



COAR PEACE MISSION

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COAR PEACE MISSION

 aka COAR Children's Village



 Wickliffe, OH



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MISSION

COAR Peace Mission strives to be the tangible and real expression of the Gospel to promote justice, community and peace in El Salvador through the support of effective programs in health, education and welfare which assist children and others, not only to develop their full human potential but also to contribute to the betterment of the world in which they live.

EIN

34-1462492

RULING YEAR

1946

IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

FOUNDING YEAR

1980

MAIN ADDRESS

28700 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe, OH
44092

AFFILIATION TYPE

Subordinate Organization

CONTACT

Ms. Mary Stevenson, Executive
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mary Stevenson

BOARD CHAIR

Melanie Reda

SUBJECT AREA

Basic and emergency aid

Foster care

International development

Catholicism

Youth organizing

NTEE Code

Foster Care (P32)

Youth Development Programs
(O50)

Roman Catholic (X22)

PROGRAMS

1. Sponsor a COAR Child

Population(s) served:Children and youth
2. Learn about COAR

Population(s) served:Adults, Children and youth
3. Mission Co-op Plan

Population(s) served:Adults

POPULATIONS SERVED

1. Children and youth
2. Orphans
3. Foster and adoptive children
4. Adults

COMPLIANCE

- ✓

IRS Pub 78 Verified as of November 2025
- ✓

IRS BMF 509(a) (1) as of November 14, 2025
- ✗

A-133 Audit Required/Performed?
- ✓

Conflict of Interest Policy
- ✓

Written whistleblower policy

Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- ✗

Board Practices Reported?
- ✗

Diversity Data Reported?
- 11

Number of Independent Board Members

Programs & Results

PROGRAMS

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, June 2024

Sponsor a COAR Child

Population(s) Served:

Children and youth (0-19 years)

We support the COAR Children's Village largely through sponsorship, so, SPONSOR A CHILD! We welcome your sponsorship of a COAR child. Sponsors receive a letter and picture twice a year (and are welcome to write more often, but it is not necessary.) We have two programs rates, \$15/month and \$25/month. It will change your heart and save their lives. Learn more at: www.coarpeacemission.org

Learn about COAR

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

We love to bring our pictures, props, and story to classrooms, church groups, Spanish clubs - wherever folks gather to learn about the world and help change it. Call our office or browse our website: www.coarpeacemission.org

Mission Co-op Plan

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

Through the Mission Cooperative Plan of the Catholic Church we present COAR's mission for the Archdiocese of San Salvador to churches throughout the US and Canada. We speak at masses and often stay to speak to the parish school, PSR, youth groups, social justice groups, or other parish ministry groups. Call our office or browse our website: www.coarpeacemission.org

CHARTING IMPACT

What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

COAR's goals are: to protect vulnerable children from the poverty and violence of current-day El Salvador and raise them to be healthy and productive adults, good parents and citizens; to support the crucial institutions of our local parish school and youth programs; to support the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Salvador in its mission to offer Gospel-based compassion and support for the poor and marginalized; to bring North American supporters into genuine solidarity with the COAR children, the families that they come from, and the Church in El Salvador.

What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

COAR's strategies to reach these goals are: to offer comprehensive foster-care for children ages 0 through high school graduation including education, health, psychological help, and family/parent training; support and pay fair wages to a strong professional staff of teachers and child-care personnel; to design, enforce, and audit child protection policies (considered a model within the region); to be in constant contact with the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church and program directors to ensure that COAR is working within their strategies to create a peaceful and productive society in El Salvador.

What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

COAR's capabilities to effect these strategies are: a strong team of Salvadoran child care professionals at the COAR Children's Village; a 40-year-long relationship with the Archdiocese of San Salvador's hierarchy and social program developers and directors; a strong donor base in North America that provides steady support to programs (so they don't have to drastically retrench with budget cuts every year); a 40-year commitment to solidarity and subsidiarity with the Church in El Salvador beginning with the murders (in 1980) of St. Romero and the Four North American Churchwomen, including our own Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, and Ms. Jean Donovan of the Cleveland [Diocese] Latin American Mission Team.

What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

COAR's accomplishments since 1980 are: thousands of children who were sheltered during the civil war (1980-1992), reunited with families after the war, or raised to independence in the post-war environment; from 1992-2002 children were raised to engage with the recovering economy after the war; since 2002 children and staff have been protected from gang violence by COAR's physical plant strength and reliability, identification with the Church's anti-gang stance and programs, and internal culture of peace and attention to economic self-sustainability.

Over the next few years, COAR hopes to improve the infrastructure on the campus in order to improve environmental sustainability by replacing old, damaged, and inefficient electrical and water systems.

