

2017 Year End Report



PATCH *our* PLANET

LONG-TERM ORPHAN CARE STRATEGIES FOR THE SAKE OF CHURCH AND CHILD

The mission of Patch Our Planet is to equip, inspire and unite churches to best care for children in foster care and orphans globally by providing clear direction, long-term vision, and valuable resources through a custom orphan care strategy.



What a year it has been! As you will see in the upcoming pages of this year end report, we continue to expand our reach thanks to our faithful supporters. When we began seven years ago, we could have never imagined the many doors the Lord would so graciously open for us. This exciting journey has led us to the White House, the run down orphanage, the mega-church, the little local church in a small town and everywhere in between. We hope to give you a better understanding of our ministry and share the impact that is being felt in communities around the US and abroad. Ultimately, if we are going to really make a dent in the orphan crisis, we have to equip, inspire and unite churches in every community. That is our mission. Thank you for sharing that burden with us.

Grateful!

-Patch Our Planet



The vision of Patch Our Planet is to see every church in every community caring for every orphan.

Why Patch Our Planet?

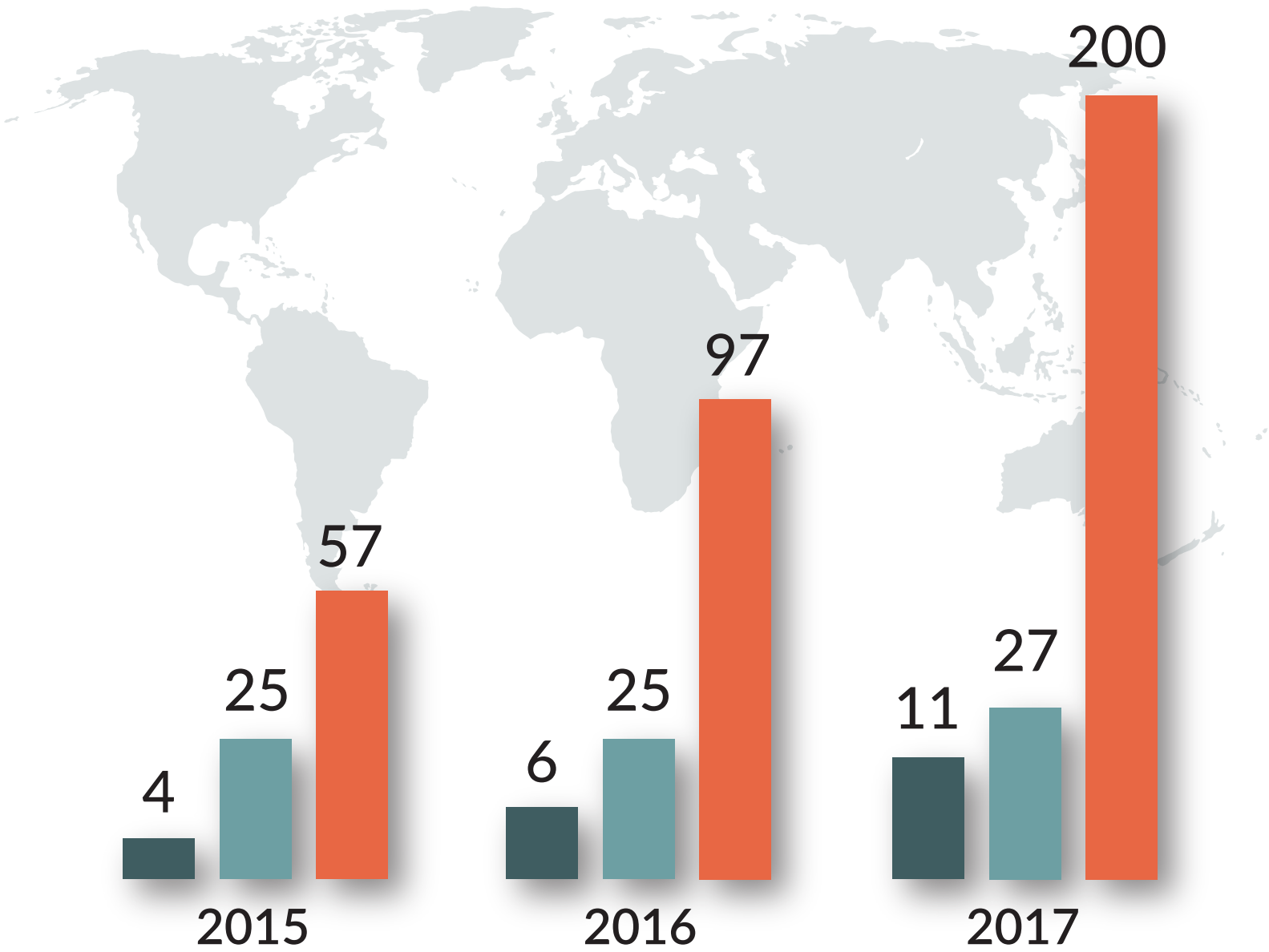
We believe the local church is the permanent patch to the orphan crisis. Unfortunately, it is also usually the least equipped.

