



#### We are amazed at the dedication and passion of our volunteers and our students.

Whether in kindergarten or graduate school, our students continually impress us with their cheerful determination to succeed.



We have created a model with layers of support and assistance to meet our students needs and boost their confidence.

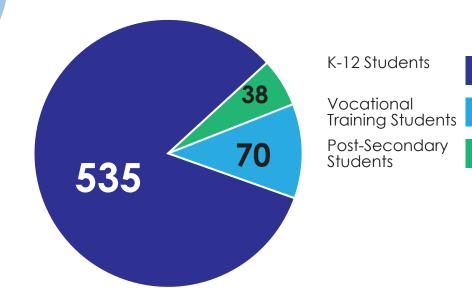
From improving life at home, to cleaning their teeth, from providing food, to providing student interest clubs - everything brings them closer to becoming the capable adults we know they will be.

Come see what our 654 students, 36 volunteer travelers, and a host of event planners have accomplished in 2017.

We are a non-religious, non-political registered charity in Canada and the United States. canadianhumanitarian.com kidshopeethiopia.com We began a more intensive tutoring program at key after-school centers. Students are flourishing with the extra academic help, and are more excited than ever about learning.

Our 83 graduates from post-secondary and vocational training programs this year brings our total alumni to over 850 students.

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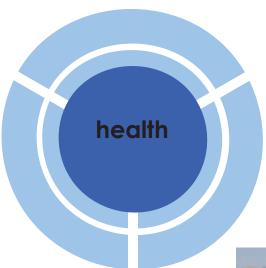




3000 volunteer hours
were donated by
three travel groups
who completed:
320 medicals
115 dental exams

Look at these bright faces - with newly cleaned teeth, smiling their appreciation!





Nutrition is essential to learn, work and thrive. A daily hot meal is prepared for each student after school.

This means that **90,181** meals were served to our students in 2017.

Food disbursements were made possible in areas of Ethiopia suffering the effects of severe drought and hunger by a partnership with a dedicated group of Canadians from Global Humanitarian Initiative Association







Community involvement helps improve the quality of services and standard of living for our students and their families.

Students enjoy giving back to the community through service projects, adding to community celebrations by performing music and traditional dancing.

"I also aspire to grow and support other vulnerable children. One day I saw street children searching food from a roadside garbage while coming back from school. I gave them my food from lunch . I requested my mother to give me food telling her what I saw. She accepted my idea, and went with me and shared what we had with them."

- 11 yr old student in Ethiopia

Travel group volunteers provide services in training sessions for local health clinic staff, such as the first responder and emergency training.









We have found it is important to take the time to visit students in their homes - honouring them and their families for their dedication and persistence in working to improve their lives and gain an education.

Volunteers visited and interviewed 90 families in their homes, providing assistance to Program Staff to assess immediate needs.

They made repairs to some of these homes - fixing roofs, improving floors, installing windows, adding locks and doors, and waterproofing walls.

Working with parents or guardians helps improve our students' home lives, and their ability to face challenges at school. Volunteer planning committees donated **4180 hours** of their time this year.

These amazing teams planned a host of fun, successful events.

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### Change a child's life. Become a Child Sponsor.

Students are matched to a sponsor who contributes every month, supporting the student throughout their education journey.

As students move onto post secondary education, younger students take their place. **60 new students** joined the program this year, and are in need of sponsors.

We invite you to become a sponsor. Permanently remove a child from poverty, in one generation.

Find out more:

Canada secure.canadianhumanitarian.com/sponsor/

USA **kidshopeethiopia.com/give-and-invest/#tab-child-sponsorship** 



I am grateful as you have provided me scholastic materials. I am able to attend some classes because of you. During this year, I was sick and admitted to hospital and missed classes during that time. While I got better, my mother got sick and passed away, My older sister is now caring for me though she is a teenager. Thank you very much, and be with me in the future as your support is paramount to me more than ever.

- Beruktayet, Grade 2

All I can say is thank you, but I am sure it is not enough. I have many memories in my heart that are special to me. I came into the program very young, and am so grateful. Everyone at the center is like a brothers and sisters to me and give me strength. I am really lucky to have been in this program and am grateful for everything you have done for me. - Fraol, Bachelor of Engineering 2017







Thank you for your warm welcome to our country representatives!

Bisrat Sime from Ethiopia, and Aaron Muluwa from Malawi visited Canada this summer.

They were able to meet familiar expedition friends, many of our donors and attend some of our fundraisers.

The success of our programs in Ethiopia and Malawi are a result of the tireless efforts of these two representatives. Their oversight, cultural perspective and leadership means our students have every opportunity to succeed.

### Thank you for your support:

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Thank you to all our Child Sponsors, and to all Volunteers who made our year possible.



We are dedicated to assisting disadvantaged children and their families break free from the cycle of poverty.

We are passionate about creating a better future. And we want you to join us.