

Fall/Winter  
2022

# KIDCARE INTERNATIONAL

*Bringing Hope to Children Since 1991*

Young Ukrainian Refugee

Builds a Lego Plant

To Turn Russian Bombs

Into Food Drops for Refugees.





Larry Kapchinsky, President  
KidCare International

Dear Friends, I sincerely appreciate Regan Schmalz for serving as President of KidCare International the past term, and the many years he invested bringing hope to disadvantaged children. For more than 25 years Regan traveled with KidCare teams to Russia, Sri Lanka, Haiti, South Africa, Tanzania, Rwanda, New Orleans and Ukraine to bring critical humanitarian aid. In Tanzania, Regan was instrumental in establishing KidCare International's outreach to children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic. Regan and I were among the first responders to Tsunami victims in Sri Lanka and assisted in rebuilding New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Regan financially supported critical programs to rebuild lives and equip and empower desperately disadvantaged children around the world. We will all miss Regan and wish him well as he moves to Texas to be close to his family.

**“Becoming KidCare President again means I must actively take the reins”**

I am excited to, once again, fill the position of President of KidCare International, knowing that becoming president means I must gear up and actively take the reins! With the help of our new Director of Operations, Joe Robles, 2023 promises to be a great year.

## Celebrating A Year of Miracles

KidCare International witnessed an outpouring of miracles in 2022, enabling our immediate response to some of the greatest threats to children in our lifetime.

- **Ukraine Humanitarian Relief**

Emergency Humanitarian relief shipped and flown in for Ukraine refugees. KidCare advance teams hand carried immediate food and medicine.

- **KidCare Food Bank Meets Demands**

KidCare Food Bank continues to meet the growing demand of thousands of hungry families in our local communities.

- **KidPaks & Toy Give A Way**

Christmas Party for needy local children, and distribution of KidPaks full of necessary items and toys collected locally.

- **Tanzania Orphanage & Trade School**

Fifty students graduated from the school.

- **Fundraising 5K Run Success**

KidCare International 5 K Run raised \$10,040-net for the children we serve.

- **Child Sponsorship Changes Lives**

Every child matters no matter the circumstances of their birth.

On the morning of February 24, Russia launched a military invasion on Ukraine. Nearly 1,000 children have been killed or injured and 1.5 million displaced since the war escalated. We believe the true number to be much higher. Beyond the horror of children being killed in attacks, nearly every child in Ukraine has been exposed to deeply distressing events. Many of those fleeing from the wrath of war have been separated from their families and suffered sexual assaults.

Immediately, KidCare International (KCI) galvanized likeminded community partners in early March to gather essential relief supplies. Because the Ukraine Port of Odessa was under siege, on March 24, KCI loaded two 40-ft ocean-freight containers with food, new clothing and medicine. We bypassed the Russian blockade on the Black Sea by hiring a Chinese freighter headed to Mainland China and then continuing on to the Port of Constanta, Romania. It was a true miracle when both containers miraculously arrived two months later.



## “Hands On” Relief for Ukrainian Refugee Children



### An abundance of humanitarian relief poured in from companies and individuals.

KCI advance team, Larry Kapchinsky, Joe Robles, and Regan Schmalz flew into Romania with battlefield specific meds for soldiers in the war zones. Making four trips before the arrival of the containers, KCI teams purchased food and medicine in Romania, loaded their van, drove 12 to 15 hours on winding roads into Ukraine to deliver the precious cargo to refugees living in the camps.

# KidCare Food Bank Meets Growing Demands



Children Volunteers Share Joy

Spreading joy to children and their families suffering from war, violence, poverty and hunger.

Celebrating miracles at home comes with the expansion of KidCare Food Bank to meet the growing needs of hungry children and their families in our local communities.

In this last year, with the rise of inflation, explosive food prices and record level gas prices, many families are faced with difficult decisions to choose between food or shelter. One in eight Inland Empire residents are food insecure, including one in four children.

