

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

YOUR GENEROSITY IS MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF  
ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN



NEW HORIZONS  
FOR CHILDREN  
SHARING JESUS, CHANGING LIVES



Hope House Foster Family



Trauma-Informed Training



Shelter Care & Support



## OUT OF DESPERATION - HE SURVIVED ON CAT FOOD

# AFTER THREE VERY LONG WEEKS CAME A MIRACLE - THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH HIM

## YOUR COMPASSION IS HELPING OVER 1,200 CHILDREN LIKE MALIK MOVE FROM UNIMAGINABLE FEAR TO SAFETY, CARE, AND HOPE

When Malik arrived at the NHFC Hope House foster home just a few months ago, he was thirteen years old – but looked barely six. Years of abuse had stolen not only his childhood, but also his health.

For many years before the government stepped in, Malik’s “punishment” at home was isolation – being locked in an empty room and denied food. He learned to survive however he could. On his walk to school, he often ate cat food from a neighbor’s porch or scraps from garbage cans.

By the time we met him, Malik’s body was frail, and his trust in adults was almost gone. He didn’t understand what “regular food” even was - and he refused to eat it. He wasn’t being

“picky” - he was surviving. The trauma of starvation had reshaped how he saw safety and care.

Like Malik, all of the evacuated children have difficult childhood stories now compounded by the terrors of war. Since the start of the war, your gifts have made it possible for NHFC to help evacuate over 5,200 orphaned and vulnerable children from eastern Ukraine.

Many of the children have since moved on to other regions or individual foster homes we helped train. But still 1,200 remain in the safe haven shelters with trauma-informed caregivers. And it’s because of your generosity that we can keep them fed, cared for, and safe, day-after-day.

# TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

## YOUR GENEROSITY ENABLED OVER 200 CAREGIVERS TO LEARN HOW TO RESPOND TO A CHILD'S BEHAVIOR AS A SIGN OF A DEEPER NEED—PRIORITIZING SAFETY, CONNECTION, AND CALM TO HELP THEM HEAL

When Malik arrived, we knew he needed a family as soon as possible. He is one of the 30 children who became part of our 3 NHFC Hope House foster families.

At first, every mealtime was a mental battle for him between fear and survival. His only way to feel safe was to refuse food. He pushed everything away, drinking only water and rummaging through garbage cans at the house and on his walk to school.

As part of the NHFC Hope House program, Malik's foster parents received 4 days of trauma-informed parent training and now weekly parent coaching. Each week focuses on how to understand Malik's behavior through a trauma-informed parenting lens.

They have focused on building safety – not forced control. They learned his cues, met him with gentleness, and celebrated each tiny sign of progress. After 3 very long, and prayerful

weeks, Malik finally tried a macaroni noodle. And, he liked it! That became a staple each day. Then, a few days later, he was willing to try some milk. And now, a few months later, he is eating healthy meals with his family and growing like a weed.

**Malik is deeply wounded, but he is no longer hungry and alone. Each day, he experiences what it means to feel safe, loved, and cared for - maybe for the first time in his life.**

Along with being in a family, Malik is learning self-regulation skills and healthy self-care. He is also visited by our medical mission teams.

In addition to that, he will soon participate in the Maxwell youth leadership program that we used to train 300 children in 2025 in local schools, designed to build character, confidence, and critical life skills.

Your kindness is changing lives!



**TWICE LAST YEAR - MEDICAL MISSION TEAMS CARED FOR 500 DISPLACED CHILDREN**

# SHOWING UP FOR CHILDREN IN KENYA



## YOUR GIFTS LET CHILDREN KNOW THEY ARE LOVED, VALUED AND NOT FORGOTTEN

Our Vacation Bible School mission trip to Kenya was beautiful beyond words. Eleven children gave their lives to Christ - including two teenage girls with heartbreaking stories. We also had the privilege of serving alongside older orphaned children who came to faith in past years and are now ministering to other children in their home village. Our team was a mess of tears seeing the beauty of God's redemptive work.

## NHFC 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

### YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY MULTIPLIED

Because of you...

- 1,200 children are supported with food, clothing, and safe leisure activities.
- 10 more children moved from institutional care into the warmth of one of our 3 Hope House foster families.
- 500 children were visited by two NHFC Medical Mission Teams.
- 300 youth completed the Maxwell iLead curriculum, building confidence, character, and hope for the future.
- 200 adults were trained in trauma-informed caregiving.
- 150 children in Kenya participated in VBS, experiencing joy, encouragement, and connection.
- 42 children in Kenya and Haiti are being cared for through our mentoring program, with consistent support and guidance.