



Annual Report 2023

Consider the Lily, Inc

Year At A Glance

2023 was the year of rest and renewal for the Consider the Lily homes. Well, maybe not rest with 70 girls running around but renewal for sure. We did not bring any new girls into our homes in 2023 so we could strengthen and encourage the family the Lord had provided. School was in full swing and sporting events kept the weeks full, all while working on relationships with the Lord and each other. After much prayer we moved forward in the purchase of a third home in Tacloban City. We are looking forward to what 2024 has in store!



An Introduction From The US Director



"I am thrilled to share the impact we have had on the lives of our girls in 2023. Working with Consider the Lily for thirteen years now, it is always a joy and an honor to watch what even a year does in the lives of every single girl we care for. Being the mom of three girls, I am passionate about coming alongside girls and helping them find freedom in Christ and understand how much they are loved by the Father.

I have watched our girls in the CtL homes grow from adolescence to strong women of God, from the bondage of poverty and being used to champions for Jesus and others. Every girl is a miracle growing in front of my eyes, and I am so thankful to be a witness to it. Over the years, we have come to understand the importance of prosecution and education, but we have learned that the most important thing is the love of the Father and family. That is what CtL is, a family. We love, protect, and provide for each girl as if they were our own, and in that, they understand their worth in Christ. We are a 'powerhouse' of incredible women who will change the Philippines because we understand where our power comes from. Thank you for loving and supporting our family."

Hope Without Worry of Tomorrow,
Kim Hommel

Vision & Mission

Vision

Focusing on recovery, education, and love, we help each survivor realize her divine worth, personal potential, and the promise of future independence. Our long-term approach equips girls with the ability to become the leaders and problem-solvers that their community needs in order to stop the cycle of exploitation in the Philippines.

Mission

Consider the Lily is a Christ-centered rescue home for sexually trafficked and exploited girls, prioritizing counseling and education to heal and empower them to live productive and secure adult lives.



Education Highlight

1 Girls in Masters Program - 2

2 Girls in University - 17

3 Girls in High School - 30

4 Girls in Elementary - 17



Annual Cost of
Education
\$120,000

The Impact Education Has on Lives

Education plays a pivotal role in empowering girls in the Philippines to break the cycle of poverty and exploitation while fostering their transformation into healthy, contributing members of society. In a nation where economic disparities and social challenges often intersect, access to education becomes a critical equalizer. By providing girls with quality education, we equip them with essential skills, knowledge, and confidence to pursue opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach. Education not only imparts academic learning but also instills values of resilience, determination, and self-worth, enabling girls to navigate life's complexities with resilience.

Furthermore, education acts as a catalyst for holistic development, nurturing both physical and mental well-being among girls. Through education, they gain access to healthcare resources, learn about nutrition, and acquire life skills that enhance their overall health and wellness. Educated girls are more likely to make informed decisions about their bodies, families, and futures, leading to healthier lifestyles and reduced vulnerabilities to exploitation. As these girls grow into empowered women, they become agents of change within their communities, inspiring others and giving back through mentorship, entrepreneurship, and advocacy. Education, therefore, is not just about personal advancement but a pathway to societal transformation, where educated girls play vital roles in shaping a healthier, more equitable future for all.

What CtL is All About

Growing up, I told myself that whatever happened, I would do whatever it took to finish school. I didn't know how I was going to do it because I knew we were poor, and deep in my heart, I knew it would be difficult with my family's situation. But, praise God! The Lord had another plan. He made a way to make my high school and college



life so much better than anything I could imagine through Consider the Lily. I didn't have to worry about my tuition fees; I just had to study and do well. I am a witness and testimony of how the Lord blessed me throughout my studies, and how He used the whole CtL family to encourage me to dream and not settle for what the world offers. I learned to have my own opinion in life and not just go with the standards of this world. Even now, I am still amazed at how I survived and got through it. I actually graduated from college in August 2023. I received a bachelor's degree in Science of Social Work and passed the licensure exam in September!

