WHAT WE DO:
OUR 3 PILLARS

1. FAMILY STRENGTHENING

For families living in impoverished communities, Holt’s family strengthening programs ensure they have the resources and support they need to stay together. Our programs help families grow to a place of self-reliance and lasting stability — keeping children out of institutions and addressing the root causes of child abandonment.

32,412 families received support to stay together in 2018!

2. CHILD-CENTERED ORPHAN CARE

Some children enter our care temporarily and are ultimately able to reunite with their families. For other children, their only chance at a family is through in-country or international adoption. We partner with specialized temporary and long-term care centers, foster homes and group homes to ensure children receive the highest level of care while they wait.

13,981 waiting kids received food, clothing, medical care, advocacy and safe places to live!

3. ADOPTION SERVICES

Adoption is a life-long commitment, and we are dedicated to serving adoptees and their families for their entire lives. We put the needs of the adoptee first, and whenever possible, we find a family in the child’s country of birth. If that isn’t possible, we search for a loving, equipped family in the United States.

602 children joined adoptive families in 2018!
In 2018, Holt donors helped 255,024 children and families in 13 countries.

Two hundred, fifty-five thousand and twenty-four.

This is the big, overarching summary — the number that encompasses all of Holt’s work in 2018. But what I know — what you know — is that this is so much more than just a number. What this number truly represents are the more than 255,000 individual children and families whose lives changed for the better in 2018.

This number also represents an amazing milestone. For the first time in Holt’s nearly 63-year history, we reached over a quarter-million children and families through our family strengthening, orphan care and adoption programs. But none of this would have been possible without donors, friends and allies like you who provided the support and resources to grow Holt’s services and respond to God’s urgent and resounding call — a call to help children whenever, and wherever, they need support.

As I reflect on the past year, I think of children like Marci, a girl from Colombia with an unspeakably traumatic past. Today, Marci finally has a loving adoptive family and will be coming home soon. I think of 2-year-old Liang in China who received life-changing surgery, and of 10-year-old Phal and her family in Cambodia who now have a safe and stable home. I think of Jayson in Haiti who can now count on the one nutritious meal he receives every day at school, and I think of Jasmine, a single mom in Chicago who is now empowered to independently care for her three children. These are just a few of the children and families whose lives you impacted this year — but there are so, so many more.

This annual report is a testament to the power of a small, committed group of individuals and their ability to change the world. And it’s this passion and commitment that made it possible for us to grow and expand our work in 2018 — to begin strengthening families and finding families for children from Colombia, our newest country program, and to come together with other organizations in pursuit of a world where every child has a loving and secure home. At the end of 2018, we initiated a merger with the adoption organization WACAP, a union that allows us to broaden our reach to children in U.S. foster care, and increase the overall number of children and families we can serve together with you around the world. We were blessed in 2018, and I am confident that this growth will only continue into 2019.

As you read our 2018 annual report, I invite you to consider the children and families behind each number. And know that the changes in their lives — their stories of triumph — were made possible because of you.

With deep gratitude,

Phillip Littleton
President & CEO
Child Sponsor, Adoptive Father of 3
EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

School support for marginalized kids

Just outside of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia is a place where no child should ever be — the city’s largest garbage dump. But children are here. In fact, many of them live here. And instead of going to school, they rummage through the refuse every day, looking for food to eat and recyclables to sell. But because of you, 52 of these children attended the Red Stone School this year — a school just for kids living in or around the dump, where they receive warm meals and the opportunity to learn without bullying or stigma.

3,421 kids received school lunch to prevent malnutrition and improve learning.

105 deserving college students received tuition or housing assistance.

RED STONE SCHOOL, MONGOLIA

A FOUNDATION IN EDUCATION

Daycare and Preschool

In 2018, donors and sponsors helped thousands of preschool-aged children attend education-based daycares and kindergarten programs. In impoverished communities where so many children — most often girls — help around the house or hang out at job sites instead of going to school, Holt-supported programs provide an education for all children. And as children learn basics like numbers and letters, they are setting the foundation for a bright future.