We intend to change that.



Our process brings passionate advocates and church leaders together under one unified, clear and compelling vision.

Patch Impact



- Countries
- States
- Communities



No Barriers!

When a church reaches out to us, one of the questions they usually ask is, "How much does it cost to get Patch Our Planet to come to our church for training?" Our answer has always been, "Whatever you decide." This position of trust with churches allows our ministry to serve regardless of their size or budget. We believe the Church is the answer to the orphan crisis. Therefore, it is our highest priority to equip, inspire and unite churches in an effort to change the story for every orphan. We love watching the hand of God creatively fund this ministry each year. As the Lord provides, we will continue to operate by faith for the good of every church, community and orphan.



Whole Care Approach

Targeting the Root of the Problem

At Patch Our Planet, we equip, unite and inspire church leaders and advocates with a clear and compelling strategy for both local and global orphan care. This is a custom strategy that fits the strengths of each church and works within the church's overall vision. Our approach is a whole-care approach. We plan with clarity and purpose by teaching a church how to wrap around its foster and adoptive families and how to engage the 80-90% of the church who may not have fostered or adopted. By taking this kind of approach, a church is released into their community and wherever they are connected in the world, ready to make a lasting difference in the life of an orphan. By equipping a church, we intentionally get to the root of the orphan care problem by:

- Caring for those in our churches who are fostering or adopting
- Encouraging greater participation in foster care, Safe Families and adoption
- Providing critical resources for parents of children from "hard places"
- Connecting churches with foster/group homes in their region
- Encouraging addiction recovery ministries to serve broken families (closing the front door of foster care)
- Creating effective overseas strategies

EXPLORE

Explore and define your church's vision for orphan care.



IDENTIFY

Identify the needs locally and globally.



OWN

Own a custom-fitted roadmap that will play to your church's strengths.



Church Networks of Care

Targeting the Root of the Problem

When a church shines its light in the community, other churches in that community typically begin to take notice and ask questions. This is part of our philosophy of change. We train our church partners to lead the way in their community. We encourage them to mentor other churches in order to shoulder the great need of care in their community. As more churches get engaged in orphan care in a community, broken families find healing and restoration. This helps close the front door to foster care. In addition, more children are cared for by loving families and many will find their forever family.

And it all starts with getting a church pointed in the right direction with a clear plan. That's what we do. And it's working.

