



One world, one mission—hope for the destitute elderly



LIFTING UP THE DESTITUTE ELDERLY FOR 20 YEARS WITH KINDNESS

Dear Michael's House Supporter,

It is with a mixture of sadness and celebration that we write to let you know that this will be the last fundraising appeal you will receive from Michael's House, Inc. Michael's House will end operations in 2023. Importantly, we will continue to receive donations until March 31, 2023.

With your generosity, we plan to provide our care partners and the needy elderly population they serve with enough funds to provide support for a period of at least 8 to 12 months, and hopefully longer. It will take time for them to make arrangements for the future.

Many of our volunteer members have served the organization for years, some nearly twenty years. Our core staff, including the officers who have worked tirelessly for so long to perform the operational functions required to run our organization, have decided that it is time for them to step down. We have tried unsuccessfully to recruit dedicated replacements. Without the core individuals, Michael's House will no longer be able to carry out necessary functions. So, it has been decided to begin the process of dissolution while it is still possible to do so in an orderly manner. We want you to know that Michael Craig, our founder now living in France, with sadness but also with joy over the long success of Michael's House, concurs with this decision.

Almost twenty years ago, Michael was moved to start Michael's House when he witnessed hungry elderly people in Ethiopia being elbowed aside by more able persons who were scrambling to get grain that was being distributed from the back of a truck by a charitable agency. After the crowd departed, the elderly were left to sift in the dirt for the meager amount of food that had been spilled.

Out of that initial vision grew remarkable achievements, which are listed on the backside of this letter. Truly, they are works of wonder. Most of all, we are grateful to have consistently fed those made infirm by relentless hunger. As we look back, we celebrate with you these amazing accomplishments.

Michael's House has brought smiles to the eyes of the elderly and a song of gratitude to their lips. This is your legacy.

As we prepare for the final period of operation, we ask you to make a significant final donation so that we can provide an exceptionally generous distribution to ease the transition for our care partners and the destitute elderly that they so selflessly serve.

With the deep appreciation and respect to you, our faithful donor,

Michael's House Trustees, Officers, and Volunteers

We are no Longer the Same Because of you, our Donors

Angela K., one of our former care partners in Rwanda shared how the destitute elderly changed her life. She would say, they TRANSFORMED me—I am never the same! The more Angela shared what the elderly told her, it changed my heart too. Living in our country of abundance, my communications with Angela drew me deeper to the plight of destitution—more life threatening than poverty. Some of the words of the elderly spoke to Angela about Michael's House were:

- I sleep at night. I am not hungry.
- Now I can see where I walk at night because Michael's House gave me a solar light.
- I won't get soaked in the rain now I have an umbrella.
- I will sleep like a baby on my first mattress before I die.
- I was blind but since eye surgery I can see my grandchild and cook food.
- Who are these people that care for me and give me exactly what I need?
- What treasure are they seeing in us? From people that don't even know us?

—Anne Ackerman, Michael's House Field Liaison and Trustee

What we Have Accomplished With Your Generosity

The generosity of our supporters has afforded us to care for the destitute elderly in Africa (Ethiopia, Togo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Uganda, South Sudan, and Burkina Faso), Honduras and Thailand.

Food

- Daily food for those infirm from hunger
- Hot meals for homeless
- Grinding machine for sorghum and maize to make porridge

Medical Care

- Doctor visits, medicine, surgery, and related transportation
- Medical clinics
- Covid protective supplies: masks, soap and disinfectant
- Medications to treat AIDS, diabetes, hypertension and basic pain relief
- Fistula surgeries and uterine prolapse procedures for women who have been ostracized from their homes and communities
- Hemoanalysis machine to perform blood tests
- Wheelchairs and other durable medical equipment to allow disabled to live at home
- Vision, hearing and emergency dental care
- Cataract surgeries and eyeglasses
- Walking canes for the blind and for refugees
- Van for transporting elderly for medical care and delivering meals

Pensions for basic subsistence

Shelter

- Blankets and bedding
- Hut/Home Repair
- Kitchen stoves with outside venting in Honduras
- Community day center for homeless
- Overnight shelter for the infirm and those dying
- Ventilated pit latrines for safe and hygienic disposal of human waste
- Showers and laundry tubs/sinks for washing clothes
- Clean water harvesting systems

Clothing - Shoes, African kitenges for women, shirts for men

Burial expenses for the deceased

Income Generation

- Working farms with crops and animals
- Chickens and rabbits to raise and barter
- Sewing machines to establish a clothing-making cooperative and make complete sets of pajamas for those staying at Ann's Women's Shelter
- Looms for making silk garments
- Supplies for making income-generating crafts

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HOUSE**

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