Financials

FISCAL YEAR START: 01/01
FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31

FINANCIALS QUICK VIEW

Surpluses in last 5 years	4
Negative Net Assets in past 5 years	0

Financial Trends Analysis

Business Model Indicators

Created in Partnership with



Profitability	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) before depreciation	\$45,564	\$102,556	\$257,886	\$147,291	\$285,152
As a % of expenses	6.9%	17.0%	42.8%	22.0%	41.6%
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) after depreciation	\$45,309	\$102,556	\$257,886	\$147,291	\$285,152
As a % of expenses	6.9%	17.0%	42.8%	22.0%	41.6%
Revenue Composition					
Total revenue (unrestricted & restricted)	\$637,599	\$724,182	\$817,257	\$844,549	\$904,946
Total revenue, % change over prior year	-10.3%	13.6%	12.9%	3.3%	7.2%
Program services revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Membership dues	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	2.4%
Government grants	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%
All other grants and contributions	100.0%	96.5%	96.4%	99.1%	97.5%
Other revenue	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Expense Composition					
Total expenses before depreciation	\$660,179	\$603,097	\$602,371	\$668,002	\$685,056
Total expenses, % change over prior year	-8.5%	-8.6%	-0.1%	10.9%	2.6%
Personnel	19.4%	21.3%	21.3%	21.5%	20.4%
Professional Fees	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	1.6%
Occupancy	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%
Interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pass-Through	64.4%	65.0%	65.0%	62.1%	63.8%
All other expenses	13.1%	10.1%	10.0%	13.0%	12.5%

Financial Trends Analysis, continued

Moving Toward Full Cost Coverage

Full Cost Components (estimated)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Expenses (after depreciation)	\$660,434	\$603,097	\$602,371	\$668,002	\$685,056
One Month of Savings	\$55,015	\$50,258	\$50,198	\$55,667	\$57,088
Debt Principal Repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Asset Additions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Full Costs (estimated)	\$715,449	\$653,355	\$652,569	\$723,669	\$742,144

Capital Structure Indicators

Liquidity

Months of cash	3.1	8.7	8.3	9.5	12.7
Months of cash and investments	9.7	13.8	18.6	18.8	23.3
Months of estimated liquid unrestricted net assets	9.6	12.5	17.7	18.6	23.1

Balance Sheet Composition

Cash	\$169,139	\$439,405	\$416,611	\$530,976	\$723,743
Investments	\$366,426	\$256,591	\$516,407	\$516,078	\$603,683
Receivables	\$4,362	\$9,292	\$8,521	\$11,905	\$0
Gross land, buildings, and equipment (LBE)	\$4,579	\$4,579	\$4,579	\$4,579	\$4,579
Accumulated depreciation (% of LBE)	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Liabilities (as % of assets)	0.7%	4.5%	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Unrestricted net assets	\$528,041	\$630,597	\$888,483	\$1,035,774	\$1,320,926
Temporarily restricted net assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permanently restricted net assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total restricted net assets	\$20,489	\$54,129	\$45,742	\$17,729	\$14,012
Total net assets	\$548,530	\$684,726	\$934,225	\$1,053,503	\$1,334,938

Key Data Checks

Material Data Errors	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	No	No	No	No	No

Note: This issue is relevant to a small number of organizations: The nonprofit subject(s) of this report may have affiliates. The Form 990 data may not include information about any or all potential affiliates. If an organization does have affiliates and these affiliates have substantial financial activity, the financial data in this report may not present a comprehensive picture of the nonprofit's financial condition. Please consult the 990s of any potentially related affiliates for additional information.

[Formulas for key metrics](#)

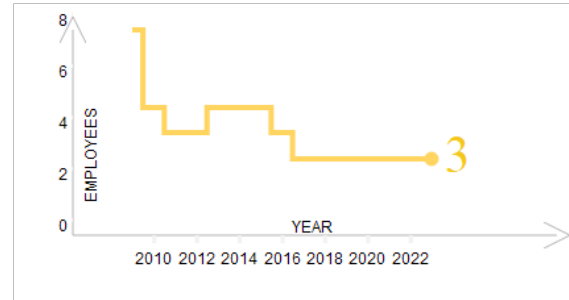
['Key Revenue & Expense Data from Form 990'](#)

['Key Balance Sheet Data from Form 990'](#)

Operations

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Source: IRS Form 990



Source: Self-Reported by Organization, June 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Mary Stevenson

Mary Stevenson is the Executive Director of the COAR Peace Mission – the U.S. fundraising and outreach arm of the COAR Children’s Village in Zaragoza, El Salvador. She was a student at Beaumont High School in Cleveland Heights when Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU, left to begin her five-year assignment on the Cleveland Diocese’s Latin American Mission Team. Prevented from visiting the mission in the 1980s because of the civil war, including the murder of Sr. Dorothy, Mary first visited COAR in 1990 and experienced the anguish of El Salvador’s civil war through the orphans at COAR. Repeated visits through the years revealed the deep, healing, vital nature of the care, education, and vocational training that COAR gives its children. Won over by COAR, Ms. Stevenson left a business career in chemistry and software project management to become Executive Director in 2004.