Examples of Partners Shining Their Light

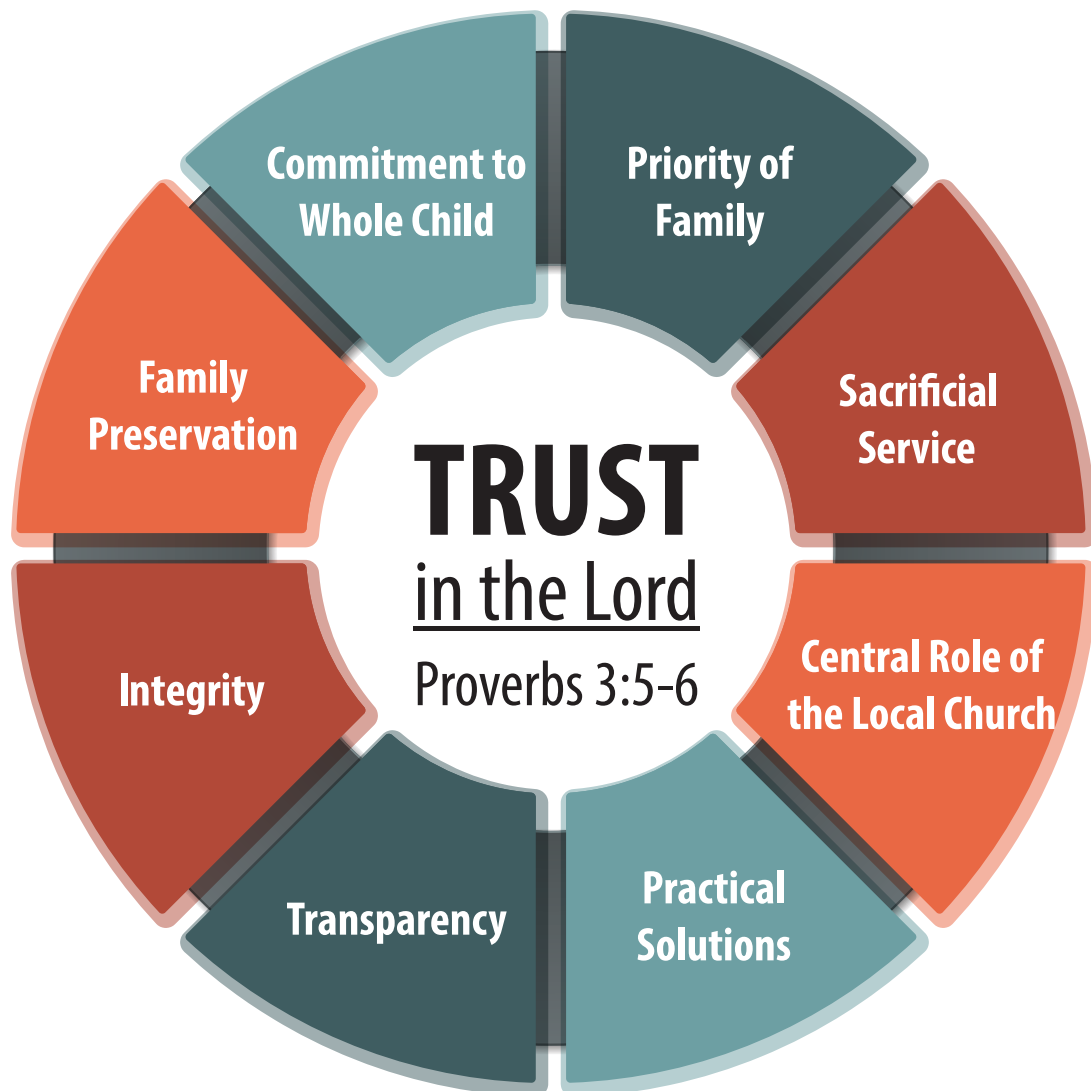


Every child has a dream to
Belong & Be Loved
Orphan, Adoption & Foster Care Ministry of The Bridge Church





Our Core Values





Benefits to Partnership

The Church

- Will have a comprehensive plan under the church's vision.
- Will have a clear avenue to live out James 1:27.
- Will have a sense of unity as the church intentionally serves local & global orphans.

The Community

- Will see the gospel on display by a church that cares.
- Will feel the impact of caring for vulnerable children and hurting families.
- Will likely rally around the efforts of the church to make a difference.

The Children

- Will have a better chance to hear the gospel when the faith community is involved.
- Will have the opportunity to be cared for by a loving family.
- Will have an improved opportunity for a restored or forever family because of the engagement of caring Christ followers.

Board of Directors



Mike Thomas

Mike is the Chairman of the Board at Patch Our Planet. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech. He has worked in the corporate world and in full time ministry. His wide array of experiences include construction management, youth ministry, stewardship pastor and full time Christian counselor. Mike is passionate about helping broken individuals and families find healing and restoration in Christ. He has been involved in ministry for over 25 years.



Steve Gillis

Steve is the Founder/Executive Director at Patch Our Planet. He graduated from Georgia Southern University. He was the road pastor and World Vision representative for the Christian band Newsong. He has served as College/Singles Pastor at two churches over the course of eleven years. He lived in Argentina with his wife for a brief time before returning to serve on a church staff in the US. God called him to start Patch Our Planet in 2010. Since that time, he has spoken at the White House, served overseas on short term mission projects, developed orphan care curriculum for churches, and led training at churches and conferences in the US and abroad.



Timothy Mark

Tim is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University. He is an author and conference speaker who has ministered across the United States and Canada since 1988. He's had the privilege of being involved in ministry on five continents. Tim's passion is to see the Church in North America become the church God intended her to be through a return to loving God with abandon and selflessly loving others. He believes everything will change when we return to these two simple truths.



