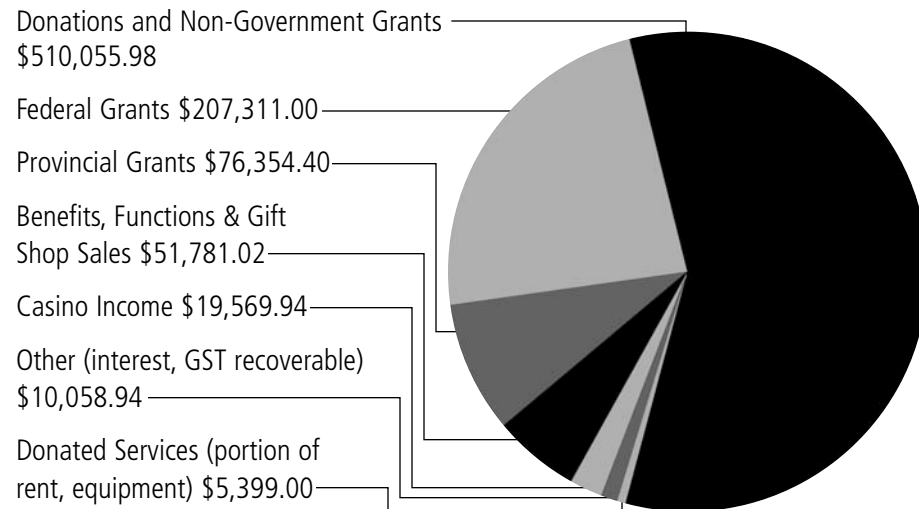


FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. The information on this page was taken from unaudited financial statements. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Change for Children office.

REVENUE

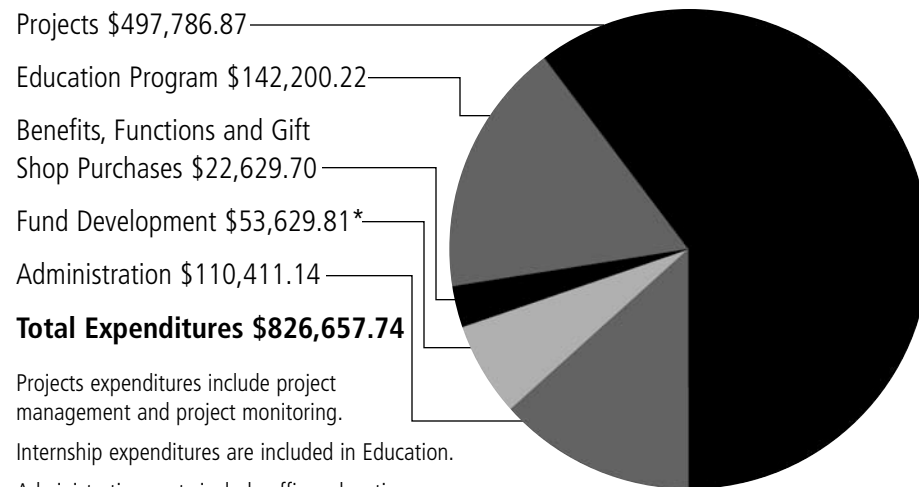


Total Revenue \$880,470.28

CFCA opened the year with \$144,536 in Projects Funds and \$40,810 in the General Fund.

It is the policy of Change for Children to begin each year with sufficient funds to ensure continuation of multi-year projects with our partners.

EXPENDITURES



Total Expenditures \$826,657.74

Projects expenditures include project management and project monitoring.

Internship expenditures are included in Education.

Administration costs include office relocation expenses and equipment/software investments.

*Thank you to the Wild Rose Foundation for contributing a portion of our Fund Development program.

Additional Budget Note: Volunteer contributions for 2006/07 valued at \$31,215.00

CFCA CONTRIBUTORS

In addition to the generous support of hundreds of individuals, families, schools, congregations and small businesses the work of Change for Children was assisted by contributions from:

Federal Government

Canadian International Development Agency Partnership Branch:

- NGO Project Facility
- Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund
- CIDA Youth Action Program

Alberta Government

Employment, Immigration and Industry – S.T.E.P Program

Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta:

- International Development Program
- Quarterly Grants Program

Non Government

Alberta Council for Global Cooperation

Bishop Croteau Charitable Foundation

Congregation of Notre Dame

Flaman Foundation

Sisters of Charity of St.Louis

University of Alberta Lee Global Education Fund

United Farmers of Alberta

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Westwood Unitarian Church of Edmonton

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Third-Party Partner Organizations

Ainembabazi

CEBES-El Salvadoran Society of Edmonton

Chilean Canadian Community

Grant MacEwan's Project Hope

Guatemala Solidarity Committee

Hands Across Africa

Kindness in Action

Tamarineh Society

VOLUNTEERS

Change for Children could not exist without volunteer support. Thank you for your commitment, time and knowledge that you have generously given to our organization both in Canada and Internationally.

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Letter from the Executive

“ We plant the seeds
that one day will grow.
We water seeds already
planted, knowing that
they hold future promise.

