

2021 **ANNUAL REPORT**

BEST FAMILY RWANDA



OUR MISSION

We're not an orphanage. We're not a children's home. We are a family-based care ministry dedicated to making Jesus known to the orphaned and vulnerable children in Rwanda through wholistic development.



2021 was wrought with persistent lockdowns and cultural adjustments as Rwanda worked to keep the virus numbers down and their citizens healthy. Despite this, we still needed to make sure that our kiddos had accessibility to a weekly nutritional supplement, usually received on our Saturday gatherings. Throughout the year, especially during lockdowns where our branches were unable to meet, we continued to provide milk to the children every Friday as a grab-and-go option.



Writing is a foundational part of our sponsorship ministry. Through communication with your child, you have the ability to provide advice, encouragement, support, and love that will change their life in more ways than you can imagine. And most importantly, you have the ability to share about the love of Jesus.

In 2021, we were able to coordinate over 224 letters from sponsors, up 26% from last year, and send 806 letters from our kiddos.



Every year we visit each child at their home to check on them and determine if there are any specific needs affecting the child or his/her family. If so, we do everything in our power to advocate, provide, and find solutions. Through these efforts, we were able to provide almost \$2,000 in basic need assistance to our children and their families.

Items might include...

- Doctor-prescribed medication and hygiene materials
- Mattress, clothes, and shoe replacements
- Home repairs
- Living expenses assistance to get back on their feet

\$1,836

\$9,324 in special gifts like birthday, Christmas, graduation, or even family assistance was coordinated this year.

And not only were the funds responsibly tracked, but they were appropriately used as our local leaders worked with the caregivers to meet specific needs. Sometimes, it was simply elected to use the birthday funds to throw a rarely-experienced birthday party!

Sponsors gave to provide special gifts for their sponsored child's birthday or graduation. Additional gifts were also given to meet specific family needs. Our local leaders worked directly with families to provide appropriate gifts or to throw a special birthday party!



\$42,375

Every month, we ensure each family receives an assistance basket. Included in this basket are essentials such as sweet potatoes, cooking oil, rice, and/or beans, as well as non-food necessities such as soap. We also have several children that are HIV+, so in addition to these assistance baskets, we also provide to these kiddos supplemental nutrition such as fruits and vegetables to counteract medication side effects. This year we were able to give over \$42,000 to these efforts.



Our New Location Launched

Gahengeri sector is positioned east of Kigali and outside of the hustle and bustle of the capital city. A primarily rural location, most of our caregivers in this location are farmers or laborers, such as couriers of goods to the capital city. Within this sector, the families face many obstacles. Most of these families are poor, have limited education, and few opportunities for growth. Since many of the caregivers in this area have limited education backgrounds, there's not a mindset of priority on school. One of our goals is to work with the caregivers on understanding the importance of education and how it can open up so many doors for their children.





Our branch managers aren't just administrators. They are mentors and role models first.

Education

Our leaders frequently conduct school visits to meet with our students and their teachers which gives us a first-hand glance into their performance. Branch managers provide additional support, through tutoring and accountability, to help kids succeed academically.

Civic Responsibility

Our leaders are always teaching our students about the importance of giving back to their communities through service days and community projects.

Entertainment

Kids need an avenue to explore their passions and talents to develop their gifts and interests. So don't be surprised if you visit one of our sectors and see our children stomping the runway, practicing their karate, or participating in traditional Rwandan dances.

