

# love like Lija A Year in Review

2021  
Newsletter

*The Love Like Lija Foundation exists to fund projects demonstrating care, kindness, and compassion to others.*

Dear friend of LLL,

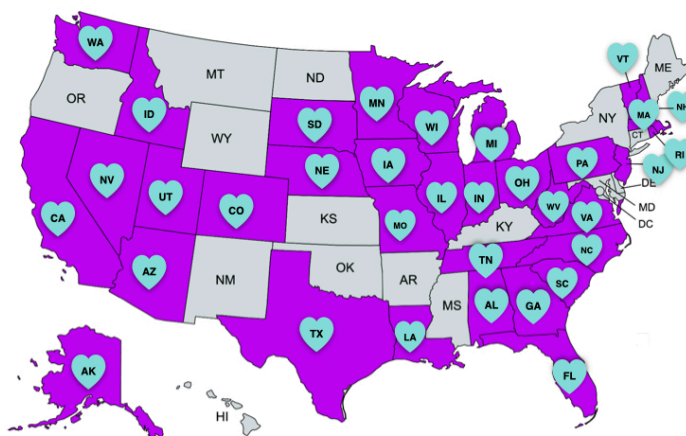
We wanted to share a glimpse of the compassionate projects we've been able to fund over the last year, and that we witnessed during our Care Week, as people across the country and around the world found opportunities to "love like Lija."

We hope this is an encouragement to you, as it has been to us. So please read on, and join with us in celebrating these acts of care and kindness.

Sincerely,

*Phil & Angie*

Phil & Angie Hyssong  
Founders  
Love Like Lija Foundation



## Our International Goal Was Met

For 2021 we set a goal to fund an international project. We are excited to let you know we've met and exceeded that goal! This year we will complete projects in Haiti, Pakistan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Kenya. We are thrilled that Lija's legacy of love is reaching past our borders and across the globe.

## An Amazing "Care Week"

This year's Care Week blew us away! Over 5 days (July 1-5) we had 34 states participate in over 60 acts of kindness. (See the map at the top of this page.) Whether it was paying for the next car in the drive-thru, donating toys to a children's hospital, or taking a meal to a friend, the stories poured in from across the country.

## Help us Meet our #GivingTuesday Goal

Giving Tuesday (Nov. 30) is a worldwide day that encourages generosity and giving. Our fund-raising goal for that day is \$5,000 and you can start giving today. Visit our website and click on Donate. 100% of your donations will go to funding projects.

## ONE PROJECT FUNDED EACH MONTH, COUNTLESS ACTS OF KINDNESS

- ★ **Jan. - Kids in the Kitchen** - funded grocery kits for children in Peoria, IL.
- ★ **Feb. - FOTCOH** - supported high school mentors and hygiene kits for children in Haiti.
- ★ **Mar. - Qara Tiz** - youth ministry provided care packages for kids and families in Kisii, Kenya.
- ★ **April - Grace Community Centre** - funded care kits for children in Kenya.
- ★ **May - Hygiene Kits for Evanston's Underserved** - sponsored high schooler, Olivia, in making hygiene kits for low income individuals.
- ★ **June - For the Love of Pete** - teen printed a book to give a voice and encouragement for disabled children in Pakistan.
- ★ **July - Dignity4Girls** - funded reusable feminine pads so Kenyan girls could continue to attend school.
- ★ **Aug. - Buddy Cards** - provided smiles through a greeting card program in Florida.

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- ★ **Sept. - Sierra Leone** - provided essential supplies and uniforms for 12 orphaned children to be able to attend school and heal from the loss of their parents.
- ★ **Oct. - Corbin's Veterans** - sponsored 8-year-old Corbin's mission to provide items for and meet the basic needs of veterans and their families.
- ★ **Nov. - Water Containers** - purchased water containers for three Liberian villages, so children can transport clean water from the well at school to their homes.
- ★ **Dec.** - What project will we fund next? Have an idea? Let us know - reach out to us at [lovelikelija.com](http://lovelikelija.com)!

### *A Note from One of Our Partners, Deb Bowen*

I work with teenage exchange students from developing countries and serve on a non-profit board with an educational program in Africa. There are needs in these places that can be hard for us Americans to imagine. Whether helping disabled children's lives become more fulfilled in Pakistan, or providing basic needs to students in Africa, it's been a joy to partner with youth and Love Like Lija on meaningful projects in 2021. Many of the African students I've worked with don't have the basic needs to thrive. Girls in villages cannot get feminine hygiene items which leaves them no choice but to stay home from school many days a month. Now thanks to LLL, these girls are being given kits and can go to school without shame. In Sierra Leone, twelve orphan children, many who've lost their parents to ebola, were provided access to school uniforms and supplies thanks to LLL. Now they are back in school and ready to learn and heal! Thank you, Love Like Lija!



### *Remembering Lija by Phil Hyssong*



As we enter into the cooler months of the year, we are reminded of Lija's love for coats and jackets. While some people love their jeans and others have their favorite tee shirts, Lija loved jackets and coats. As part of a network of family friends we would all donate things to one another. However, the coats never got passed along from our house. Lija wanted every one of them.

In fact, at one point, Lija did something that required discipline. In our parenting, we always tried to find the going "currency" with our girls so that the discipline was meaningful. So Lija's discipline was that she had to wear only one coat for the entire week. All the others would be put away. You would have thought that we grounded her for a year. She was very upset and felt that punishment was way over the top. I'm pleased to say she made it through, and in true Lija fashion, her behavior was modified.

It is interesting that many of our Love Like Lija projects center around basic human needs for people. We have funded many projects for people who are homeless. Lija would have wanted every one of them to have a warm coat. In fact, she'd probably wish that they had two!

#### GET INSPIRED

Visit [lovelikelija.com](http://lovelikelija.com) or our social media pages @lovelikelija and see what others are doing, or join in with projects near you.

#### SUBMIT A PROJECT

Have an idea for a project or know someone who does? Submit it on our website – we'd love to help make it happen.

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