BOARD CHAIR

Melanie Reda

Entrepreneur

Term: 2019 -

BOARD MEMBERS

John Papadopoulos

Christopher Janezic
VASJ High School

Joseph Raguso

Sr. Sheila Marie Tobbe, OSU
Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland

Melanie Reda

Margarita Krncevic
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP

Joan Myers

Daphne Held

John Horner

Laura Griesmer

Nicolette Cregan
Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Stevenson	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	\$49,471	\$3,810	\$0
John P Papadopoulos	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christopher B Janezic ESQ	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
John A Horner III	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melanie Anne Reda	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Daphne Held	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sr Sheila Marie Tobbe Osu	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Laura Griesmer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Margarita S Krncevic	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joan Myers	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joseph C Raguso	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nicolette Cregan	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Stevenson	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	\$54,429	\$3,535	\$0
John P Papadopoulos	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christopher B Janezic ESQ	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joseph C Raguso	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melanie Anne Reda	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Daphne Held	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sr Sheila Marie Tobbe Osu	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Laura Griesmer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Margarita S Krncevic	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joan Myers	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
J Atlee Horner III	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Stevenson	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	\$49,424	\$3,682	\$0
John P Papadopoulos	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christopher B Janezic ESQ	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joseph C Raguso	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melanie Anne Reda	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Daphne Held	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sr Sheila Marie Tobbe Osu	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gary Sieftring	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Margarita S Krncevic	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joan Myers	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
J Atlee Horner III	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2020

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Stevenson	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	\$49,513	\$3,744	\$0
John P Papadopoulos	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christopher B Janezic ESQ	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joseph C Raguso	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melanie Anne Reda	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salvatore J Totino	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sr Sheila Marie Tobbe Osu	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gary Siefring	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Margarita S Krncevic	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2019

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Stevenson	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	\$49,268	\$3,732	\$0
John P Papadopoulos	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Christopher B Janezic ESQ	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joseph C Raguso	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melanie Anne Reda	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salvatore J Totino	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sr Sheila Marie Tobbe Osu	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gary Siefring	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV Michael Stalla	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

Paid Preparers

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
THE CIULLA GROUP LLC	54-2185906	6364 PEARL ROAD, CLEVELAND OH 441303052 USA	440-884-2036

Paid Preparers

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
THE CIULLA GROUP LLC	54-2185906	6364 PEARL ROAD, CLEVELAND OH 441303052 USA	440-884-2036

Paid Preparers

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
THE CIULLA GROUP LLC	54-2185906	6364 PEARL ROAD, CLEVELAND OH 441303052 USA	440-884-2036

Organizational Demographics

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy.

Leadership

The organization's leader identifies as:
No data

Race & Ethnicity

No data

Gender Identity

Transgender Identity

No data

Sexual Orientation

No data

Disability

No data.
We do not display staff or senior staff disability information for organizations with fewer than 15 staff.

Appendix

Key Documents

IRS Forms 990	2023 990
	2022 990
	2021 990
	2020 990
	2019 990
IRS Forms 990T	Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	Not Available
Key Organization Documents	Letter of Determination
	'Key Revenue & Expense Data from Form 990'
	'Key Balance Sheet Data from Form 990'

GuideStar Charity Check

COAR PEACE MISSION

Aka COAR Children's Village

- 28700 Euclid Ave.
Wickliffe, OH 44092
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 Foundation Status Code: PC*
- ✓

 Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

NOTE: This is a subordinate organization covered under group exemption number 0928. IRS regulations specify that subordinate organizations within Group Exemptions inherit the tax deductibility (i.e., Pub 78) status of the parent organization. For reference, the parent organization is [UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE \(53-0196617\)](#)

IRS Publication 78 Details



Organization name	Location	Most recent IRS Publication 78
COAR PEACE MISSION	WICKLIFFE, OH	September 2025
EIN	<u>Deductibility status description</u>	Verified with most recent Internal Revenue Bulletin
34-1462492	Generally, a central organization holding a group exemption letter, whose subordinate units covered by the group exemption are also eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, even though they are not separately listed (deductibility limitation dependent on various factors).	November 17, 2025

IRS Business Master File Details



Organization name	Most recent IRS BMF	Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status
COAR PEACE MISSION	September 09 2025	Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
EIN	IRS subsection	Ruling date
34-1462492	This organization is a <u>501(c)(3) Public Charity</u>	03/1946
Foundation Code	Foundation Code Description	
15	Organization which receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or the general public	
This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.		

On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued [regulations](#) which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. [Learn more](#)

* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

[IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33](#) allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources

- GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service.
- The [IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List](#) contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years.
- The [IRS Publication 78 \(Cumulative List of Organizations\)](#) lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the [990PF filing instructions](#) to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.
- The [IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin](#) (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.
- The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [Specially Designated Nationals \(SDN\) list](#) organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.

-The [IRS Business Master File](#) lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.