

LOST SPARROWS NEWSLETTER

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Still don't know what to buy that relative who has everything this Christmas?

We have the answer!

With a minimus donation of \$50 to Lost Sparrows, we will send you a set of six 4x6 original hymnal bird prints donated by the talented artist Cady Driver. A beautiful collection of prints with all proceeds going to Lost Sparrows!

Email info@lostsparrows.org for more information.



PARTNER UPDATE - DAJTE NAM SANSU

WRITTEN BY BLYTHE ROYAARDS AND SARA NYCZ

We recently met with our partners in Bosnia, "Dajte nam Sansu", which means "Give Us a Chance" to talk about the upcoming new year and check in on how their organization and families were doing. Dajte nam Sansu gives families of children with disabilities a chance. The number of families and individuals that they serve has expanded and they have BIG plans for the upcoming year!

In Bosnia, when family has a child with disabilities, it can be difficult for the parents to work, for kids to attend school, or for them to get appropriate transportation. This is where Dajte nam Sansu steps in. They use the mobile van to transport individuals to doctor appointments, therapy visits, and planned excursions around the city. They also use the mobile van to deliver food and medical supplies and also do home-based services with therapists and other professionals.

They also provide regular support services and respite nights for the families that they serve. These services and the community they've created is so life-giving to the children and families they support.

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Lost Sparrows supports Dajte nam Sansu because their support of vulnerable families helps prevent children from becoming orphans. The families that Dajte nam Sansu cares for have no other options for receiving supports and services.

With Lost Sparrows support, Dajte nam Sansu is able to serve around 865 families. Lost Sparrows has been supporting their mobile van for the past few years and we want to increase the support that we offer these vulnerable families. In 2023, we want to provide their staff and families with trauma-informed trainings and want to visit them in April.

You can help us fund this partnership for the next year to reach our goal of \$7,000. Will you consider helping us? You can mail in a donation or visit our website, lostsparrows.org/donate for more information. Thank you for your generous support.

"We're standing on the shore of an ocean-sized problem, unsure of what to do. But I know the answer, seeing 'the one'."
- Stacey Gagnon

We are so thankful for each and every one of you that supported Lost Sparrows in 2022. It's been beautiful and encouraging to reflect and see the thousands of lives that have been touched because of you. We do not know what all the Lord has in store for 2023 but we do know that everything Lost Sparrows does will be done with the purpose of ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a family. We ask that you could consider how you can support Lost Sparrows in 2023.



Lost Sparrows Board Members: Darren Gagnon, Stacey Gagnon, Brandon Schmitt, Bruce Barlow, Marla Schlatter, Mark Workman
Not pictured: Adam Lenon and Blythe Royards

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NIK'S HEART OF HOPE HERO AWARD

Helping Hands Healing Hearts Ministry was awarded a Nik's Heart of Hope grant!

Hear from Claire, their director, a little more about how Lost Sparrow's partnership with them has impacted their ministry.



"Our partnership has helped ensure that we can continue to provide quality care for our children. Meeting the minimum requirements isn't enough. **We have to live up to our motto that we aren't raising orphans, we're raising sons and daughters.** We can only do that with great partners helping make that happen. We have been able to reintegrate children with their families, treat very sick children, and provide a safe and loving space for those who needed residential care while they were apart from their families. We've also been able to place 8 kids last year into forever families both locally and in the US." Claire Henderson, Founder of HHM

When you give to Lost Sparrows through Nik's Heart of Hope, your money goes directly to our partners abroad.
www.lostsparrows.org/donate

Want to learn more about Helping Hands Healing Hearts?
<https://www.helpinghandsministries.com/whoarewe>