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# BUILDING BRIDGES

## THE GLOBAL GOALS

FOR A MORE PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL, EQUITABLE PLANET

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## IN PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS

End hunger. Achieve gender equality. Combat climate change. Foster innovation. End poverty. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are straightforward, world-changing, and undeniably not simple. But the world is complicated. And the 17 SDGs, a result of intensive public consultation by the United Nations and adopted by 193 countries in 2015, are a reflection of what the world's people — 7.3 billion of us — care about.

We recently sponsored and attended *Together 2017*, the first Canadian multi-stakeholder symposium on the Sustainable Development Goals. Members of the private sector, civil society, and all levels of government came together to explore many perspectives and strategies to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Together. The goals are not simple and strategies to reach them will be complex, but there is one simple truth: We are all in this Together. We have to be.

The central promise of the Global Goals is ensuring that no one is left behind. We are each called upon to do better to improve the sustainability of our individual daily routines, to set targets in our own communities, families, and workplaces – to decide what's most important and to begin doing better, today.

With your support, Change for Children is also doing better development. The SDGs are the 'why' behind each and every

## 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



one of our projects. And you are part of the 'how'. You are among the supporters thinking beyond your own communities, families, and workplaces, to assist other countries in realizing their sustainable development ambitions – ensuring that no one is left behind. Thank you for your commitment to people, to the planet, and to partnership. Together, we make meaningful change.

In partnership for the Global Goals,

Lorraine Swift  
Executive Director, Change for Children.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS







## THREE DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMIC GROWTH, SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

The world's poorest populations, with the greatest dependence on natural resources, are the first to suffer from climate change and unpredictable food and water supplies.

Ending hunger is no small goal. In Comitancillo, Guatemala, our role is that of capacity-builder, ensuring rural women's access to productive agricultural resources.

From animal husbandry to medicinal planting to tending family gardens and applying climate-change-resistant practices and inputs, empowered women like Martine play a key role in nurturing healthy families.

As a promoter, she shares her learned skills with an expanded network to improve nutrition and food security at her community level.



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT...**





This year, a delegation of five teachers participated in an ambitious pilot project in a partnership between Change for Children and the Alberta Teachers' Association to support the work of local teachers in remote communities along the Coco River in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve in northwest Nicaragua.



The pilot project tested an innovative technology unit known as the Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning (RACHEL). Operated on a small

single-board computer that can fit in the palm of your hand, RACHEL provides users with extensive educational content from across the web without requiring an internet connection.



**NO ONE  
LEFT BEHIND.**

**ACHIEVING THE GLOBAL GOALS WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION.  
WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN A MORE PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL, EQUITABLE  
PLANET. WE ARE ALL PART OF THE SOLUTION.**

**TRANSFORMATIVE STEPS  
ARE NEEDED TO FOLLOW  
A SUSTAINABLE AND  
RESILIENT PATH.**



The community of El Pilchi is located on the banks of the Napo River in the remote Ecuadorian East. Change for Children's eco-tourism initiative – a locally-operated Volunteer Hostel, Community Garden, and Medicinal Plant Nursery – is nearing completion. It is a sustainable venture aimed at increasing economic opportunities in El Pilchi.

Income generated by the initiative will stimulate the economy in this remote area, allowing pregnant women to access healthcare outside the community, enabling a paid teacher position in the school, and improving quality of life for the Kichwa people who are stewards of the 9,200 hectares of virgin primary forest in which they live.

**...WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS...**





THE GLOBAL GOALS CALL FOR ACTION BY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALIKE TO PROMOTE PROSPERITY WHILE PROTECTING THE PLANET.

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CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



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PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



In the community of Disparata, Nicaragua, we gather around a well shaft. It is dry and partially collapsed due to earthquake. The man who used his horse, a sturdy saddle horn, and a rope to pull out the wreckage is here to tell his story, along with the families and children who now rely on a water truck – expensive and infrequent – to come and fill buckets.

But it is not reliable, and it is simply not enough. When water well drilling season begins in the new year, Disparata is at the top of our list.

Since 2004, the Nicaragua Water Project has made water accessible to more than 130 communities. The next phase of the project will build on this success, responding to even more communities suffering similar hardships. It will also leverage technology to make mobile devices and applications available for citizens to engage in water management, allowing citizens to monitor, report, and advocate for their right to water.

**...TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.**





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## A GOAL WITHOUT A PLAN IS JUST A WISH. BE PART OF THE PLAN.

The Sustainable Development Goals are shared development goals. As Canadians, we are united by Canada's expressed commitment to implementing the Goals at home as well as to working with international partners to achieve them around the world. It will take all of us working together to make meaningful change.

### 17 GOALS. 169 TARGETS. 193 COUNTRIES. WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CHANGE.

Canada is ahead of many countries with respect to many of the goals including quality education and clean water and sanitation. However, based on the current trend in our country, just 97% of Canadians are anticipated to have access to clean water in 2030. And while this could seem like success, falling even 3% short of the goal will mean that a million people in Canada will remain without clean water and adequate sanitation - a far cry from the goal of **no one left behind**.

The goal is a more prosperous, peaceful, equitable planet by 2030. And coming close will just not cut it.

**Thank you volunteers, donors, partners, fundraisers, advocates, friends and tireless supporters. Your local support means global change. You are the spirit of Change for Children.**

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Give the gift of not giving a **thing**.   
Change the Present.

Contributing to Change for Children projects opens doors. It empowers women. It educates students. It quenches thirsts. It improves food security. It reduces malnutrition. It advocates for rights. It stimulates economies. And it feels good!

These are all pretty big things. Without giving a **thing**.  
We invite you to Change the Present this year!

## PLEASE JOIN US!

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 8, 2017  
5pm - 10pm

2nd Floor, 10808 - 124 St  
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Live music 7pm - 9pm.  
Refreshments provided.

Everyone Welcome.

