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LOVE MUST ACT
Partnerships for Sustainable Education

THE OPPORTUNITY OF 2020

Dear friends,

2020 posed its share of challenges. For some, it has been a year of unspeakable loss. For some, a time of great financial hardship. For others, more like an inconvenience.

Holy Cross School was closed for almost three months. The St. John's nurse training program had to be postponed and shift to more reliance on virtual instruction. Love Must Act faced overall challenges in fundraising, especially from grants.

Despite the year's difficulties, looking back on 2020 fills me with hope, much to my surprise. It is a testament to what people can accomplish working together for good. It is a sign that selflessness ultimately prevails. It is evidence that we are stronger together than we are alone.

Love Must Act revised its plan for the second half of the year to cut down on expenses. We sought alternative sources of funding from individuals. We ended up increasing those gifts substantially. By pulling together and having a common purpose, we met the needs of both Holy Cross School and St. John.

Love Must Act has always been about bringing people together, not just to get a job done, but because we believe the relationships we share are what are truly transformative. 2020, even with all its difficulties, brought us into a deeper relationship with our many friends and supporters. With everything bad that last year brought, I find myself grateful for what I learned we can do together, for the deeper friendships that emerged, and for the opportunities that abounded for new friendships. Thank you for being part of that with us.

2021 will no doubt present continuing challenges and difficulties of its own, but I find myself more hopeful than I was this time last year. You're the reason why.

From the bottom of our hearts at Love Must Act, thank you. I've never felt more that we're in this together.

Peace,



Bishop Stacy Sauls
Founder and President

COME AND SEE

John 1:39

We hope our friends will consider coming to see what you're helping make possible, both in Israel and the Palestinian territories and in South Africa. Our first trip to explore the Land of the Holy One will be April 1-12, 2022.

The second trip, which will explore the post-apartheid educational challenges and opportunities of South Africa, is in the planning stages. More information about both will be provided soon.



ST. JOHN OPHTHALMIC NURSE

SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

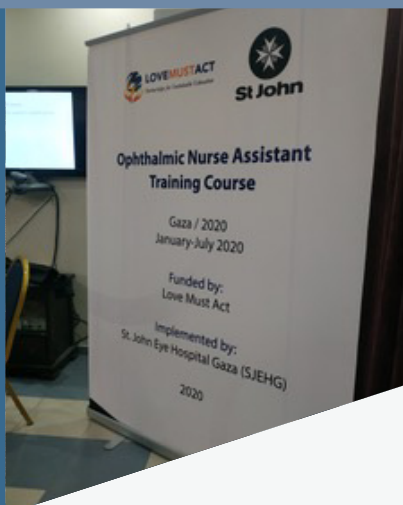
The initial cohort of students completed the first intensive week of training at the hospital in January 2020, which was followed by clinical training.

The program had to be temporarily stopped in May due to the pandemic, but it resumed in June.

The second intensive theoretical study week was conducted virtually in September.

Plans are being made for ongoing training in 2021.

A total of 16 students have completed their clinical practice.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

- 1 The school was closed from March 18 through late June.
- 2 We worked to the best of our ability to make remote learning possible for all our students.
- 3 We adopted a standard procedure for deep cleaning, social distancing, and mask wearing, which made us one of the first schools to reopen in the Eastern Cape.



Completed reaccreditation.

Added Grade 5 in 2020
and Grade 6 in 2021.

Outfitting of intermediate
level classrooms.

Revitalizing of the Holy Cross
School Trust Board.

Introduced uniform pension
and death benefits for
faculty and staff.

Implemented monthly performance
review for faculty and staff.

Implemented new polices for admissions,
conduct, and religious schools.

Created marketing campaign
to increase fee paying students
up to 20% of student body.

Participated in the South African School
Administration Monitoring System, which
allows us to track overall performance.