## 2022 KidCare Food Bank Report, January – October

- Total meals for the first 10 months = 216,132
- Total pounds of food received = 359,717
- Total households served = 4,654
- Total individuals per age group served:
  - 0-17= 6,322
  - 18-59= 9,010
  - 60+= 2,679
- Total of individuals receiving food = 18,011
- Weekly dollar value of each box = \$150.00

One in four children in the Inland Empire are considered food insecure.

# CHRISTMAS JOY



## Celebrate KidPaks, Toy Give-A-Way and KidCare Christmas Party

Community leaders partnered with KidCare International Annual KidPaks, Toy Give-A-Way and KidCare Christmas Party!

- 182 children received more than 500 toys
- 235 KidPaks – Backpacks filled with new clothing, toys and school supplies
- An additional 50 toys were distributed to needy children in San Bernardino

Event organizers included Pastor Michael Jones at Granite Creek Community Church in Claremont, CA and KidCare Director of Operations Joe Robles.

# Celebrate Sustainable Programs

Sustainable programs not only provide food and income for our children, they also serve as valuable training of life skills like growing fruits and vegetables, fish farming and animal husbandry. Every child has a job to do.

Our Garden Project includes growing crops like papayas, bananas, melons, corn, tomatoes and cucumbers. A three foot high thornbush hedge surrounds the garden and the fish pond and acts as a fence to prevent animals from eating the crops and destroying the projects.

Catfish and tilapia are raised in the Fish Project. Taking barren land, the kids dug out two ponds with shovels and picks. Each pond is approximately 18 feet wide, 30 feet long and 4 feet deep and were lined with water proofed plastic. The surface was covered with strips of plastic to prevent birds from taking the fish. It took approximately a year before the fish were big enough to eat and sell.



**Animal husbandry trains our children to feed and care for goats, cows and chickens and adds much-needed protein to their diets.**



## UNAWEZA “YOU CAN”

In March 2022, KidCare International launched UNAWEZA (Swahili for “You Can”), a vocational training school to equip young people who have aged out of our orphanage with a life skill trade. Located on about 20 acres the school is complete with classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, a football field plus room for additional gardening, and animal husbandry training.

On August 13, 50 students graduated with certificates in safari driving, beautician and clothing design.

Many of our gifted children have been accepted to a university but some need a skill or trade to support themselves as adults.

UNAWEZA is designed to break the generational cycle of poverty in Tanzania.

Future plans include training for electricians (including solar), plumbing, hotel management, carpentry, welding, auto mechanics and gemstone cutting.

In 2021, a generous donor’s contribution helped to launch this school. Additional support is urgently needed to continue this wonderful opportunity of empowerment for the next semester.

# Celebrate KidCare Leaders



Larry Kapchinsky  
Founder and President



Dana Forte  
Board of Directors



Joe Robles  
Director of Operations



Beverly Davis  
Board of Directors



Pastor Joshua Kapchinsky  
Board of Directors



Dena Anderson  
Administrative Assistant



Sylvia & Gary Sconyers  
Food Bank Directors



Kim Robles  
Food Bank Liaison



Janice Kapchinsky  
Website / Technical Support

# TANZANIA

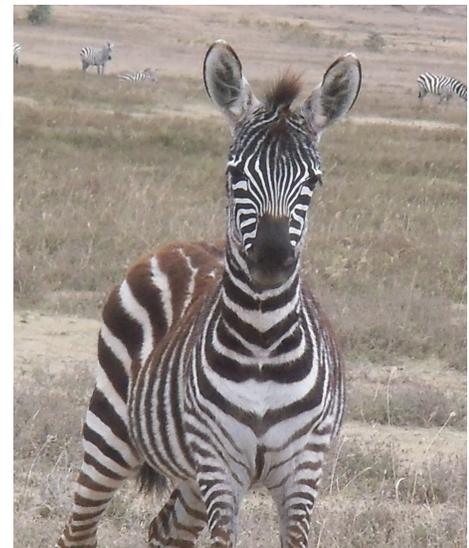
# SAFARI



Experience Old Africa, February 20 - March 3, 2023

- Visit KidCare's Life Changing Centers
- Explore Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater
- See Animals In Their Natural Habitat
- Enjoy Authentic African Safari Lodges

