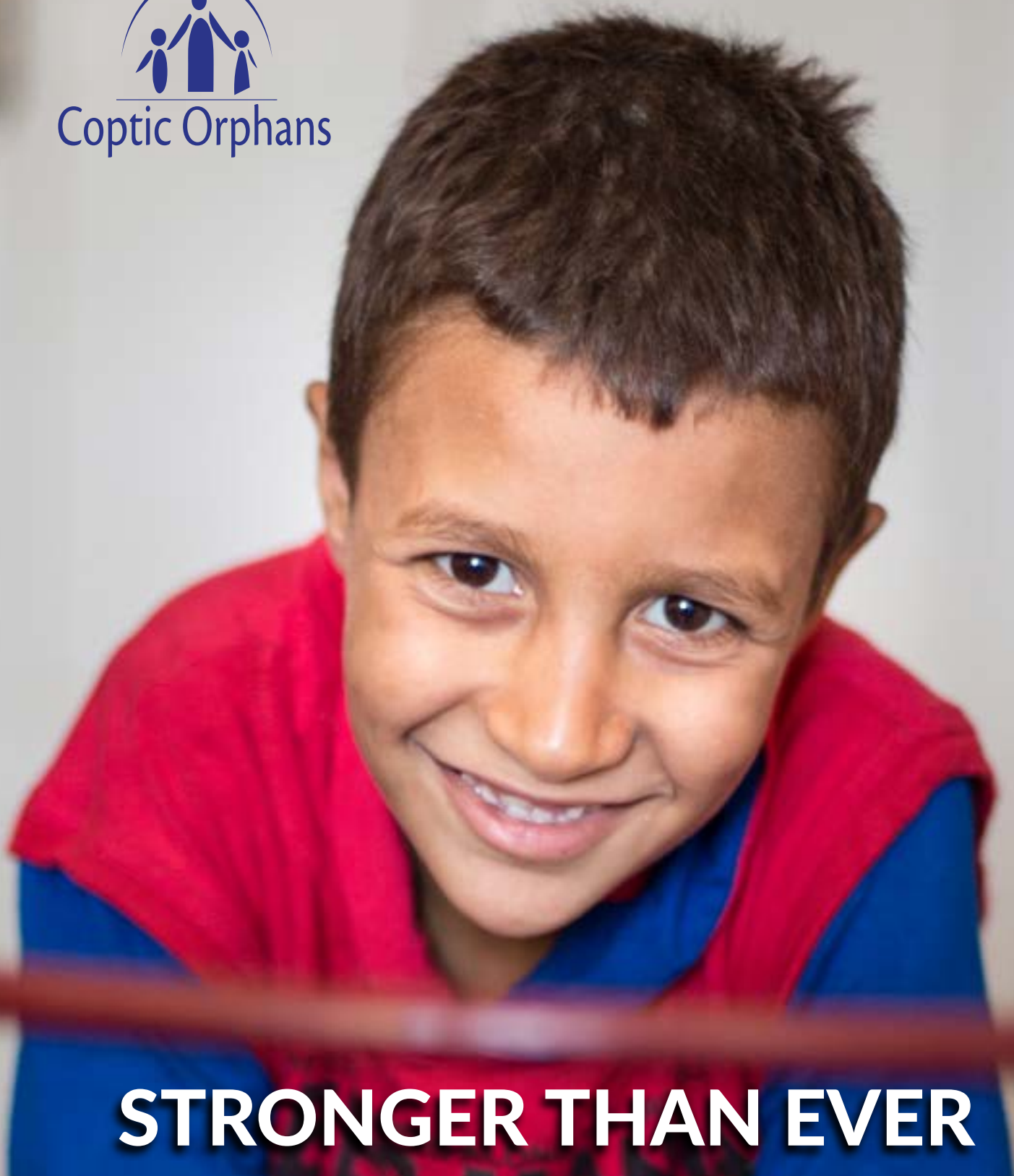




Coptic Orphans



**STRONGER THAN EVER**

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

This year has brought many blessings, and I thank God every day for them. Our mission remains strong: each day we come closer to ending the vicious cycle of poverty through the transformative power of education. Children in our programs show a remarkable improvement in academics after joining, and seeing them grow up to become community leaders and changemakers—sometimes as the first in their village to find such success—is an indescribable feeling.