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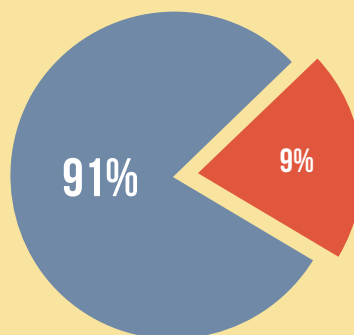


REVENUE	2020 ACTUAL	2021 PROPOSED
Fundraisers and Events	0	25,000
Board and Staff	94,990	35,000
Grants	104,941	190,000
Individuals	22,100	50,000
Share Plan	18,779	65,000
Consulting	1,565	0
TOTAL	242,395	331,071

EXPENSES	2020 ACTUAL	2021 PROPOSED
Program	196,023	288,151
Administration	19,489	42,920
TOTAL	215,512	331,071

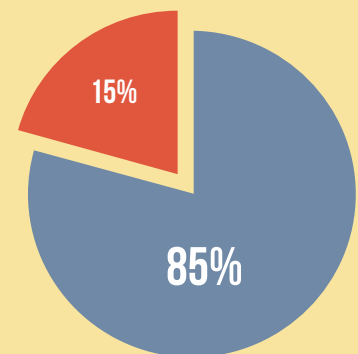


2020 ACTUAL EXPENSES



■ ACTUAL PROGRAM EXPENSES
 ■ ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

2021 PLANNED EXPENSES



■ PLANNED PROGRAM EXPENSES
 ■ PLANNED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

DONORS

BOARD AND STAFF 100%

- Clergy 13
- Monks 7
- Bishops 7
- Dioceses 2
- Congregations and Monastic Houses 12
- Other Individuals 62



GRANTS RECEIVED BY LOVE MUST ACT IN 2020

St. Luke's Episcopal Foundation
Salisbury, North Carolina

Shields Family Foundation
Houston, Texas

The Diocese of Texas
Houston, Texas

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Diocese of Newark Alleluia Fund
Newark, New Jersey

Christ Episcopal Church
Short Hills, New Jersey

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Cashiers, North Carolina

Order of the Holy Cross
West Park, New York

Mary Oppenheimer & Daughters Foundation
Johannesburg, South Africa

Hands in Healing Foundation
Los Angeles, California

ANNA & RYAN'S GREAT ADVENTURE

Anna Walsh and Ryan Lehman, ages 18 and 21, accomplished something in 2019 that takes most individuals a lifetime. They opened themselves up to relationships with no endgame in mind. They looked past altruism to love and allowed themselves to be vulnerable and open to a life-changing event. Anna and Ryan spent a week in Grahamstown at Holy Cross School working alongside the school's faculty and staff and spending time in each grade getting to know the students on an individual level. Having been adopted by the students as their American brother and sister, Anna and Ryan shed more than a few tears as they said their goodbyes. It was a beautiful to watch Anna, Ryan, and our Holy Cross students, open their hearts to one another as a living beloved community.



Anna and Ryan are members of Trinity Parish in Greece, New York, in the Diocese of Rochester; once they returned home from their relationship-building visit to the Holy Cross School in Grahamstown, South Africa, they set to work developing and enacting a plan to deepen their relationships with the students in South Africa and introduce and develop new relationships between the students and their fellow parishioners at Trinity.





In early 2020, Anna and Ryan implemented a simple yet effective relationship-building plan: they created a pen-pal system. Students were paired with an individual or family at Trinity. Through the simple act of exchanging letters, individuals and families created relationships founded on love. In doing so, they experienced God.

Charity is a funny thing. Doing something for others, such as giving money or doing a good deed, is fine as far as it goes. But the word *charity* really means more than that. It comes from the Latin *caritas*, the meaning of which is closely linked to love. It's like the ancient hymn. *Ubi caritas et amor: Deus ibi est* (Where charity and love are, there is God). God transforms us through relationships of charity and love.

We strive to make our work reciprocal. Yes, the grant awarded from Trinity Parish and the Diocese of Rochester will help fund the school. But we believe those who seize the opportunity to interact with the children, as Anna and Ryan have benefited at least as much. They were introduced to a particular group of God's children and experienced God in the effort.

We are pretty sure that Anna's and Ryan's hearts will be forever changed by their time with the Holy Cross students because strangers became friends. It is that friendship, that relationship, that is transforming. The children become more than the object of someone's doing good. They become beloved. It is the same with Anna and Ryan. The mutuality of friendship is an entirely different thing with a bigger impact.

We invite you, too, to be part of the change, to turn a stranger into a friend, and to discover what *caritas* is all about in your own life .

Peace,

Andrew W. Joyce
Vice President



HOW YOU CAN HELP

First, please connect us to donors and grant source you may know of. We'd love to work with you to make an application.

Write to us at
admin@LoveMustAct.org.

Second, we always need more partners. We'd love to come to your parish or other group at our expense to make a presentation on opportunities.

Write to Bishop Sauls at
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