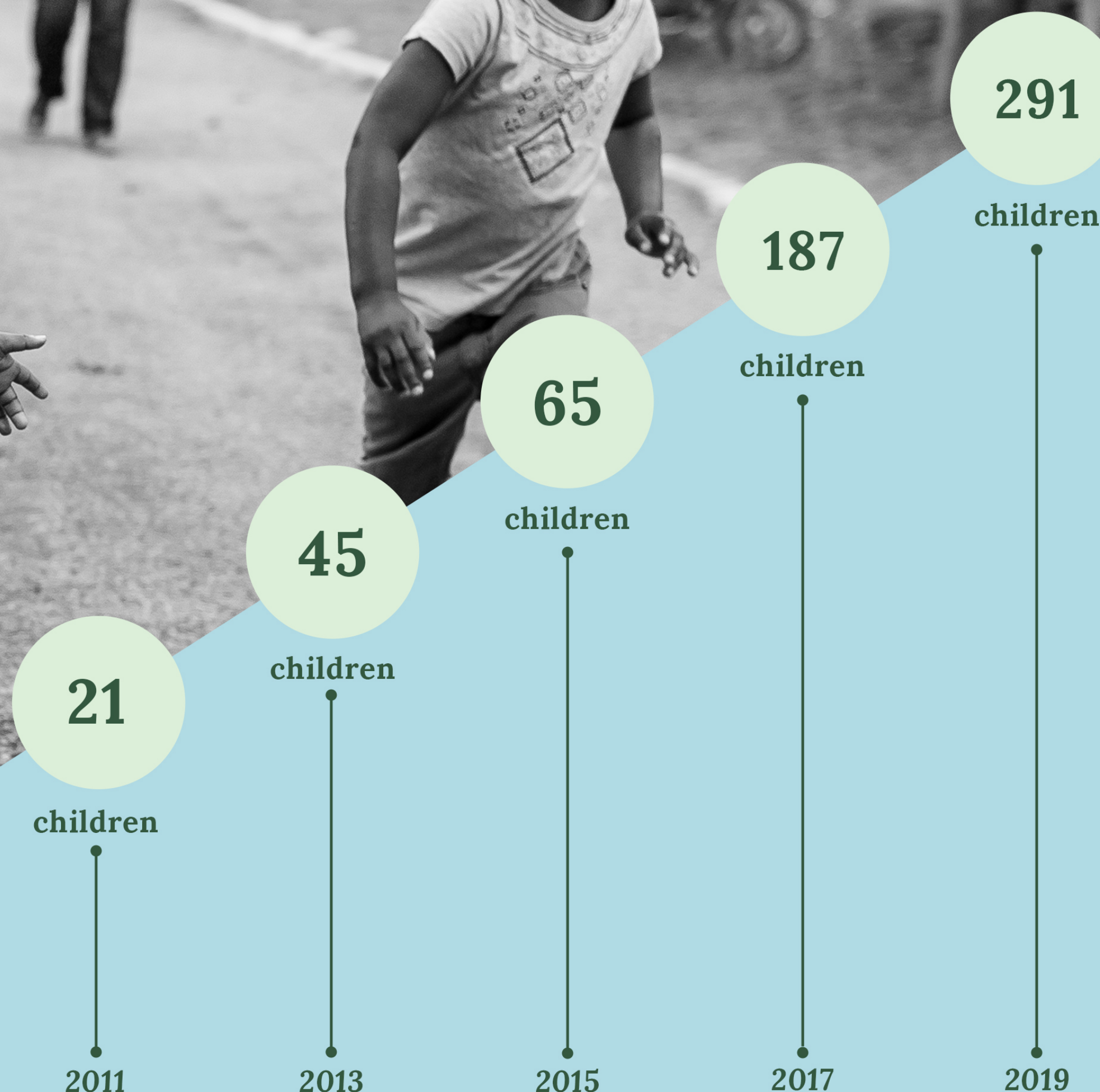
Through both Naomi's Village Home
and Cornerstone Preparatory Academy,
we are impacting an ever-growing
number of children and families
in the Great Rift Valley.

1040
CHILD SPONSORS

4528
MEALS PROVIDED
EACH WEEK

150
WATER FILTERS PROVIDED
TO FAMILIES

200
MICRO-LOANS FINANCED
TO CORNERSTONE PARENTS



STORY OF HOPE

Baby Joy



“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.
When a man found it, he hid it again,
and then in his joy went and sold all he had
and bought that field.”

-Matthew 13:44

We may never know her reason for leaving. Did her mother run in fear, in desperation, or simply out of selfishness? In the end, it doesn't matter anymore.

Found crying, hungry, and alone in a vacant rental, the 6-week-old beauty needed a home and a name. Staff at a local hospital fed her and held her regularly for 10 days and had begun to love her as one of their own, according to the young Kenyan nurse on duty when we arrived. Seeing her for the first time, we understood what all the fuss was about.