By God’s grace, despite all the challenges 2021 brought, you made sure we came out of the other end stronger than ever. We are set to enroll an additional 6,000 children next year—triple the number we are usually able to add. Our Reps have gone above and beyond to safely continue home visits while bearing precious sponsors’ letters. We have seen incredible support from people like you, and the children remain healthy and optimistic in spite of all they have been through.

More than ever, this year I am inspired by the resilience our children, staff, and volunteers have shown. The spirit of service and integrity we uphold each day shines through the 65,000 children we have impacted throughout Egypt over the past 33 years. Whenever a child tells me about a success in school with a smile on his face, or a mother thanks us for providing for her children, I’m reminded why we do what we do: all for the glory of God.

Even when times were meager and the future uncertain, you all pulled together to make sure that there will never be a moment our children feel any negative impact. So, I extend my sincerest thank you to each and every one for their love, compassion and resilience. You have personified the true and purest meaning of “One Body in Christ.”

As you read this Annual Report, I know you will see how God’s hand has guided us through the year, and we look forward to the coming year with hope and gratitude. This year I have often found strength in this verse from Joshua 1:9, and I think you will, too: “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

One Body in Christ,  
Nermien Riad



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## Who We Are

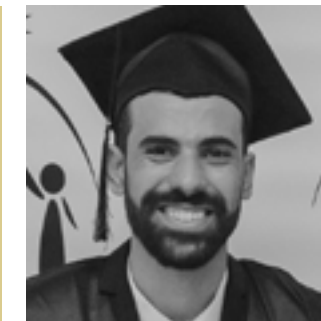
Let’s start with who we are not. We are not a charity that hands out money, and neither are we interested in victimizing those we serve.

Coptic Orphans’ focus is transformational development for children who, otherwise, would be in an orphanage because their living family members can no longer care for them. We are a Christian, community-based, church-centered organization that is equally transformative for us as it is for those we serve in Egypt. Since 1988, our award-winning service has reached 65,000 children across Egypt, and by working with grassroots partners and Church-based volunteer networks we ensure sustainability over the years. Coptic Orphans transforms generations after generations through quality education with the vision of a more prosperous Egypt.

## 2021 at a Glance



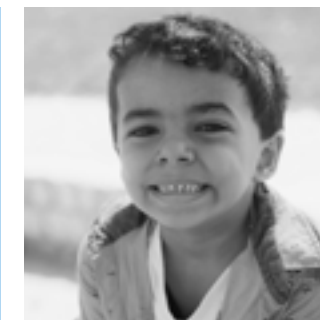
**65,000**  
children impacted  
across Egypt



**450**  
university students  
graduated in 2021



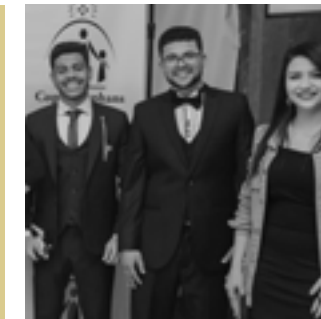
**4,600**  
now have access to  
quality healthcare



**21,393**  
letters exchanged  
between sponsors and  
children



**\$441,000**  
in grants and awards



**Top-rated by  
Charity Navigator for  
10 consecutive years**

# Not Alone *Program*

## *it takes a village*

In 2011, Michael's father passed away from a heart attack, leaving his seven siblings with only their mother to support them. With no place to live, the family moved into a single room at a relative's house.

One by one, Michael's older siblings left home. Michael was left to tend to the fields, yet—at the age of 11—he was still unable to read and write.