WHAT WE DO:

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

To help children break free of poverty, our donors provide:

- School scholarships, daycare and after-school programs
- School lunch
- Uniforms, supplies, teacher salaries and classroom equipment
- Community advocacy for at-risk populations, education initiatives for girls, public health and hygiene campaigns, and more
- Specialized support for kids with special needs
- Bikes and transportation assistance to help kids get to school safely and efficiently
- Safe housing, parent training, vocational programs and support for single moms
- Emergency food, clothing and fuel for heat
- Home repairs and rebuilding
- Vocational training, income-generating projects and microloans for parents
- Pre- and post-natal healthcare
- Community-based savings groups and financial literacy education
- Natural disaster relief
- Shelter and support for families in crisis or fleeing domestic violence

35,963 kids and families benefitted from community-based services such as libraries, after-school programs, parent trainings and more!
HELPING GIRLS THRIVE

Gender equality

In impoverished communities, girls are always most at risk. Parents often opt to enroll their sons and keep their daughters home — depriving them of an education, and placing them at greater risk of child labor, early marriage and even trafficking. But this year, Holt sponsors and donors made it possible for girls in 12 countries to stay in school by providing school fees, uniforms, school supplies and advocacy within their families and communities. In every country, we educate families about a girl’s right to education, safety and opportunity — which empowers girls to reach their full potential and creates lasting change in communities around the world.

HELPING SINGLE MOMS

Economic empowerment for women

Through the support of sponsors and donors, Holt works to provide single moms with the resources they need to keep their families together. This past summer in Colombia, Holt began helping single moms receive job skills training in one of seven areas — including IT, baking, sewing and cosmetology. Women like Erika, above, are now earning a stable income, and independently providing for their children. And through a generous gift from Wayne and Nan Kocourek, our Holt-Sunny Ridge branch is now empowering women in Chicago with the housing, medical care, education and other vital support they need to successfully parent their children.

In 2018, donors helped more than 1,430 families headed by women, like Tieu in Vietnam (above). After a fire at work left Tieu with third-degree burns, she wasn’t sure how she would work again to support her kids. But with the support of sponsors and the gift of farm animals, Tieu and her family are reaching stability again.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Thanks to the generosity of donors, women and children fleeing violence received critical help, such as:

- Safe, temporary shelter
- Counseling and ongoing support
- Basic necessities like clothing, food and school supplies
In North Korea, children already have too little food, fuel or basic necessities for survival. But children in orphanage care have even less. There are few places in the world where kids are more at risk of starvation, death from preventable illness or enduring the frigid cold winter without a coat or fuel to heat their orphanage.

More than 5,040 orphans in North Korea rely on Holt donors for monthly shipments of food, medicine and cold weather aid.

Because of generous donors, 1-year-old Jun Jun stayed at Peace House in Beijing, where he received the nurturing care he needed to grow strong enough for a cleft lip repair and to recover fully afterward. Without Holt donors, Jun Jun may have died in his orphanage.

85 teens aging out of orphanage care received housing, college scholarships and training to transition to independent living.

4,773 children in orphanage care grew healthier after their caregivers received special nutrition and feeding training.
**SHELTER CARE**

**Saving kids from abuse**

When our staff received word that Bataar* hadn’t been to school in many days, they visited his home in the rural area where he lived with extended family. What they found horrified them. Bataar’s face was beaten and bruised from abuse. Immediately, they helped remove him from the unsafe home and they worked with local authorities, his teachers and other trusting adults to find a safe, stable care center for Bataar. Now, Bataar, pictured below, is thriving in school and receiving counseling to overcome the trauma he endured. His basic needs are being met and he is living with his biological brother — safe, forever, from abuse.

*name changed to protect his identity

**GROUP HOMES**

In China, many children are abandoned because they are HIV+. Stigma around AIDS continues to outpace education, public awareness and access to medication. For these children, Holt helps fund three group homes. Many of the caregivers are HIV+ themselves, and the children live together in family-like units. While they must keep their HIV status secret, they are well cared for — and every year, many HIV+ children join adoptive families in the U.S.

**MORE THAN JUST FOOD**

**Child Nutrition Program**

Children in orphanage care have very specific nutrition and feeding needs. Through the support of donors, caregivers around the world are learning what and how to feed children in their care to prevent and reduce the irreversible effects of malnutrition. In 2018, more than 258 caregivers received orphan-specific feeding and nutrition training.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Of all children, those with special needs like Sofia are by far the most likely to lose their families. For many families, medical care is too expensive. Others live in under-resourced communities and have no way to help their child thrive. And in some cases, the stigma of raising a child with HIV or Down syndrome is too great to bear. This year, Holt helped provide nurturing orphan care for 921 children with special needs.
WHAT WE DO: 
ADOPTION SERVICES

Our services to adoptive families and adoptees include:

- In-country, international and U.S. domestic & foster care adoption
- Adoptive parent training and uniquely tailored curriculum
- Homestudy services
- Post-adoption services
- Prediction Path to prepare parents for when their child comes home
- Counseling, 24/7 support, safe housing and more to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- Family and individual counseling
- Summer camps for adoptees
- Adult adoptee support programs, birth family searches, homeland tours, records and document search and recovery, commemorative events and social networking
- Adoptee scholarships

300 kids joined adoptive families in their country of birth.