Are you wondering why I chose Social Work as my profession? Well, I actually prayed for a year about it. During all of the opportunities to be part of mission trips, volunteer work, spiritual camps, and even leading one when I was a little older, and watching the CtL social workers do their best to help the girls with their cases, all added to why I chose Social Work. My current job is not working in the community; it is casework, which I also like doing. After I passed the licensure exam, I moved out and started renting a place. I am living on my own. I could not have done this better without the Lord's guidance and, of course, without Consider the Lily's help. I am beyond blessed and grateful for how the Lord used CtL and the people who help and pray for CtL. I am just in awe of how God worked things out.

I am currently working as a foster care social worker but will soon be an adoption social worker. Just a fun fact, I really love hiking with my sisters in CtL

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light pink t-shirt, stands with her back to the camera in a field of tall green grass. She has her right hand raised, palm facing the grass. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a hazy sky.

Prosecution

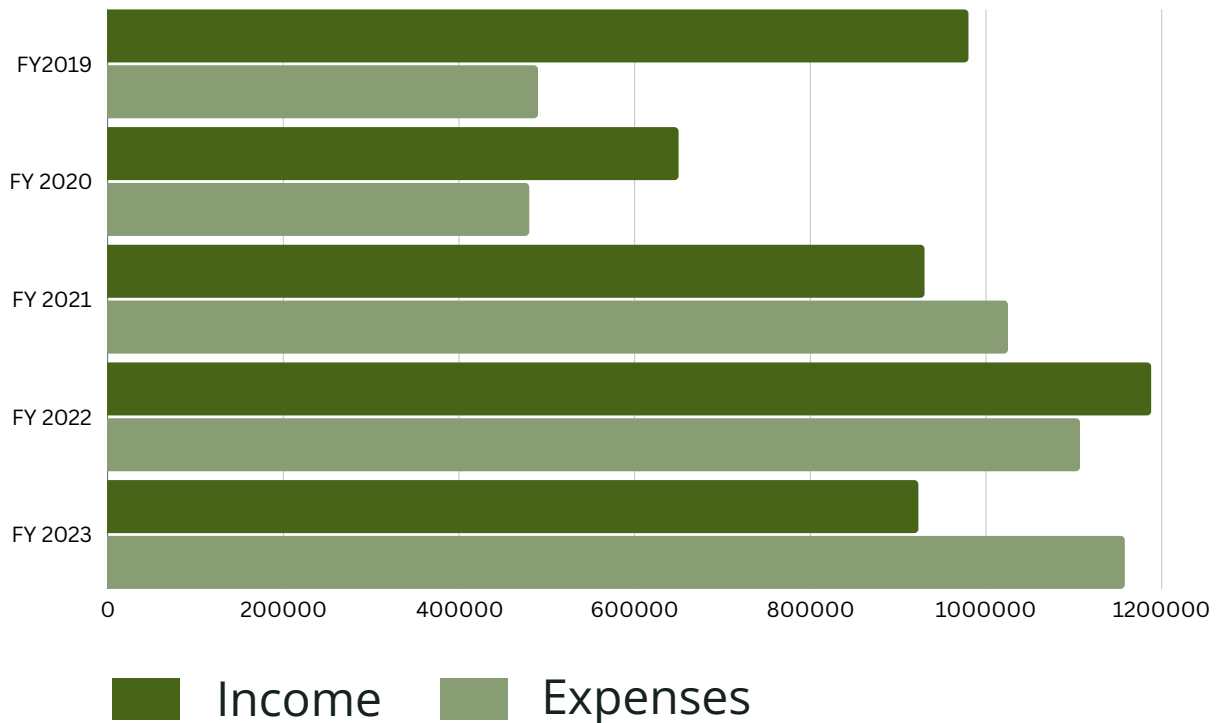
Number of Girls in the Homes - 64

Active Court Case In 2023 - 24

Total Convictions - 13

Prosecution plays a pivotal role in combating exploitation in the Philippines. As a nation grappling with various forms of exploitation, including human trafficking, child labor, and sexual exploitation, effective prosecution serves as a critical deterrent and a mechanism for justice. By holding perpetrators accountable through the legal system, prosecution sends a strong message that these crimes will not be tolerated. It provides a sense of justice and closure to victims and their families, helping to restore dignity and trust in the system. Moreover, successful prosecutions contribute to breaking the cycle of impunity and dismantling criminal networks that thrive on exploitation. They also serve