For more information go to [www.kidcare.org](http://www.kidcare.org)



# 5K Fundraiser Run



KidCare Successful 5k Run at Bonelli Park, San Dimas, CA

April 23, 2022



We sincerely appreciate every runner who participated in this race for good.

Many thanks to event organizer, Patricia Lynn Taylor and the countless volunteers who made KidCare International's first of many 5K Fundraisers a success!

**133 Runners**

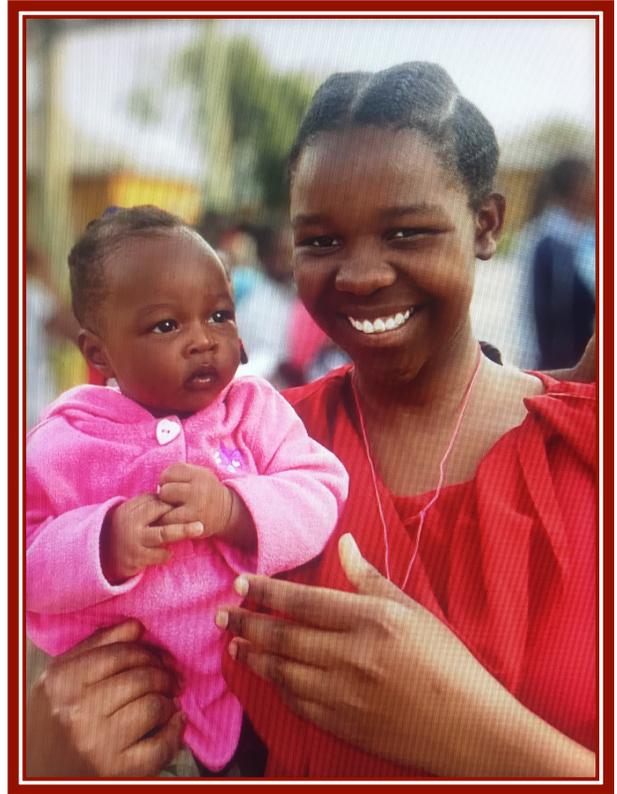
**\$10,040 Net - Raised for KidCare programs for children**

2023 Annual 5KRun date to be announced.

## Celebrate the Precious Miracle of Life!

We believe every life, no matter the circumstance, is precious. In a world where life is expendable and babies are aborted by choice, you have an opportunity to celebrate life. Join our mission to preserve and celebrate the miracle of life of more than 60 orphans living at KidCare's Orphanage.

Many of these children were rescued from living on the streets, some girls were raped then outcast by tribal chiefs and now have babies and others fled forced child marriages. All have found the safety and security of a loving home at KidCare's Orphanage in Tanzania.



## Celebrate Life...Sponsor a Child

We pray you will take one of these precious children into your heart and cherish them as your extended family.

Several of our sponsors have supported their child for many years. Some have continued their support from toddlers through university or trade school and enjoyed watching them grow up.

Sponsor A Child

\$30 A Month

Will Change A Life

These are not children randomly chosen from other organizations. We know these children and have seen many grow up to be happy, loving, responsible adults. They look forward to our return and greet us with joyful smiles and hugs. We are their family and committed to seeing them flourish in this world. I promise you, sponsoring one of these children for \$30.00 a month will change their life and your life will be changed as well. I ask you to open your heart to sponsor one of these precious children. Your monthly support is greatly appreciated and will help us to continue to give them a home and life essentials.



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