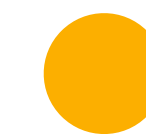
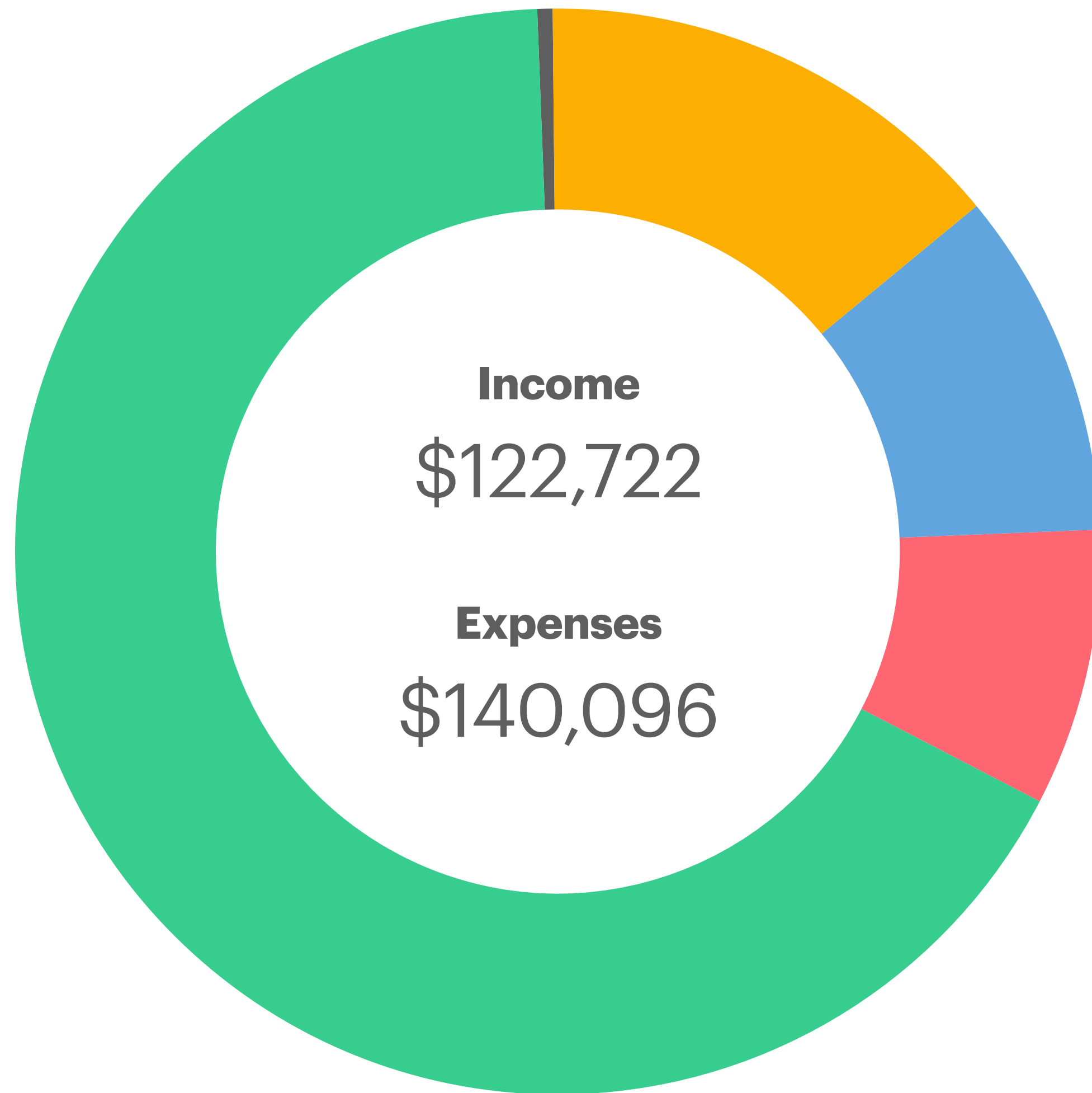


Moving beyond charity and into development, increasing economic capacity within the family unit and decreasing their need for financial aid.

Read real stories at bestfamilywanda.org/stories.

Best Family desires to be about more than just meeting basic needs for kids. We want to empower and equip caregivers to be financially stable enough to meet these needs on their own. [We were able to approve 42 new business loans in 2021.](#)

Financial Summary



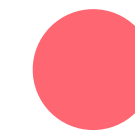
Salaries / \$18,104 (+3%)

Special Counsel, Loan Manager, Accountant, Driver, Security



Facilities / \$13,197 (+19%)

Office Rent, Office Materials, Phones, Internet



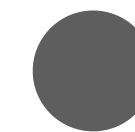
Transportation / \$10,542 (+29%)

Car Fuel, Car Oil, Safety Checks, Insurance



Kunda / \$85,305 (+12%)

Food Assistance, School Supplies & Fees, Home Visit Expenses, Business Loans



Accounting / \$581 (-2%)

Wire Transfer Fees, Account Fees

Give today and help us continue our mission to make
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