



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**MISSION:** Empowering Life Through Sustainable Clean Water

**OVERALL STRATEGIC GOAL:** To install a clean water distribution system, educate on WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) and Human Rights, and promote sustainability in at least one new village every year.

\*\*\*\*\*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

1. **CLIMB FOR CLEAN WATER** – Our founders’ granddaughter (Bridget Koch and husband Brad), great granddaughter (Sophia Koch) and their hiking team successfully climbed to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,341 ft.) to create awareness of the need for sustainable clean water in Tanzanian villages and initiated a fundraising campaign for TLP water projects. Their fundraising goal of \$19,341 (one dollar for each foot of altitude) was exceeded thanks to many generous supporters! Following the climb, they joined the annual travel team to visit the villages and meet our partners in Tanzania.
2. **ESTABLISHED NEW PARTNERS** – A key contracting partner since TLP began in 2005 let us know he would begin a well-deserved retirement after completing his engineering work in the Village of Chitope. During our annual trip to Tanzania, we interviewed several new engineering candidates and selected the best qualified firm. We have already begun working with this firm on the Village of Chipanga and are very impressed with the work.
3. **COMPLETED OUR 19<sup>th</sup> VILLAGE – CHITOPE (population 7,762)** - We finished the final phases of the project which included adding 22 public distribution points for clean water as well as a cattle trough for watering all the animals in the village. We also held Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) training for the village including special sessions for the schools along with a contest for improving WASH practices and developing school clubs to continue promoting best practices. We held a menstrual hygiene management (MHM) training with a distribution of reusable feminine hygiene kits. These kits were produced within the area by small local businesses which helps the local economy!
4. **OUR 20<sup>th</sup> VILLAGE – CHIPANGA (population 8,920)** - We began the project by having the villagers attend empowerment seminars (for both men and women) and then work to develop human rights by-laws which included consequences to stop old harmful practices of beating wives, marrying off young children and performing female genital mutilation. They came up with several more cultural improvements, all of which were implemented before we began drilling the well. After the new engineering firm completed the geological survey, we drilled a successful well that will support this large village!
5. **INTRODUCED OUR LEGACY PROGRAM** – Many donors are interested in leaving a lasting legacy and asked if there are ways they could donate to TLP as part of their estate and/or financial plans. Our Legacy Program is the answer! It provides information and support for those who are interested and includes a number of very simple methods anyone can use. This information is captured in an easy to understand brochure along with additional resources (including live support via phone). The booklet is available on our website ( [https://tanzanialifeproject.org/Legacy\\_Brochure](https://tanzanialifeproject.org/Legacy_Brochure) ) or you can call 763-493-9107 to get more information.
6. **REVAMPED OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA** – We’re getting more exposure on social media and even began using videos in 2023. To capture these important moments/messages and ensure everyone has access to them over time, we added the “Media” section under “About Us” on the website. Please visit our website [tanzanialifeproject.org](https://tanzanialifeproject.org) to see all the great information provided and learn the full scope of what we do. You can also check out our posts with pictures and stories on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X. “Like, Connect and Share” to spread the word!

\*\*\*\*\*



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**Board of Directors**

Chair  
Sam Claassen

Vice Chair  
Cynthia Johnson

Secretary  
Mary Vanderheyden

Treasurer  
John Vanderheyden

Director  
John Allgaier

Director  
Catherine Trescony

Director  
Robert Brickweg

Director  
Barbara Loken

Director  
Mark Setterstrom

Director  
Henry Croll

**Established in 2005**

<b>TOTAL PROJECTS TO DATE – 2005 – 2023 = \$3,564,721</b>		
<b>Financial Position – 2023</b>		
Management of this organization is accomplished primarily by the volunteer and unpaid efforts of the Leadership Team which is made up of members of the Board of Directors.		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	<u>153,415</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		153,415
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Debt	<u>0</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		0
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES</b>		
Previous village sustainability	24,972	
Ikombolinga	9,289	
Chitope	187,578	
Chipanga	27,258	
WASH Program	<u>6,403</u>	
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>		255,500
<b>LOCAL NGO OFFICE</b>		27,462
<b>SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Vehicle Escrow	24,000	
Fundraising	<u>2,618</u>	
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		26,618
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>\$309,580</u>
<b>2023 INCOMING REVENUE</b>		\$305,284
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>		-\$4,296