This past year has been one of stable growth for Change for Children. Our capacity to impact the root causes of poverty has grown as we have developed relationships with new communities, new agencies, and businesses. We are encouraged by our growing membership that continues to be diverse in age, background, and experience but continues to share a common commitment to social justice.

“ We lay foundations that will need further development.



Your support has allowed us to carry out projects which are founded in basic human needs of providing adequate potable water, housing, and sustainable nutritional solutions with partners in Nicaragua, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil. As well, our partners in community health and HIV/AIDS prevention in Nicaragua, Honduras, and South Africa have been receiving our support. Children's Rights and Education remain our focus with partner communities in Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Tanzania, El Salvador, Bolivia, Brazil and Chile. As well we have placed special focus on a water project in Nicaragua, a health project with indigenous people from the Misquito and Mayagana people Nicaragua and a project related to natural health and human rights in the coastal zone of Usulután, El Salvador.

At the same time, programming in Canada has continued to thrive. Change for Children completed three years of innovative global education for youth through the Rural Roots Youth Action project. We have also

focused on collaboration with other Alberta NGOs in our diverse public engagement activities throughout the year such as World AIDS Day and International Development Week. As we learned from our international counterparts, our work is more effective when we create a strong network of local organizations.

Change for Children continues to make positive, long-term social changes to better the world for future generations and we thank you for your continued support and solidarity. It is through your support that we are able to maintain necessary and life-enriching community projects and we thank you for that. In this report, you will see exactly how your generous contributions are used. We maximize every dollar with sustainable administrative costs to direct your money towards building strong and sustainable communities with our partners.

We stand with communities that are working to find innovative solutions to the challenges that they face, drawing on the strengths that they hold. With your support, our partners are challenging the systems that cause oppression and poverty. Thank you to all of our partners, donors and supporters who sustain our organization.

*Sharon Strong and Delmy Garcia-Hoyt,
President and Vice President of the CFCA Board of Directors*

Change for Children is an Edmonton based Non-Governmental organization with a 31 year history of working for sustainable grassroots community development in Latin America and Africa. In Canada our Global Education program challenges Canadians in a process of awareness raising, analysis and action on issues of global justice.



“ When we build, let us think
that we build forever ”

– JOHN RUSKIN

MOBILIZING RESOURCES

Generating resources for social justice is an integral part of Change for Children's work. CFCA's international projects and education program are supported by direct donations from committed individuals, fundraising by third-party partners, annual fundraising events, and campaigns like the 'Gift of Solidarity'. The consistent support demonstrated through these activities enables CFCA to leverage further funds from private foundations and government sources thus maximizing the impact of each donated dollar.

As many CFCA supporters remember, in 2005 the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) suspended the NGO Project Facility fund to conduct an evaluation. CFCA joined voices across the country in stressing to CIDA the importance of Canadian NGOs work both in Canada and internationally. In 2006, CIDA launched the Voluntary Sector Fund (VSF), which now matches donor dollars towards CIDA-funded projects 3 to 1. The overwhelming support for NGOs voiced to CIDA and the resulting VSF demonstrates the power that Canadians have to influence policy and increase resources in favor of social justice.

Sustained commitment from our supporters has also enabled CFCA's goals of engaging youth in global education. This dedication has allowed for new partnerships with organizations like the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation to develop. Such partnerships have enabled three consecutive years of innovative activities through the Rural Roots program and engagement activities for Canadians overall. Receiving multi-year funds allows programs to mature, partnerships to grow, and tangible results to be realized such as a cultivated network of youth leaders that will continue to advocate for social justice.

In 2005/06, the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta continued to support international projects. Through their Quarterly Grants Program, invested in our organizational capacity with a grant for a Funds Development Coordinator - an acknowledgment by the Foundation that our capacity to build relationships at home is critical to our ability to support projects internationally.

Change for Children's effectiveness is rooted in the commitment and innovation of a network of individuals and organizations North and South, who mobilize resources and share knowledge, which increases capacity and triggers new opportunities. This network creates the flow of resources necessary to do the work that has significant and lasting impact.

IMPACTING TOMORROW TODAY

Change for Children has promoted sustainable development for the last 30 years. Today, our hope is to build an endowment fund to ensure we maintain a vital and stable organization well into the future.

Many supporters have endorsed the importance of long-term gifts with contributions towards the Change for Children Endowment Fund and, thanks to them, we are close to the \$10,000 investment needed to officiate the fund with the Edmonton Community Foundation. ECF manages the investment of endowments and releases the interest earned to the named organization annually thus providing a stable source of income in perpetuity.

We thank all of our supporters who have included the Change for Children Endowment Fund as part of their legacy in their wills. By naming the Change for Children Endowment Fund as a gift recipient in your will you ensure that your commitment to social justice will continue beyond your lifetime.

