The year 2020 was truly an unprecedented one. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way we work and live, and caused a tragic loss of life and livelihood on a scale few if any of us have ever seen. But as I look back on the year, and feel sorrow for the lives lost, I also feel immense gratitude for Holt’s incredible donors who responded to this crisis with selflessness, compassion and generosity.

In 2020, Holt donors provided emergency food for families in lockdown, equipped orphanages with protective supplies, helped children study at home, provided critical medical care, and so much more — reaching over 288,400 children, families and individuals in 14 countries. Although the pandemic delayed international travel, in 2020 more than 430 children were still able to join families through domestic and international adoption.

Holt has weathered many crises in its nearly 65-year history. Although we have never seen a crisis on this scale, Holt has and will continue to weather this one because of God’s continued blessings — and the devoted support of donors like you. Thank you for helping to meet the most urgent needs of children and families, and helping Holt stay strong throughout this unprecedented year.

With Gratitude,

Phillip Littleton
President & CEO
Adoptive Father | Child Sponsor
In 2020, Holt donors helped 288,405 children and families around the world.

ETHIOPIA: With hunger on the rise in Ethiopia, Holt staff helped screen over 9,000 children under age 5 for malnutrition — and began treating the more than 3,700 children who were found to be acutely malnourished. They also supported polio and measles vaccination campaigns for the same population of children and shared vital COVID-19 information to help keep families safe and healthy.

VIETNAM: After a Holt Child Nutrition Program (CNP) screening at a daycare in Vietnam, 27 percent of the 150 children screened were found to be anemic. Immediately, the CNP team began administering iron supplements, and over the year trained over 80 parents on health basics such as meal planning, hygiene and sanitation. By the end of 2020, every single child was healthy and no longer anemic!

THAILAND: When COVID-19 caused businesses and factories to close in Thailand, 83 percent of families in Holt’s programs were financially impacted. Many struggled to meet basic needs due to lost jobs and income. But with donor support, Holt’s local partner was able to provide financial relief for 150 families in crisis. Our staff also taught families how to grow home gardens, creating a sustainable source of food.

CAMBODIA: Holt Cambodia has helped pilot three alternative care models for children living in institutional care — foster care, kinship care and domestic adoption. In 2020, they trained the first seven foster families, placed the first five children into foster homes, and helped three children go home to extended family. The first child placed through domestic adoption has also now joined her family.

PHILIPPINES: To help families who lost jobs and income due to citywide lockdowns, Holt’s partner in the Philippines distributed emergency food to 526 families. They also provided emergency cash assistance to 16 families in greatest need — helping them stay in their homes and out of debt during this difficult time.

KOREA: Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the Holt Ilsan Center completed major renovations to their rehabilitative facility. Funded by generous Holt donors, the renovations will deliver modern and comprehensive rehabilitative services to the children and adult residents with special needs at Ilsan. International adoptions from Korea also moved forward despite COVID-19 — with 57 children able to travel to the U.S. with their families in 2020.

MONGOLIA: With schools closed due to COVID-19, Holt Mongolia renovated the Red Stone School — adding wall insulation and replacing doors to make it safer and warmer for the children. For families who lost jobs due to the pandemic, they provided emergency food and cash transfers. They also responded to increased cases of domestic violence — providing additional support for women and children at three shelters in Ulaanbaatar.
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When schools closed in spring 2020, Holt staff and partners found new and innovative ways to keep children engaged in education.

In rural Uganda, most families don’t have electricity and children struggled to complete their work from home once it got dark. So Holt donors provided solar lamps! Children recharged them in the sun each day, then had extra hours to learn in the evening. In Cambodia, Holt staff delivered workbooks and other materials to children so they could continue learning from home. In India, our partners launched a video blog (“vlog”) to keep children connected and learning through interactive videos and activities. And across India, our partners provided digital devices and online education resources to children, including an online summer camp that included drawing contests, English-language lessons and more.

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19,082 children received nutritional support in 2020, including emergency food during lockdowns.

Emergency Food Help

When the pandemic lockdown began in India, families started going hungry due to lost income. Hannah and her siblings went four days with no food. Hannah is just 18 years old and has been in charge of her siblings ever since her mother passed away and her father abandoned their family. But as soon as we shared about this crisis in India, donors generously funded emergency food and cash transfers for over 3,400 families in Pune, Sangli, Bengaluru and Delhi, where Hannah and her siblings live. They were so relieved and thankful to finally eat that Hannah sent our partner organization this selfie photo (right), expressing their gratitude. Our partner in Delhi has continued to monitor and support these families throughout the pandemic to make sure they are safe, healthy and fed.

2,163 families received microgrants or job skills training to support their children in 2020.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Helping families grow stable, self-reliant and equipped to care for their children.

Reuniting Migrant Families in Cambodia

In debt to a loan shark and unable to feed her four children, Ary decided to cross the border to Thailand in search of work — leaving her kids in the care of their elderly grandmother. But her kids struggled without their mom, and never had enough to eat. Thankfully, since 2016, Holt has worked in Cambodia to help reunite families separated by migration. When our team in Cambodia learned about Ary, they not only helped her pay her debt and return home, they also helped her start a small laundry business with a donor-funded microgrant. Today, she earns enough to support her children — and recently, she even built a new home for her family! “Before, my life was hopeless,” she says. “I thought I could never meet all my children’s needs and live together with them again. Thanks to donors, I am with my children.”

41 children in U.S. foster care received support, including 12 children united with adoptive families and 3 children reunited with their birth families in 2020.

