



AFRICA NEW LIFE

NEW LIFE FAMILY CENTER

Class of 2018

In November 2018, **88** women graduated from the New Life Family Center with a certificate in an employable skill, and **29** of their children finished a year in the Dream Daycare! We are so proud to share in their excitement and accomplishments. Read about the highlights from the year below:

GRADUATION

74 women graduated with a certificate in sewing & tailoring and received a new sewing machine!

14 women graduated with a certificate in hairdressing & cosmetology and received new beauty tools!

6 Dream Beauty Academy graduates were selected to return from 2017 for six months of intensive training.



DREAM DAYCARE

The Dream Daycare served **9** infants, **10** toddlers, and **10** preschoolers this year, providing each with a daily vitamin and two daily meals.

22 Dream Daycare children are registered for regular sponsorship, soon to begin pre-school!

24 children learned numbers 1-10, and **15** can recite their ABCs.

The daycare received some incredible gifts this year! Special donors gifted **playground equipment**, a **fresh stock of quality toys**, and a **new kerosene stove**. Thank you!

GENEROUS ENGAGEMENT

Over **\$240,000** was raised to support women transforming their lives, **56%** through partial scholarships of less than \$1,800! The New Life Family Center is the story of everyday people partnering with everyday women.

178 relationships were formed between donors & trainees through scholarships, letter writing and home visits in Rwanda.

10 teams from America interacted with the women's programs, visiting and encouraging **20** women personally - 15 more than in 2017.

9 women were baptized after receiving Christ with a discipleship focused team from Boise, Idaho.

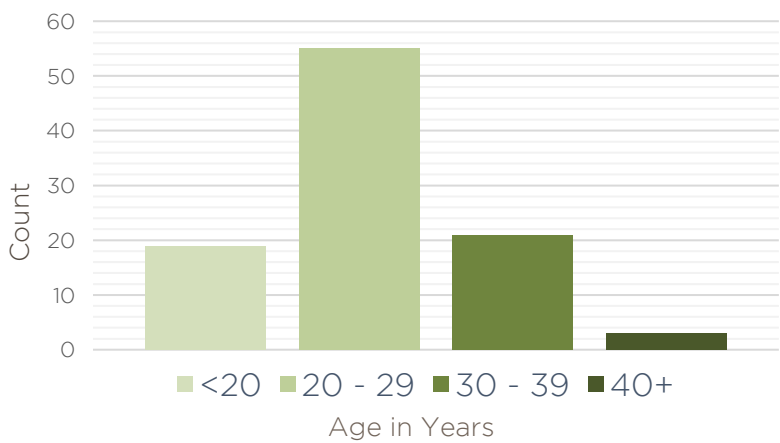
5 women's ministries in America came together to fully support **12** women through their training.



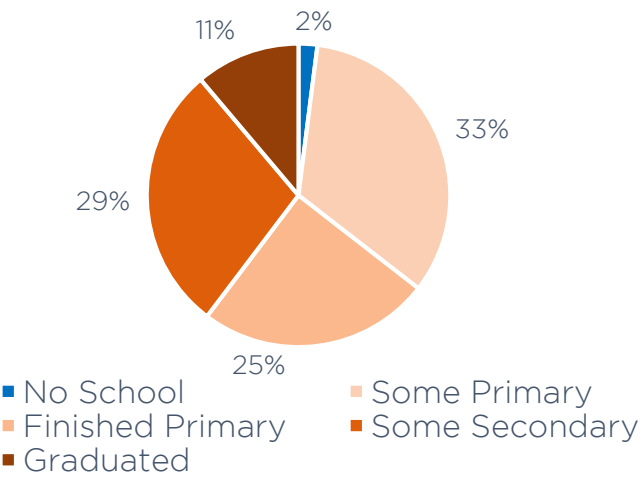
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The New Life Family Center is available to women in vulnerable situations without skills to be gainfully employed. This criterion can fit women across age, circumstance, and education. Here's who you helped in the Family Center this year:

Age of Participants

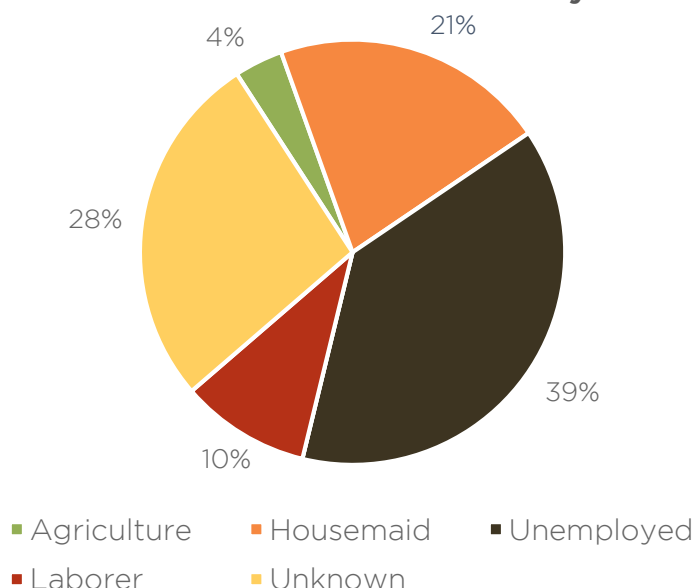


Education Level



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Source of Income at Entry



When women join the New Life Family Center, they report finding income through these sources. These jobs are known to be unreliable, unprofitable, and many times unsafe.

For example, the average housemaid makes the equivalent of \$180 a year, and their conditions are subject to the disposition of their employer. Their work is seen as just shy of indentured servitude.

The Dream Beauty Academy specifically outreaches to women who are forced into sex work. Women rarely self-report this work.

Comparatively, a woman operating her own business even outside the formal sector can expect to make at least \$420 annually.

A DIVINE VISIT

In June, Michelle from Texas made a last minute decision to visit Rwanda with the IF:Gathering. Shortly before she was set to leave, Michelle began providing a partial scholarship for Varantine, one of many women needing support. But the new partnership between these two women a world apart was nothing short of divine ordinance! Before Michelle's visit, Varantine had been forced to leave her young daughter in care of a friend who lived an hour away. Varantine loved her daughter and knew her friend would be able to provide her with food. But Michelle's visit to her home came with enough food to last Varantine and her daughter for a month – empowering Varantine to pick up her daughter and bring her home that very evening!



ONGOING IMPROVEMENT

In 2018, the Vocational Sewing Program and Dream Beauty Academy underwent accreditation from Rwanda's Workforce Development Association. The Dream Beauty Academy was accredited right away, and the Vocational Sewing Program will soon receive their award. This prestige will help our graduates become even more competitive in the job market after graduation!

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COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

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