



PATRICIA'S

STORY

Patricia started using a MoonCatcher Kit in 2020. Prior to that she said it was difficult to afford underwear and disposable pads.

She likes to use MoonCatcher pads because they last and are very comfortable to wear. It's also easy to wash and reuse.

The MoonCatcher Project gave Patricia a sewing machine. She learned how to sew at the sewing center at St. Dennis Vocational School in Entebbe, Uganda. Now, she has her own business. She also sews for The MoonCatcher Project making kits to distribute to school girls. She enjoys volunteering at the sewing center teaching girls how to sew.

The MCP supports sewing guilds in India, Malawi, Kenya and Uganda to make and distribute kits to girls. Plus, independent guilds use our pattern to sew kits for girls in several other countries.

OUR MISSION

To optimize girls' lives worldwide by removing barriers related to menstruation.

WE HELP GIRLS...

- Stay in school
- Learn reproductive health
- Marry later and have fewer children
- Fully participate in their lives and in their communities

THIS IS A

MOONCATCHER KIT



Carrier with a waterproof liner, three removable, washable fleece pads, and waist tie.



Drawstring bag holds the carrier, pads, and waterproof bag.



Waterproof bag for used pads until washing.

Kits include care instructions and a calendar for girls to track their cycles.

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2023 Annual Report

A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

“Old and New” seems to be this year’s theme.

We returned to Africa for the first time since COVID and reunited with old friends. We visited our sewing guilds and worked with our partners to strengthen what is working and to build new systems for growth and change.

Now, able to meet in person, we’re hosting MoonBees and fundraisers again, and connecting with new partners. Helping people in the U.S. remains a priority. We launched a local Period Pantry and collaborated with groups across the country to provide menstrual supplies for their communities.



The best “new” news is that we hired former MCP Board Member Charlotte Mack to be our Assistant Director. She will help take the MoonCatcher Project more fully into the twenty first century. I’ve known

Charlotte her whole life, watching her grow into an amazing young woman with a caring heart that wants to make the world a better place for girls. I am grateful beyond measure for her help and gentle nudging to make us better every day.

And my “old” refrain is more important than ever. Whether you write a check, come to a MoonBee, help make lasagna, donate fabric or any of the many other ways the MCP moves forward we are grateful. We couldn’t do this work without you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Ellie (and Charlotte)

OUR IMPACT **38,730** MoonCatcher Kits

This year, we helped **38,730** girls stay in school, learn reproductive health and fully participate in their lives and communities.

Twambilire



“We cannot buy pads. They are very expensive so I was using rags, but my school dresses would get stained. Now that I have a MoonCatcher Kit, I can stay in school because I want to be a doctor.

Desire



“My family could not afford disposable pads and I was missing school. I started using a MoonCatcher Kit in 2017. It’s comfortable and easy to use. I have been able to stay in school and am in my final year of studying to be an IT specialist.



We distributed **20,998** disposable menstrual supplies to local food pantries, homeless shelters and in our new Period Pantry.

OUR REACH **30+** Countries

Girls around the world are staying in school because they have a MoonCatcher Kit. We are in more than 30 countries in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America and Asia/South Pacific. Visit our website for a full list.

FY 2022

IN IT COMES

REVENUES	%	SOURCE
\$166,365	88%	Individuals/Corps/Grants
\$ 21,692	11%	Fundraising
\$ 1,376	0.7%	Sale of Merchandise
\$ 58	0.3%	Other
\$189,491		TOTAL

OUT IT FLOWS

EXPENSES	%	SOURCE
\$142,480	75%	Program
\$ 34,401	18%	Salaries/Compensation
\$ 5,799	3%	Unrestr. Fund Balance
\$ 5,175	3%	Professional Fees
\$ 1,636	1%	Printing Shipping Postage
\$189,491		TOTAL

2022 MAJOR DONORS

ORGANIZATIONS (\$2,500 OR MORE)

First Reformed Church of Schenectady
Henry E. Niles Foundation
International Foundation
Kathryn B. McQuade Foundation
Rotary Club of Scotia
Together Women Rise
Walter and Marilyn Joy Samuels
Charitable Foundation Trust

INDIVIDUALS (\$2,500 OR MORE)

Allen and Sarah Berry
Marianne Bokan-Blair
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