as a preventive measure, dissuading potential offenders and empowering communities to recognize their rights and report abuses. However, prosecution alone is not sufficient; it must be complemented by robust support systems for victims, comprehensive legal reforms, and collaborative efforts among law enforcement, judicial bodies, civil society, and international partners. Ultimately, prioritizing prosecution in the fight against exploitation is fundamental to upholding human rights, protecting vulnerable populations, and fostering a society built on fairness and accountability.

Financial Growth



- 2021 Added a second home housing 25 more girls
- 2021 Purchased land to build a permanent second home
- 2021 Purchased a new van
- 2022 Repaired two of three levels on retaining wall
- 2022 Purchased a new van
- 2023 Down payment for third house in Tacloban
- 2023 Repaired third level on retaining wall

Funds Raised

\$923,798.23



Donations

\$581,756.86



Grants

\$259,520.25



Fundraised

\$47,236.08



Alam Ko Jewelry

\$35,285.04

The Fuel House Fundraiser



Consider the Lily hosted an unforgettable evening at the Olde Mill Properties Fuel House, dedicated to raising crucial monthly support for our home. Guests enjoyed a lively atmosphere featuring BBQ delights, captivating live music, and an engaging live auction. The event provided a unique opportunity for attendees to gain deeper insights into Consider the Lily's impactful mission to combat exploitation in the Philippines. Notably, the event was orchestrated by our esteemed ambassadors, Paul Hilderbrand and his wife Amy, whose dedication and efforts contributed to the success of this remarkable occasion raising \$12,000.

Race To End Exploitation



In June 2023, we were thrilled to host our inaugural Race to End Exploitation Fun Run, and we're delighted to share that it was a tremendous success! This event was not only a fun and engaging way for our community to come together but also a significant step in raising awareness about the critical issue of sexual exploitation in the Philippines.