Wes Cantrell

Wes is a graduate of Georgia Tech. Wes has been involved in ministry for over 25 years. He has served as the Young Adult Pastor at FBC Woodstock for over 11 years. For the past 3 years, he has also served as a State Representative in Georgia. He is passionate about all pro-life issues, not the least of which is adoption. Wes believes we desperately need the Body of Christ to get actively involved in adopting children from all over the world. As he says, "if every church would minimally get involved, we could eliminate the worldwide orphan crisis."



Ryan Martin

Ryan is a graduate of Georgia Tech. He has been involved in ministry for over 25 years. He served on staff at Stonecreek Church in Milton, GA full time for eleven years. He is a certified CPA and is currently the CFO at Regal Nissan in Roswell, GA. He continues to serve Stonecreek Church part-time as director of finance. Ryan and his wife have been foster parents and have adopted two boys out of the foster care system.

Our Financials



- Guidestar Platinum Participant - Highest level of transparency
- ECFA - Yearly accreditation with high standards.
- Board of five independent individuals governs Patch Our Planet.
- An independent tax firm keeps monthly accounts updated and issues payroll.



Enhancing Trust

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	\$89,913	\$82,310	\$91,016
Total Expenses	\$80,144	\$66,619	\$63,574
Individual Contributions	\$89,931	\$82,310	\$91,016

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Program Expense	\$75,359	\$61,660	\$59,300
Administration	\$4,186	\$4,959	\$4,274
Fundraising Expense	\$599	\$0	\$0
Payments to Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	1.12	1.24	1.43
Program Expense/Total Expenses	94%	93%	93%
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	1%	0%	0%

990's Available to the public on our website under "Financials" for 2012-'16.



How Patch Our Planet Serves

On-Site Training

- Co-Crafted Roadmap
- Clear Philosophy | Action Plan
- One or two day options
- Experienced coaching
- Crafted under your church's vision

On-Line Curriculum

- Equip your team at your pace
- Local Foster Care strategy
- Global Orphan Care strategy
- Affordable for every church

SPARK! A Network

- Start an orphan care network
- Host a roundtable for church leaders
- Host church receives a custom orphan care strategy and unlimited coaching from Patch Our Planet



The Future - *The Drive to 500*

We believe the best is yet to come for Patch Our Planet! 2018 is going to be an exciting year with some new beginnings. For years, we have been praying about the potential of bringing Patch Our Planet to different states to accelerate the “every church in every community” concept and to pursue our goal of seeing 500 churches equipped by 2020. We are already at 200.

Lord willing, we will begin this “Drive to 500” in the coming year. Each year (or in different seasons), we will choose several states to concentrate our work in over the course of a month or two, rallying and equipping churches and communities to effectively care for children in foster care and orphans globally.

Since Patch Our Planet is a big part of the Christian Alliance for Orphans, we will use this yearly orphan care conference (the largest in the world) as a platform to schedule churches in a certain region. For instance, in 2018, CAFO will be meeting in Dallas, TX. This is a natural draw for churches in the West/Mid-West, so we will concentrate our efforts in that region first.

Please pray for all the logistics that will need to be in place as we move forward! We want to produce fruit that will remain by making a lasting difference on behalf of the most vulnerable in every community and abroad.

If you feel impressed to help support this vision of seeing every church in every community care for every orphan, you can share our ministry with churches in your community and/or make a gift of any size at www.patchourplanet.org to help support our efforts!

Or make a check payable to:

Patch Our Planet

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Placida, FL 33946

Know that we are grateful for every gift, no matter the amount.



A Heartfelt Thank You:

To our supporters,

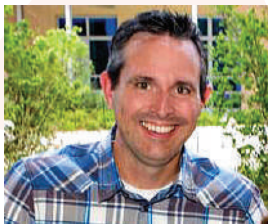
I am constantly amazed by the way that you give so selflessly to this ministry. As donations are given throughout the year, it serves as a constant reminder to me that this ministry is being held up by generous people who believe in the mission of Patch Our Planet. And I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

You don't give to have your name engraved on a plaque or to have your name listed in some magazine. You give out of the kindness of your heart. You give to a greater cause. And you give believing that you can make a difference.

Guess what? You are!

Giving is so much more than just writing a check to meet a need. It's a conscious act of courage. It's a selfless focus on others. And it is simply what makes this world a better place. I am humbled that you enable this ministry to make such a lasting impact for so many children and families.

On behalf of our board and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.



Steve Gillis

Founder | Executive Director
Patch Our Planet