

# 2023 Annual Report

## A Success Story

SCHOOL MEALS • CHANGE LIVES



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## A Note From Our Co-Founders, Board President & Executive Director

Dear Thrive Community,

Thrive matters. We know it in our hearts, and we see it in the children.

We see it when we are greeted at daily school deliveries by the students' beaming faces. We know it when we have a list of over 40 schools (and growing!) requesting our support.

When Thrive delivers, children show up for school. In the past year, we added a new school to our roster, and saw a 17% increase in attendance there. Across all eighteen schools we serve, there was an average daily attendance rate of 94%—23% higher than the national average.

Combining nutritious daily meals with school transforms lives.

We see it in Shumi, who is off to medical school.  
We see it in Louie Jay, who won gold at the regional swim meet.  
We see it in Tamanna, who secured a scholarship to UWC.  
These children are amazing, but they are not anomalies.

This is what it looks like when dreams are nourished.

With gratitude, Gina & Priscilla



**Priscilla Heffelfinger**  
Co-Founder, Executive Director



**Gina Gabel**  
Co-Founder, Co-President

# MISSION

Deliver Healthy Food to  
Hungry Schoolchildren.

# VISION

A World Where  
All Children Thrive.

## Community

People matter most.

AT THRIVE, WE  
*cultivate*

## Clarity

We are fully  
transparent.

## Care

Feeding children  
is at the heart of  
everything we do.

over  
**3.7**  
MILLION

**SCHOOL MEALS  
DELIVERED**

**BANGLADESH**



**PHILIPPINES**



**549,796**  
MILLION

**2,452**

**11,987**

children fed **daily**  
at **18** schools

school meals are  
provided **weekly**

school meals for  
**THE YEAR**

# 94%

ATTENDANCE RATE



GENDER BREAKDOWN

54%  
GIRLS

46%  
BOYS

UP TO

# 50%

OF DAILY NUTRITION



# Studying Medicine

Shumi is in college and hopes to become a doctor. She attended Jaago School (Korail slums) and received Thrive's daily meals -- never knowing a school day without nutrition.

She and her parents defied norms to get her the best education possible. Girls are often the first to stay home from school in food-insecure families.

Shumi and her parents were thankful for Thrive's family's monthly food packs during the pandemic, which sustained them when they were without work. It allowed them to keep Shumi in school and on track to meet her dreams.

[WATCH VIDEO](#) 



“

People in our community say that I should not study because I am a girl. I have to marry, give birth to a child, and do household work. Now I'm in my first year of college to be a doctor.

”

-Shumi

# Making a Splash

Meet Louie Jay, a Thrive student and gold medal swimmer.

Louie Jay lives on the remote Dawahon Island in the Philippines, where swimming is a daily pastime. He entered his first swim race this year with borrowed goggles and won!

He credits his success to Thrive's healthy school meals.

As a result of his win, Louie Jay received a scholarship to Leyte Training Academy on the mainland to continue his education and swimming.

The Mayor recognized him as their town's first regional swimming gold medalist and as an inspiration to others. Louie Jay is giving back by training girls who will compete in the district swim meet.

[WATCH VIDEO](#) 



“  
Eating right is the  
stroke to my success.  
”

- Louie Jay

# Learning at UWC

With a full-ride scholarship, Tamanna is off to Armenia to study at the United World College (UWC).

She grew up in the Korail slums of Dhaka, with her father working as a driver and her mother as an office assistant.

Tamanna was a top scholar at Jaago School (Korail), where she was greeted with Thrive's healthy meals each morning.

At 16, she and her team participated in a VEX robotics competition in the US. She also represented Bangladesh at Turkey's OIC High School Model Summit 2022.

She plans to use her good fortune to better the lives of girls and women in her community.

[WATCH VIDEO](#) 



“

I still cannot believe I am going to study abroad. Since childhood, I have dreamt of traveling the world, learning new things and working hard to achieve that dream. To watch it becoming a reality is truly a moment of joy and pride for me and my family.

”

- Tamanna

# 2023 FINANCIALS

## & FEEDING *more* IN 2024

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You and **359** came together to provide **2,452** schoolchildren with daily nutritious meals

**76**

monthly donors  
(theFEED)

**128**

first-time  
donors

**66**

given since  
2015

**62**

increased  
giving



[detailed finances](#)

**10**

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