

Saving lives one child at a time



Why do we need **your** help right now?

We are expecting food insecurity to increase in coming months due to a long and late winter, which hurt many crops in the region at the end of 2017.

This will make TTL's support for our young client's nutritional needs all the more critical in 2018. When our families experience food crisis, we see widespread malnutrition among children.

You can help provide this life-saving support to our families.



Help us raise \$250,000 in 2018!

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touchingtinylives.org/donate**








How will your support help?

A few examples of what your donation means in Lesotho:

- \$5** One bag of powdered milk gives a malnourished child the vitamins essential to a balanced diet for one month
- \$10** One night stay at the hospital for caregivers who are supporting children in critical care
- \$40** Two tins of infant formula provide nutritious meals for one month to babies who can no longer breastfeed
- \$55** Two full tanks of fuel allow outreach services to conduct an average of 25 home visits in a week
- \$75** Water supply for a month at the safehome so that clothes, blankets, and children can be washed and cared for
- \$100** Electricity to keep the babies warm and lights on for nighttime caregivers for a month
- \$200** A month's worth of hygiene materials to support the strict infection prevention practices we have in place
- \$300** Food packages for one child for a year, providing fully balanced meals in the face of drought and severe food shortages
- \$1,850** One-year salary for a safehome caregiver, who work day and night to make sure our children are fed, clean, and cared for



What did you help us do in 2017?

-  **893** outreach visits made to children's homes to provide nutritional and medical support, as well as training to caregivers
-  **448** children attending nutrition corners
-  **103** new children identified and served by TTL
-  **104** children who reached health and stability and successfully graduated from the Outreach Program
-  **24** children rehabilitated in the safehome
-  **74** clinic/hospital visits made possible through TTL financial support
-  **183** caregivers supported and trained by TTL



A Note From Lesotho

The following is an interview with Nthabeleng Lehela, TTL safe home supervisor, conducted by Ali Kukovich, TTLF fellow



You must have seen many kids come through the safe home. Is there any child or story that really stands out for you?

Yes, there is. There is one story about Mpho. I once found him at the hospital because his mom was critically ill. And I took the baby to the safe home so that the mom could recover at the hospital.

After that, I made a visit at their home, to see how the mom is doing, but unfortunately I found that the family is very poor. They didn't have [a large] enough house for the other kids and especially this kid that was at the safe home.

So, I made a plan to visit [Lesotho's Ministry of] Social Development so that we can go to that village with them to see how the family is doing in that situation of having bad shelter.

Social Development agreed to go with me, but they told me that they cannot build the house. But what they can do is they can give the family money monthly to see what they can do with the money, like buy the clothes and maybe the father can hire someone to build a house for him.

And some few months before I took the baby back home, [Social Development] told me that the family had already received the money from them.

Can you also tell me why this story stands out for you?

It is because there is something that I have done to improve someone's life.

After Social Development gave them money, I made a plan again to visit, and really the father had a good use of the money. He built a second house. That was very good for me to see, that I would take the baby to a good shelter.

The child went home a few months ago. Do you know how he's doing now?

Yes, I know. I visited him before we closed for Christmas, and he was doing fine. And a few days back now I received a call from the nurse at the local clinic. She told me that the baby is still doing fine.