He wanted nothing more than to be able to volunteer as a deacon at church, but he stayed silent when Abouna asked for help. He didn't want anyone to know he couldn't read the liturgy prayers.

Michael is not alone. Over 20% of Egypt's population are illiterate, and private tutoring is financially inaccessible for many families.

When *Not Alone* came to his village, Michael began receiving regular academic and emotional support from his Church-based volunteer Rep. Every afternoon he practiced sounding out the shop signs he passed on his way home from school. Slowly but surely, Michael saw his grades improve in school.

In 2021, Michael now excels in school and looks forward to attending a top university in Egypt next year!

*Not Alone* continues to change the lives of Egypt's fatherless by making it possible for them to stay in school, avoid falling into poverty, and succeed long-term. Your support has mobilized our network of 590 Reps to impact 6,800 families in our programs as of 2021.

By breaking the cycle of poverty, a new generation of change-makers like Michael continue new traditions of success and prosperity, strengthening their communities for years to come.



# Valuable Girl *Project*

## *she believed she could*

The *Valuable Girl Project* provides a space for the empowerment of girls and young women. They grow and learn together through partnering up "Big Sisters" in university with primary school "Little Sisters." Big Sisters get a small stipend to tutor and mentor their Little Sisters and work on projects together. This often marks the first time these women have any financial independence.

After participating in *Valuable Girl*, girls report a remarkable transformation in positive behavior, self-image, academics, and civic participation. As one former Big Sister put it, "**The changes are for life—not just five or ten years later.**"

The *Valuable Girl Project* is unique in that it brings together Christian and Muslim girls to challenge negative perceptions about the other. Big Sisters and Little Sisters go from living completely separate lives to loving and caring for each other. By creating a community of mutual love and trust, we become the salt and light of the Earth as Jesus commands us.

We partner with 20 Community Development Associations to expand our reach and impact. Over the past 20 years of its operation, *Valuable Girl* has reached over 15,000 girls and young women in 184 project sites across Egypt.

## **Community Development Associations we partner with:**

- The Development of Rural Women, Koum El-Ahmar - Qena
- The National Association for Jesuit, Tawfeekeya - Minya
- Local and Agricultural Development, Deweir - Assuit
- Development and Human Rights, Matareya - Cairo
- The World My Home, Al-Khalifa (Al- Maquaber) - Cairo
- Abou-Siefeen, Ezbat Khairallah - Cairo
- Amal Bokra, Dairut Al-Sharif - Assuit
- The Good Shepherd, Meir - Assuit
- Tanweer, Zawyet Sultan- Minya
- Awlad Al-Molouk, Taha - Minya
- Caritas Egypt, Towairat - Qena
- World Youth, Manfalut - Assuit
- Virgin Mary, Zaitoon - Cairo
- Al-Mahaba, Nakada - Qena
- Ahl Balady, Jarajous - Qena
- Akoun, Bani Mahdy- Minya
- Sawa Ahla, Abu Teij - Assuit
- Forsa, Sahel Seleim- Assuit
- Ana Masry, Deshna - Qena
- Al-Salam, Qous - Qena



# Testimonials

“The program has had a positive impact on us, and it showed us great care amid the cruelty of life. Before joining the program, I used to feel alone. But now we have found someone who takes care of us and asks about us. I will never forget your support when my son had to undergo surgery. You were with us every step of the way.”

*-Mother of a Not Alone student*

“Sponsorship is different because it's like a "living" donation. An ongoing, regular commitment and connection to these children in need makes for such a meaningful experience, like you're walking together in life, serving each other in different ways.”

*-Paul, sponsor since 2002*

“You were the reason I achieved my education. You have been a real brother and father for many years. May God keep you safe for me and bring joy to your heart.”

*-Mary, Not Alone Program participant*

“In Coptic Orphans, I have a real family who make up for all that I don't have... The mothers of the children in my care are like sisters who support each other. I joined Coptic Orphans five years ago, and during this time I learned the true meaning of love.”