63% of kids who joined families internationally had special needs.

302 kids joined adoptive families internationally.

Nova, above, joined her family in December 2017. Her mom, Elsie, shares about their adoption journey and advocates for adoption on her blog and social media, @elsielarson. The Larson family began their second adoption from China in 2018.

99% of Holt International’s adoptive families said they were satisfied with the adoption services they received, and that they would recommend Holt to a friend.

15 children from the U.S. joined families in 2018 through domestic infant or foster care adoption. This is just one year after we revitalized our U.S. adoption programs.

POST ADOPTION

Supporting adoptees for life

Holt stands committed to serving families and adoptees throughout their lives. In 2018, Holt’s post-adoption services team assisted more than 4,043 adoptees, birth parents and adoptive families through services such as family and adoptee counseling, citizenship assistance, birth search and reunion support, background and file copies, and help with independent travel.

ADOPTEE SUMMER CAMP

In summer 2018, 419 youth and teen adoptees attended Holt Adoptee Camp and Day Camp. With the help of Holt donors, we awarded over $10,800 in “camperships,” or camp scholarships, to ensure every adoptee can participate in Holt’s unique camp experience!
COLOMBIA ADOPTION

Advocating for children with traumatic pasts

In the spring of 2018, Holt launched a new adoption program in Colombia. Most children in the Colombia program have living family, and complicated family histories that reflect the trauma that so many Colombians experienced over five decades of war and violence. Children in the Colombia program end up in protective custody — and later, cleared for international adoption — for many reasons, but abuse, neglect and exploitation are major reasons. While Holt is now working with local partners to help strengthen families struggling with poverty, many children in Colombia are relinquished due to their parents’ addiction, incarceration or crime-based lifestyle. Many of the children waiting for families are 4 or older, and while some kids have special medical needs, many are developmentally on target. Although so many children in our Colombia program have endured unspeakable trauma, they are resilient, hopeful and longing for a permanent, loving family of their own. Through advocacy efforts over the past year, five children were matched with Holt families in the U.S. and the first family traveled in early 2019 to bring home their daughter from Colombia.

KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Finding families for kids who need extra advocacy

Around the world, children with special needs are much more likely to lose their families and often wait the longest for an adoptive family. Today, nearly every child who is waiting has some sort of special need, and Holt is committed to finding the right loving family for every one of them. “Special needs” can mean a variety of different things, including physical, cognitive and/or emotional conditions. It could simply mean a child is older and has experienced prolonged institutionalization. More families than ever before welcomed home older children and children with Down syndrome this year!
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
October 2017-September 2018
An online version of our audit report is available at holtinternational.org/annualreport.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ending September 30, 2018

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HOLT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

President & CEO Phillip Littleton (on stool). Seated left to right: Sr. Vice President of Programs Caryl Garcia, CFO & Vice President of Finance & Administration Dan Smith, Vice President of Policy & External Affairs Susan Soonkeum Cox, Chief Marketing & Development Officer Eric Mason. Standing left to right: Sr. Executive of U.S. Programs Susie Doig, Vice President of South & Southeast Asia Programs Thoa Bui, Sr. Director of Marketing & Communications Rick Ericson, Vice President of Adoption Services Lisa Vertulfo, Sr. Executive of Africa, Latin America & Caribbean Programs Tendai Masiriri, Vice President of Development Jack Wharfield. Not pictured: Vice President of China Programs Jian Chen, Senior Executive of Korea and Mongolia Programs Duckjin You

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Without DONORS and SPONSORS, none of these children would have received the lifesaving and life-changing help they needed. Holt sponsors and donors live in all 50 states and in 27 countries. On average, they gave $36 at a time to help children in need! Your gifts, big and small, made the world a brighter place. THANK YOU for your incredible generosity!