



## **Annual Report**

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



Dear Friends,

A few months ago, Amanda was in San Diego, CA for the annual Walk for Water with Paseo del Rey Church. On Sunday morning, Pastor Markham's message was about growing pains. He talked about the fact that changing relationships and circumstances can be painful, but if we're not growing... if we're not changing... what are we doing? Whatever you call it, it's not good.

Later, when we were reflecting on our 2019 fiscal year, "Growing Pains" was an apt descriptor. There was so much change, and it wasn't always easy. But we remain deeply grateful for the ways that change forced us to grow.

This fiscal year, we said goodbye to our Program Manager in Rwanda and welcomed Rebero D'Amour to the job. Over the year, Rebero worked tirelessly to learn and improve the Water Project and build trust across an ocean. That's not an easy thing to do. But he succeeded in all of those things and continues to bring strength, stability, and sustainability to 20 Liters.

Our relationship with our "parents", Mars Hill Bible Church, also changed. But like with any parent-child bond, those changes opened up untold possibilities for a deeper, more authentic connection between our organizations. These changes included 20 Liters starting the search to find our own dedicated space. This allowed us to dream a little bigger and plan far more ambitiously.

The changes over the past year remind us that while staff may change, relationships may change, and addresses may change, our mission does not change, nor does the need we are trying to meet.

The other thing that did not change last year was your steadfast support of 20 Liters. Last fiscal year, we had a record number of contributors to the mission of 20 Liters – both financially and as volunteers. We more than doubled the number of our supporters who make a sustaining monthly gift to support our work. As we make plans for our future, it is this dependability that gives us the confidence to continue growing.

With Thanks,

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#### FY19 Volunteer Stats



**576** Volunteers



# CLEMENTINE'S JOURNEY

Each day, Clementine bikes to the nearest lake to collect water for her husband and three young children. The water she collects is filled with bacteria and parasites that will make her and her children sick. But this is the only water available to her family.

Clementine tried boiling their water to alleviate the sickness that it caused, but it drove up the amount of money they were spending on firewood and became unaffordable.



Last year, 20 Liters launched the Water Project in their community. Local volunteers selected and began to equip vulnerable families with filters to make their dirty water clean. After attending hygiene trainings and learning how to maintain her filter, Clementine was able to bring a filter home to her family.

Clementine still bikes each day to the lake to collect water for her family. But now she filters the water she collects, removing the bacteria and parasites that used to make her children sick.

Clementine uses her filter to keep her family healthy, but access to clean water also unleashes exponential good. So, she also invites other families into her home to filter their water. And she is always ready to welcome any thirsty passerby to stop for cup of clean water.

Quoting scripture, she tells us, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in."

### **FY19 Solution Statistics**

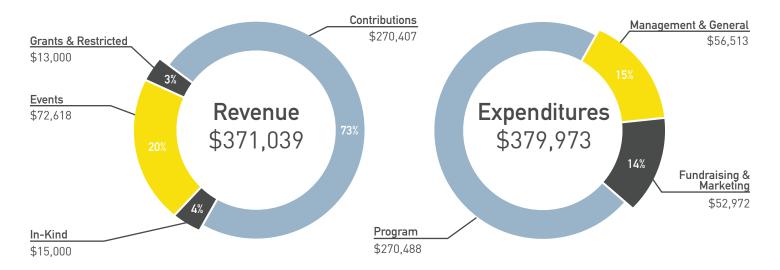








### FY19 Financials



### PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Once upon a time, two co-workers wondered to each other why socks were so boring. Adam and Ryan thought that socks could and should be more. So, together they founded boldSOCKS, a company committed to making bold, cool, funny socks for men, women and children.

boldSOCKS believes that great socks are more than socks. They are an extension and expression of their wearer, wearable works of art. What we choose to wear can say something about who we are and the world we want to create. So, to the team at boldSOCKS, simply making and selling cool socks wasn't ever going to be enough.

They started by working diligently to create a sustainable and socially ethical business model, ensuring that their socks are produced by workers who are treated fairly, paid a living wage, and can be assured of workplace safety.

Refusing to be a party to exploitative manufacturing practices still wasn't enough for boldSOCKS. They wanted to invest the profits from their success to create more good. One evening, several members of the boldSOCKS team attended a 20 Liters filter build together. They were inspired by the stories they heard, the filters they were able to build, and the sustainable impact they could make.

So, boldSOCKS created Statement Sockwear and the 1:100 model. It's simple. For every pair of Statement Sockwear sold, boldSOCKS helps 20 Liters provide 100 days of clean drinking water to someone in Africa.

To date, boldSOCKS has been able to provide over 45 million days of clean water through 20 Liters.