Eyes bright and purposeful, cheeks full of chub, and soft downy hair crowning a forehead made of silk...she had a look that makes one gasp at first sight. We were in love. Her name came easily – Joy.

STORY OF HOPE

Baby Joy

Treasures may be built, bought, received, or given. But the best ones are those we stumble upon unexpectedly, and joyfully claim before someone else does first. We simply couldn't understand how such a valuable and matchless prize had been surrendered for the taking. At times like these, it feels like the best kind of grace to be sitting on a well-prepared baby room and a loving group of trained baby moms – like holding a handful of aces at a poker table.

She really was going home to Naomi's Village with us! And most importantly, 16-year-old Millicent had ridden along, the first NV child to ever attend a baby pick up. Seeing Joy's rescue through her eyes made the day all the more special.

Driving down the driveway at the end of the day, horn blaring and crowd shouting, we couldn't help but be overwhelmed with the glory of it all. God loves us and He loves the unwanted and the lost. The manifestations of His glory in the colorful garden, the acacia trees, the inexplicably beautiful buildings, and the radiant faces of dozens of redeemed children made us new inside again.

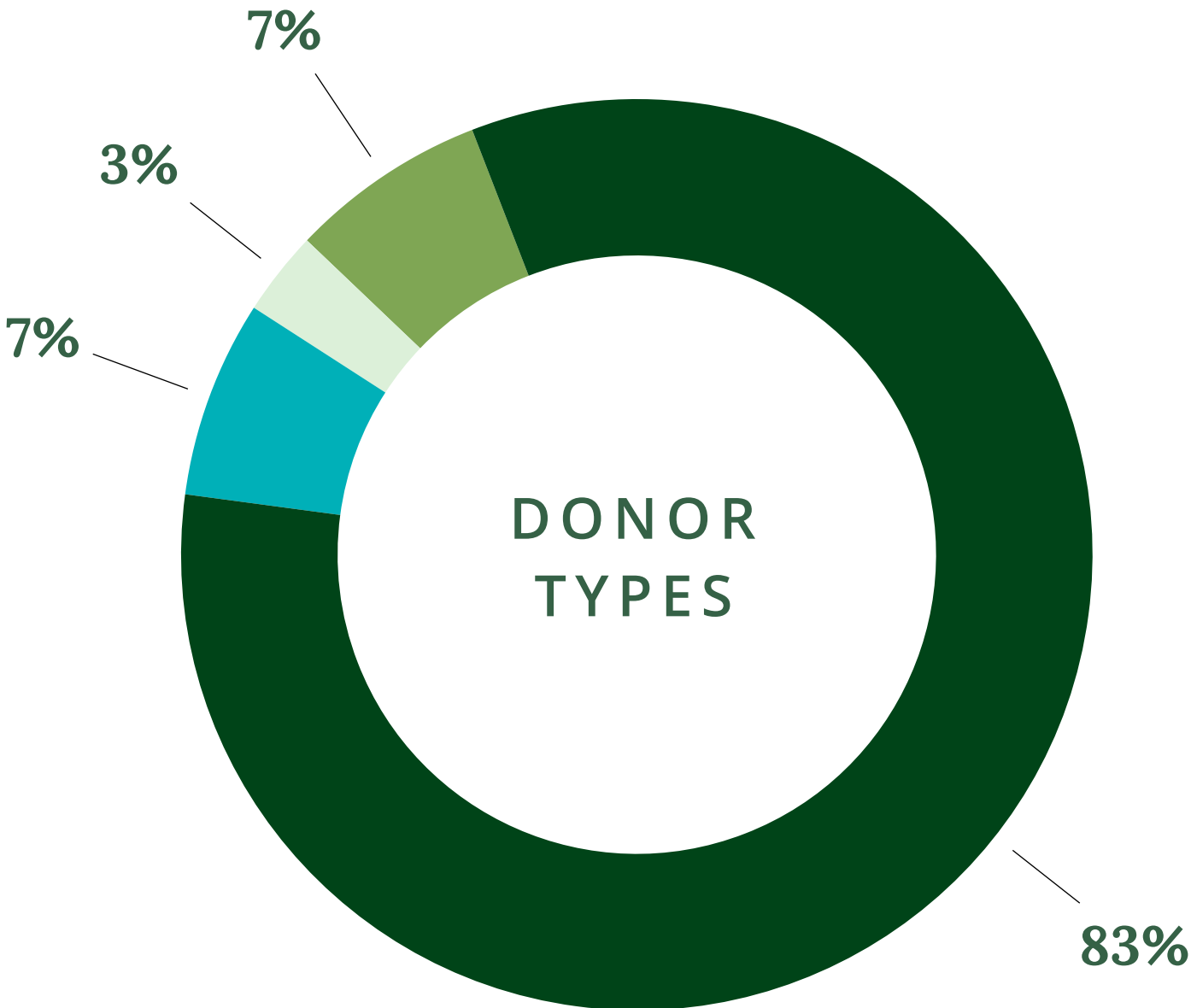
The doors opened for the Lion King baby presentation moment, and the din of the loving crowd swept her in, saying in every one of the five senses, "We love you! Welcome to Naomi's Village, sweet baby Joy! It's going to be OK!"