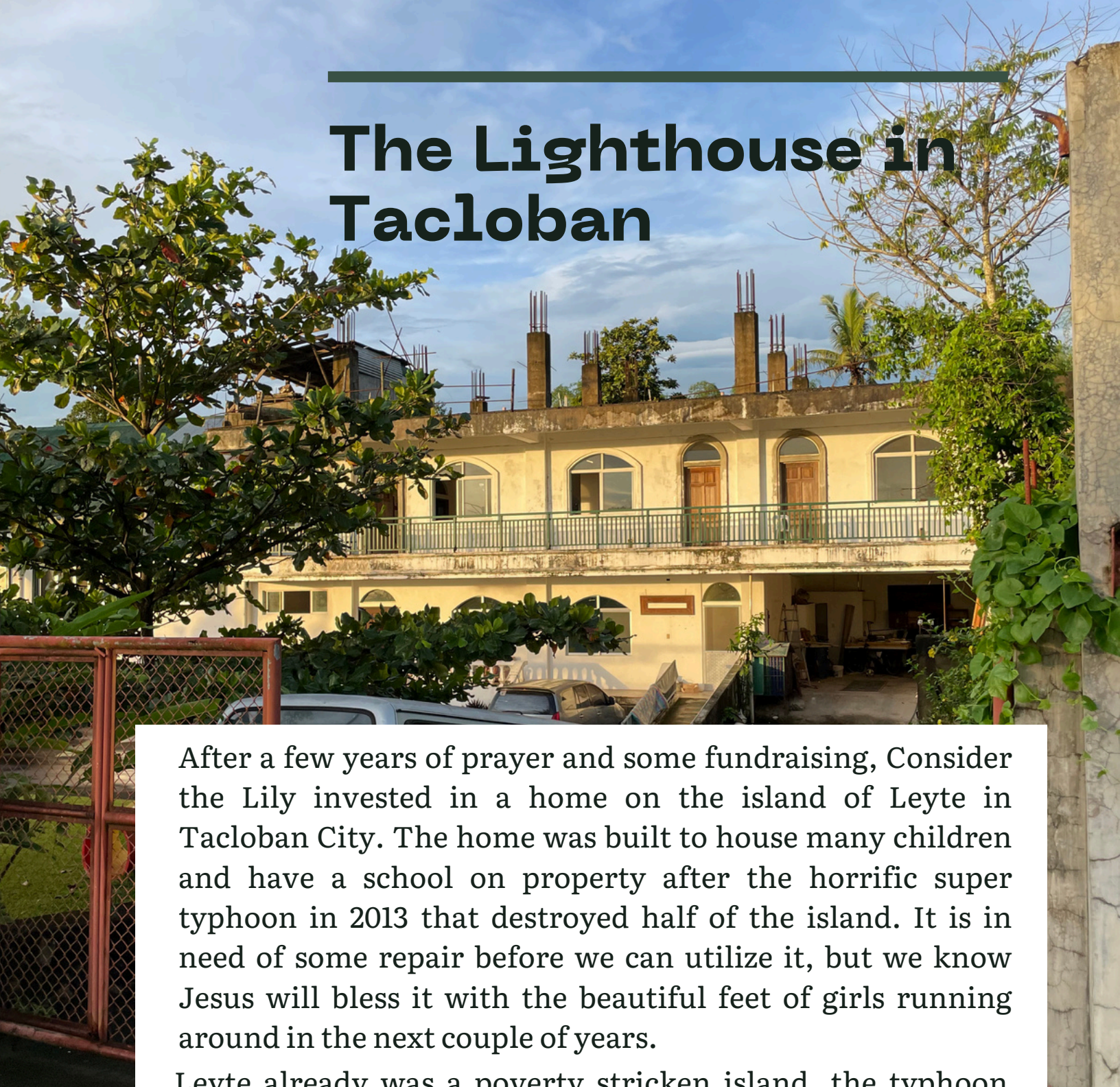
Running is an activity that many of the girls in our home love, and some are exceptionally talented runners! Their enthusiasm and participation truly inspired everyone involved.

Community Support and Highlights

- **Pledges and Sponsorships:** We had an incredible 37 people pledge to sponsor a girl per kilometer, showing their support and solidarity in a meaningful way.
- **Boston's Contribution:** A special shoutout to a dedicated supporter in Boston who organized her own fun run. She rallied numerous sponsors and raised the most support, demonstrating the power of community action.

The success of this event has energized us, and we can't wait to organize the next Race to End Exploitation Fun Run. Together, we are making a difference and bringing awareness to exploitation in the Philippines.

The Lighthouse in Tacloban



After a few years of prayer and some fundraising, Consider the Lily invested in a home on the island of Leyte in Tacloban City. The home was built to house many children and have a school on property after the horrific super typhoon in 2013 that destroyed half of the island. It is in need of some repair before we can utilize it, but we know Jesus will bless it with the beautiful feet of girls running around in the next couple of years.

Leyte already was a poverty stricken island, the typhoon escalated the problem. Being a large port on the islands trafficking grew and has not slowed down. There currently is only one facility on the island for exploited girls, and they will only house them for 6 months before returning them home. Because of this, we know this is a place we need to have a home.

Our US Board



Mark and Jennifer Brown

Becky Herrema

Steven and Mikaela Souza

Brian and Kim Hommel

Ryan and Shannon Grossman

Ian and Allison Kennedy

Nick and Amy Hundley

Serving the trafficked and exploited in the Philippines is the heart of the Consider the Lily board. We understand there is much more work to be done so we press on knowing that each life is important and will impact the world for good.