

# Your support saves lives one child at a time



**ON ARRIVAL**

Neo and Thabisang are twins who came to TTL after both were found to be malnourished. The twins stayed in the TTL safe home for nearly a year, arriving in late March of 2018 and leaving early March of 2019.

During their time in the safe home, both boys faced different challenges. Neo, who came in bigger and stronger, had more trouble gaining weight than his brother and at times, even had to be hospitalized. Thabisang, who came to TTL clinically malnourished, gained weight easily, but made slower progress in his developmental milestones.



**TODAY**

With the committed and steady care of the staff at TTL, both boys reached health and stability and caught up on weight and developmental averages. We are very happy to report that they were reunited with their parents and are now enrolled in TTL's outreach program.

**Help us raise \$250,000 in 2019 to ensure babies like Neo and Thabisang have a chance to thrive!**

## What is the impact of your donation?

- \$10** Two-month supply of powdered milk with critical vitamins for a malnourished child, or a one-night stay at the hospital for caregivers supporting children in critical care
- \$50** One-month supply of formula for babies who can no longer breastfeed
- \$100** One month worth of utilities, including the electricity that keeps the babies warm and the water that keeps clothes, blankets, and children clean and cared for
- \$200** One-month supply of hygiene materials to support the strict practices we have in place to prevent viruses and bacteria from spreading
- \$300** One-year support of food packages for one child, providing fully balanced meals in the face of drought and severe food shortages
- \$575** One-month supply of fuel for all of TTL's outreach vehicles, allowing the team to reach many children and families in the most rural villages
- \$1,850** One-year salary for a TTL caregiver, who work day and night to care for our children (TTL employs a large local staff, providing much-needed jobs for women in Mokhotlong)
- \$35k** The purchase of a new truck to provide critical, life-saving outreach visits and health programs in rural villages – places that would otherwise get no services at all

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## A note from our new Executive Director

Greetings! My name is Ellen Block, TTLF's new Executive Director.

I first got involved with Touching Tiny Lives in 2007, when I set out to do my PhD research on orphan care during the worst of the global AIDS pandemic. Sadly, TTL's hometown of Mokhotlong is a perfect place to conduct such work, with many families caring for orphaned, sick, and malnourished children. I've since been to Lesotho many times, and lived at TTL for more than two years with my husband, and sometimes my children in tow. In every village and town I visit, I meet families who are receiving life-saving support from TTL, the only organization of its kind in this region.



I am excited and humbled to take on my new role with TTLF because I feel passionately about the foundation's work and the great organization we support. TTL's work is about enhancing the lives of local community members in Mokhotlong -- from the vulnerable children and families TTL serves, to the thirty-plus local staff members it employs.

My fellow TTLF board members and I are committed to ensuring that TTL can continue its lifesaving work so that children in Mokhotlong and beyond not only survive, but thrive. Thank you for your support.

## What did our donors help us do in 2018?

**657** outreach visits made to children's homes to provide nutritional and medical support and training to caregivers

**279** clinic and hospital visits made by TTL-supported children

**119** children supported in our Early Childhood Education program

**107** new children identified and served by TTL

**64** children who reached health and stability and successfully graduated from the Outreach Program

**25** children rehabilitated and returned to their families

**961** children attended Nutrition Corners, our village-based health and wellness program

**159** children supported in 2018

**2,278** children served since TTL's founding in 2004

