



2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



SCHOOL IN ETHIOPIA EXPANDING TO EDUCATE MORE GIRLS

Two new classrooms are being added to the school Pathways built in Belessa specifically for the purpose of educating more girls in Ethiopia. The construction, funded by Pathways, began in April 2021 and is slowly progressing due to political upheaval. Gender-based violence, early marriage, and teenage pregnancy greatly affect girls' and women's access to education in Ethiopia. Offering basic education is a proven, effective way of providing girls with power, autonomy and independence to make positive choices over their lives, their families and their community.



SOME OF 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Pathways established an endowment with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in honor of Grace's husband Ralph Strangis.



Volunteers traveled to Ethiopia to dedicate the school Pathways built in the village of Belessa.



Volunteers, along with Executive Director Grace Strangis, traveled to Kolkata, India. Volunteer dentists, together with some local dentists, examined the teeth of over 225 children.



Pathways welcomed Peter Laird and Sara Lederman as new members to Pathways Board of Directors. Picture is of Sara with Pathways volunteers and Jan Seva School staff.

EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE WRITTEN BY SHELLY GILL MURRAY ABOUT HER TRIP TO BELESSA, ETHIOPIA

Our driver announces the village of Belessa is just ahead. It was hard to miss as we came upon 300 children lining the sides of the road chanting and singing to us like we are in a parade. They are dancing and waving signs that say, "Thank you Grace!" and "Because of school, no underage marriage!"

Pulling off into the school yard, the villagers swarm our vehicles. Taking in white skin for the first time, they recoil for a moment, but quickly envelope us into their community.

Still waving signs of gratitude, the children follow as we are invited into one of the new classrooms. The bright yellow walls and freshly painted window frames are barely visible through an over-capacity crowd of village elders and parents, the "school board" I surmise. We introduce ourselves through a translator and thank them for the warm welcome. (Read article on Pathways website)

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2019	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2020
Revenue and Expenses		
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 211,155	\$ 179,523
Ralph Strangis Memorials	3,000	31,372
Program Fees	29,959	
Investment Income	14,259	16,293
Total Support & Revenue	258,373	227,188
EXPENSES		
Program Grants		
Jan Seva	75,000	50,000
U of M Foundation	10,000	150,000
Program Travel	95,117	5,285
Administrative Support	16,102	8,580
Marketing (Fundraising)	1,277	12,297
Total Expenses	197,496	226,162
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 60,877	\$ 1,026
Statement of Financial Condition		
Checking Accounts	\$ 267,199	\$ 137,690
Money Market Account	75,475	200,256
Investments	441,502	457,491
Accounts Receivable	6,435	
Total Assets	790,611	795,437
Accounts Payable		3,800
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 790,611	\$ 791,637
Statement of Fund Balance		
Unrestricted	\$ 676,046	\$ 787,637
Restricted	114,565	4,000
FUND BALANCE	\$ 790,611	\$ 791,637



Photos from left to right, top to bottom:

A Special Needs student being taught by his teacher through internet distance learning set up, due to COVID-19, so he can learn safely from home

A volunteer, who traveled to Belessa, Ethiopia for the school dedication, taking on the goat that was given to Grace Strangis as one of the gifts from the villagers to express their gratitude for the school that was built from funds raised by Pathways.

Board members Dr. Beth Vernig, and Gopal Khanna, with Grace Strangis, Executive Director and Founder of Pathways to Children walking along the organic gardens outside of Jan Seva School in Kolkata, India.



JAN SEVA CENTRE (SCHOOL)

Pathways to Children has partnered with the Society of Indian Children's Welfare ("SICW") in Kolkata, India since 2010 assisting in the financing and the operation of their Community Centre called Jan Seva. The Centre houses a preschool, a special needs program, 2 medical clinics, a mother's job training center and a community health program.

PATHWAYS TO CHILDREN

Pathways to Children was founded by Grace Strangis in 2009 as an U.S. 501(c)3 organization. Pathways to Children helps and empowers children in extreme poverty through carefully selected collaborative projects focused on education, healthcare, and volunteerism.

JOIN US!

We look forward to all the support and assistance that can be offered to help in our endeavors. Contributions made to Pathways are tax deductible.

Every donation, however small, will be put to good use, strengthening our hands to bring a smile to every child's life.



Grace Strangis founded Pathways to Children in January 2009 after 10 years working as a pediatric nurse and traveling the world for 19 years with her Corporate Travel Agency. Grace decided to use her travel expertise in developing countries to bring volunteers to help orphaned and poverty-stricken children with no school or medical care. Volunteers currently provide "human touch" and expertise in their field as well as inspire others to provide financial support, which enables Pathways to financially support schools and medical facilities in India, Colombia and Ethiopia.



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