*-volunteer Rep in Upper Egypt*

“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Coptic Orphans provides the environment for the children of God to serve each other. Some share their talents of education, knowledge and resources and others share their simplicity, purity, and love.”

*-Fr. Mina Dimitry*

“The experience is transformative. You're not only changing the life of the person in Egypt, the sponsored child or his family, you're really changing your own life. You're reading something to your life that is bringing not just joy and happiness and connection and a learning experience for your own kids, but a blessing to your own life.”

*-Samuel, sponsor since 2012*



# Statement of Activities

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

2021

2020

## Revenue and Support

Contributions	\$ 17,435,534	\$ 15,242,990
Net Investment Income	468,392	591,178
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>17,903,926</b>	<b>15,834,168</b>

## Expenses

<b>Program Services</b>		
Child Development	10,753,540	8,233,298
Community Development	393,013	119,605
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>11,146,553</b>	<b>8,352,903</b>
<b>Support Services</b>		
Management and General	953,744	709,076
Fundraising	1,490,722	1,494,752
<b>Total support services</b>	<b>2,444,466</b>	<b>2,203,828</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,591,019</b>	<b>10,556,731</b>

## Other Non-Operating Income

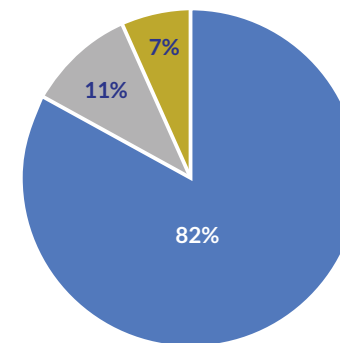
Net unrealized and realized gains on investments	5,324,067	3,656,957
Change on foreign currency valuation and other gains	168,748	147,308
<b>Total other non-operating income</b>	<b>5,492,815</b>	<b>3,804,265</b>

## Net Assets

Change in Net Assets	9,805,722	9,081,702
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	39,669,988	30,588,286
<b>Net Assets, End of Year*</b>	<b>\$ 49,475,710</b>	<b>\$ 39,669,988</b>

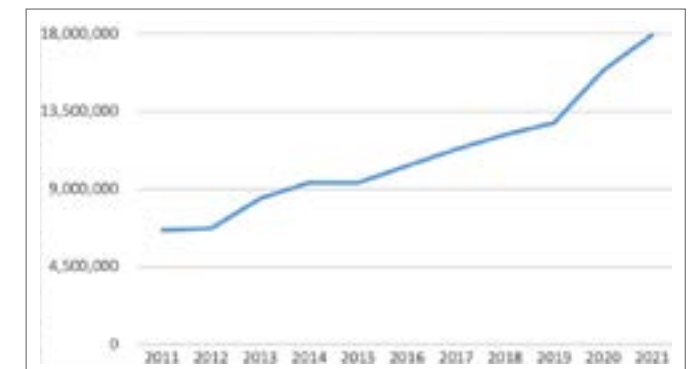
\* Because Coptic Orphans places the highest value on serving the children despite any crisis that may strike Egypt or the Coptic diaspora, we maintain a nearly 12-month reserve of operating expenses (included in "Net Assets"). This ensures we will be there for the children no matter what.

## Expenses



■ Total Program Services ■ Fundraising ■ Management and General  
Out of every dollar spent, 82 cents went to programs serving the children in Egypt. Only 7 cents went to management and administration, while 11 cents were used for fundraising.

## Total Revenue Increase Over Time\*



While Coptic Orphans' revenue has shown tremendous growth, we have never lost focus on maintaining responsible stewardship over the resources entrusted to us. Our financial accountability and reporting processes have been praised consistently over the years.

\* Per IRS Form 990

*“Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.”  
Isaiah 1:17*

***From all of us at Coptic Orphans, we thank you very much.  
May God bless you!***

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