A few hours later, she settled into a warm crib and slept the first of many nights with her six new friends in a place beyond the pale of even our wildest imagination, a place God invented – Naomi's Village.

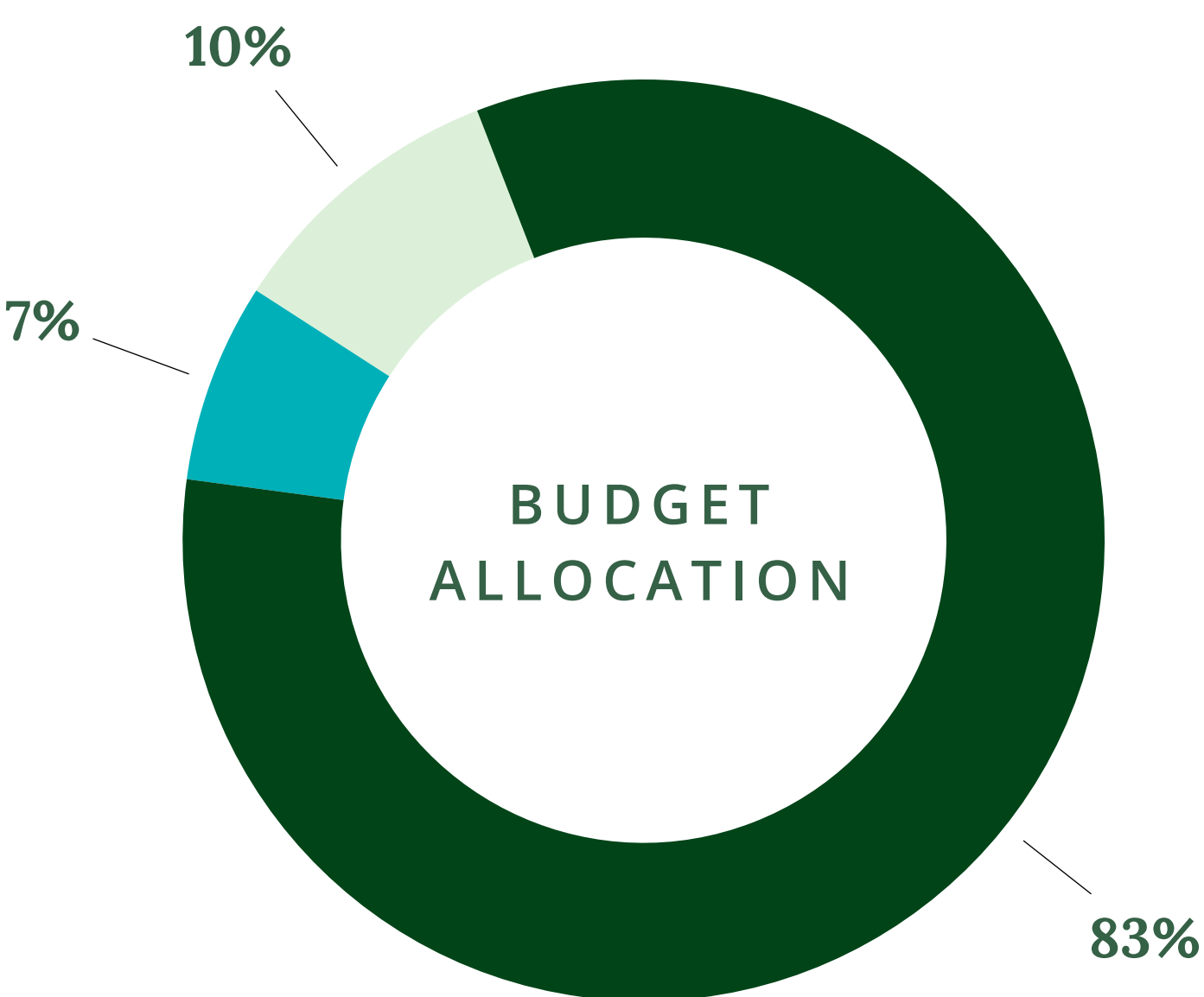


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Naomi's Village seeks to be transparent concerning all financial resources. We are grateful for your support in 2019 and the years to come.



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- Programs
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- Fundraising



of every dollar given goes toward

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