ORPHAN CARE

Caring for children while they wait to reunite with their family or join a family through adoption.

Emergency Care for Children with Special Needs

In early 2020, as a deadly new virus began to spread in China, Holt received an urgent request to help protect the 600 children in care at Holt’s partner orphanage in Wuhan — the epicenter of the outbreak. As many children in orphanage care have special medical needs and compromised immune systems, they were especially vulnerable. If they contracted the coronavirus, we feared it could kill them. Immediately, we reached out to Holt donors, whose generous giving made it possible to deliver protective medical gear and cleaning supplies to a total of 12 orphanages. With the orphanages sufficiently equipped with masks, sanitizers, thermometers and more, not one child contracted COVID-19. Over the following months, as the outbreak in China became a global pandemic, donors responded overwhelmingly once again — protecting vulnerable children in orphanages around the world.

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On the night of February 13, 2020, a fire broke out at an orphanage in Haiti — tragically killing 15 children and burning the care center to the ground. Immediately, the 28 children who survived the fire went to stay at a temporary shelter Holt partners with in Port-au-Prince. Children typically stay here for a short time before transferring to a more permanent home, and on the night of the fire, 24 children were already in care. Overnight, the center became overwhelmed with children, whose meals were reduced to just two per day — and then, just one. But with the generous support of donors, our staff quickly responded with counseling, meals and medical care. Remarkably, through reunification efforts also made possible by Holt donors, 25 of the 28 surviving children have since gone home to live with their families.

6,835 children received care in an orphanage or foster home and 190 children reunited with their families in 2020.
With only hours to spare, they successfully closed in Port-au-Prince on April 9. Advocating for her up until the passport process for Gracie to leave the country — working around the clock to expedite the limited hours of operation, Holt staff and government offices around the world joined forces to get her home. After flying her out, on April 9. As Haiti’s borders closed and government offices were closed, the office had just 10 hours to get Gracie to the airport — something amazing happened. Six families decided that instead of waiting for the hosting program to reopen, they would jump directly into the Colombia adoption program. Now, seven older children from Colombia, including 9- and 16-year-old siblings, will soon unite with their permanent, loving families.

38 families received Special Needs Adoption Fund grants averaging $3,408 each to help them adopt a child in need.

Against All Odds

When single mother Sara Croasdale traveled to China to adopt her son, she wanted to advocate for another child with Down syndrome to find an adoptive family, 8-year-old Jyn. But once home in the U.S., Sara decided she didn’t want to just advocate for Jyn — she wanted to adopt her. A special education teacher, Sara was more than equipped to parent another child with Down syndrome. But finances were a major hurdle. So when Sara received one of Holt’s Special Needs Adoption Fund grants, she was so thankful. This extra financial help allowed the adoption process to move forward more quickly, which in hindsight, was critical. Jyn lived in Wuhan, the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak, which at the time was just beginning. Sara traveled to China in January 2020, bringing Jyn to the U.S. just in time.

Colombia Hosting: Unexpected Outcomes

Before the COVID-19 pandemic brought international travel to a standstill, families across the country had already signed up for Holt’s summer 2020 Colombia hosting program — a program that brings older children to the U.S. to spend a month living with a family. Unique to Holt’s Colombia program, hosting has proven to be the most effective way to find families for older children. But as the pandemic spread, the summer hosting program had to be canceled. The following winter program was eventually canceled as well. Despite the difficulty of these cancelations, something amazing happened. Six families decided that instead of waiting for the hosting program to reopen, they would jump directly into the Colombia adoption program. Now, seven older children from Colombia, including 9- and 16-year-old siblings, will soon unite with their permanent, loving families.

52 children adopted internationally were older than 5 when they arrived home.

A Portrait of Me: An Adoptee

For our fourth annual Holt International Adoptee Scholarship contest, we asked adoptees to submit a creative work based on the theme, “A Portrait of Me: An Adoptee.” Twenty-one applicants made 21 uniquely creative and beautiful submissions, everything from written pieces to video dance submissions to artwork. While it was a tough decision, this year’s three scholarship recipients were Grace Querido, Mei Vader and Grace Rafferty. Grace Querido composed a stunning self-portrait that represents the different facets of her identity as an adoptee. Mei Vader submitted a creative scrapbook-like piece of artwork that represents different years of her life. Grace Rafferty composed and performed a beautiful and moving song on the piano about her relationship with her mom. Each adoptee was awarded a $500 scholarship funded by Holt donors.

Helping Parents During COVID

For over a decade, Holt has seen how the parenting approach known as “Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI)” can create amazing transformations in the lives of children and families joined through adoption. TBRI equips parents with tools to understand and address tough behaviors without compromising connection, which is especially important when parenting children who have experienced trauma and loss. While TBRI is integral to Holt’s pre-adoption training, Holt also offers in-depth TBRI trainings and family camps to support children and families post adoption. With the stress of social isolation and at-home school during the pandemic, trust-based parenting strategies were needed more than ever in 2020. But although in-person family camps and trainings were canceled, Holt’s post-adoption team helped 3,526 adoptees and families in 2020.

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In 2020, over 46,000 people in 50 states and 29 countries donated $21.7 million to help children and families through Holt International. Over 13,000 people donated for the first time, and over 39,200 donors gave monthly gifts through child sponsorship. On average, donors gave $49 at a time to help children in need. Truly, it is your gifts, both large and small, that made it possible to meet the needs of over 288,400 children and families in 2020 — especially during the most critical months of the COVID-19 pandemic. THANK YOU for your compassion, your generosity and your incredible heart for children and families in need.