

Annual Report Year 2024

In 2024, Village of the Stars experienced a remarkable surge in generosity, with total donations received growing from approximately \$33,000 in 2023 to \$198,000 – a sixfold increase.

In 2024, \$102,000 was directly distributed to support 77 adoptive families in need, a significant rise from \$18,000 in 2023. In addition to these funds, our community of supporters contributed approximately \$30,000 in direct donations to individual families, while our charitable partners provided \$7,000 in matched grants.

Emergency Fund

We provided a total of \$26,500 in emergency financial assistance to 17 families facing unexpected crises. This included relief efforts for Tornado damage in Tallahassee (May), Hurricane Helene (September), one family bereavement, multiple hospitalizations, and urgent medical needs. These funds offered critical, timely support, helping families stabilize during moments of profound disruption and distress.

Celebration Fund

We distributed \$16,500 in gifts to over 70 families, primarily through our Christmas Wishlist and birthday gift programs. We also celebrated three weddings of Chinese daughters—a joyful milestone for the families we serve.

International Orphan Aids

We offered four small grants totaling \$3,200 to Open Hearts for Orphans (OHFO). These funds supported the care of three abandoned babies, provided housing for a grandmother raising orphaned grandchildren, and helped a widowed mother care for her young children—offering hope and stability in vulnerable situations.

Education & Training Fund

We awarded the Milestone Scholarship for the first time to eight college freshmen, thanks to the generous support of SAIF Partner Charitable. We also developed proposals for three additional scholarships to launch next year: Hope Scholarship – need-based, Star Scholarship – merit-based, and Pathway Scholarship – for vocational training. These efforts mark an exciting step forward in supporting the educational dreams of our adoptees.

Smiles Fund

Daniel was the first child to benefit from the Smiles Fund in 2024. Two more children are scheduled to receive support next year for their oral surgeries and dental treatment plans. These interventions improve not only their physical health but also their emotional well-being and overall quality of life.

Heritage Connection Fund

In 2024, we offered two online Chinese language classes to 11 adoptees through our partner, Holistic Education. Cultural programs like this help adoptees build a deeper connection to their heritage, embrace their identity with pride, and navigate cultural and personal challenges with greater confidence.