Partner Profile: Centro Humboldt

Promoting territorial development and environmental management

Nicaraguan NGO, Centro Humboldt and Change for Children, have been building a partnership of mutual learning and commitment since the year 2000 when Project Coordinator, Lorraine Swift, was in Nicaragua on a CUSO placement with the organization. Swift was inspired by the ways that Centro Humboldt was able to understand and address Nicaragua's development challenges through a lens of environmental sustainability. “In Nicaragua,” she says “climate change is already visible and is already posing serious threats to communities. **Centro Humboldt understands that, for Nicaragua, community development must be approached from the perspective of environmental preservation and sustainable, locally-directed growth.**”

Centro Humboldt, a leading organization in Nicaraguan civil society since 1990, is CFCA's partner for our Rural Community Water Project, which in 2007 received continued CIDA funding and will now reach 70 communities in the driest areas of Nicaragua. Centro Humboldt is also strongly committed to developing innovative solutions for the indigenous communities living in the rainforest areas that make up the 'lungs of Central America', the tropical forest that stretches the border of Nicaragua and Honduras.

Centro Humboldt has been working with the more than 30 indigenous communities who live in the BOSAWAS biosphere - a 730,000 hectare UN-recognized protected reserve in this forest - since the early 1990s. While the Mayangna and Miskito indigenous peoples, who have lived in this rainforest area for centuries, face challenges of



extreme poverty, very limited access to services, and health and nutritional problems, they also possess immense and valuable traditional knowledge and hold creative strategies for the sustainable development.

Centro Humboldt and the communities of the BOSAWAS biosphere have begun to address their specific health needs through the use of traditional remedies, the training of community health promoters and the promotion of nutritional education. This project has been enriched by visits from CFCA's Canadian partner, Kindness in Action, who have sent dental delegations to these remote communities. This past year CFCA also completed construction of a primary school in the BOSAWAS community of Pamkawas, at which 300 students will attend classes.

Change for Children’s partnership with Centro Humboldt enables Canadians to contribute to the preservation of the precious Central American rainforest and support the indigenous peoples who call it home.

Deepening commitment to the 'Lungs of Central America'

In 2007 Centro Humboldt and CFCA will begin a new health project in BOSAWAS

Through its sustained relationship with Centro Humboldt, CFCA will commence a tri-lateral partnership with Honduran NGO, Alianza Verde in 2007. This new partnership with Alianza Verde is a result of Centro Humboldts' strong networks with indigenous communities that it has established over more than a decade. The new project will result in development of local strategies for resource management and sustainable development for indigenous communities across Honduras and Nicaragua.

Learn more about Centro Humboldt at: www.humboldt.org.ni

Our Approach

Change for Children is not about charity, it is about building capacity. Our organization is based on partnerships in the truest sense of the word. Nurtured through trust, mutual respect and close, evolving relationships, many of CFCA's partnerships are deepened by Change for Children's connections with diaspora, immigrant and refugee communities in Canada and Alberta. For instance, relationships with Guatemalan, Chilean, Sierra Leonean and El Salvadoran communities in Edmonton allow us to develop projects that reach communities in need. These projects develop sustainable solutions while resonating with Canadians' visions of cooperation. Our relationships and partnerships inform CFCA's approach to community development, which is based upon supporting creative and transformative projects in key programming areas.

Our programming both in Canada and internationally is rooted in a commitment to fostering partnership, in promoting gender equality, in principles of environmental sustainability and in commitment to valuing and supporting indigenous perspectives and development. These commitments enable Change for Children to grow and innovate along with our partners in ways that are responsible, creative and grounded in solidarity.

We challenge Canadians to play an active role in working for peace, democracy, human rights and a more equitable world. We also provide opportunities for Canadians to develop relationships with communities globally.



Photo: Mark Kelly, Flaman Operations Manager meets the Mayor of Paso Hondo, Nicaragua

Impacts 2006–2007

HUMAN RIGHTS

200,000 Nicaraguans are reached by a Children's Human Rights Campaign designed and promoted by the 5,700 children and youth who participated in CFCA's project with long-term partners INPHRU and FUNARTE.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Hurricane STAN relief projects in El Salvador and Guatemala not only meet communities immediate basic human needs but develop strategies to stimulate social and economic growth and reconstruction in indigenous communities worst hit by the 2005 natural disaster.

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

300 students begin classes in the remote community of Pamkawas in Nicaragua's BOSAWAS biosphere in their new school, the 'nicest building in the region.' In Sierra Leone, the students of the Alberta Primary School, supported by CFCA's Edmonton partner Tamarineh Society, receive the country's top scores in their primary school examination.

WELLNESS

8 HIV positive community health promoters are reducing stigma and encouraging safe sexual practices in Roatan, Honduras. CFCA partner, Familias Saludables says “they have gone from being women barely able to say, “I have HIV” to women who are strong, proud and loud”.

PARTNERSHIP

University of Alberta students worked on a semester-long project that culminated in a beautiful video production highlighting the long-term partnership between Change for Children, the Salvadoran community of Edmonton and the Christian Base Communities of El Salvador (CEBES).

INNOVATION

Officials from the Nicaraguan government visit CFCA's wells project in rural Nicaragua and comment that the project, which will reach 70 communities in dry areas of Nicaragua, not only provides safe drinking water but engages communities in sustainable water management.

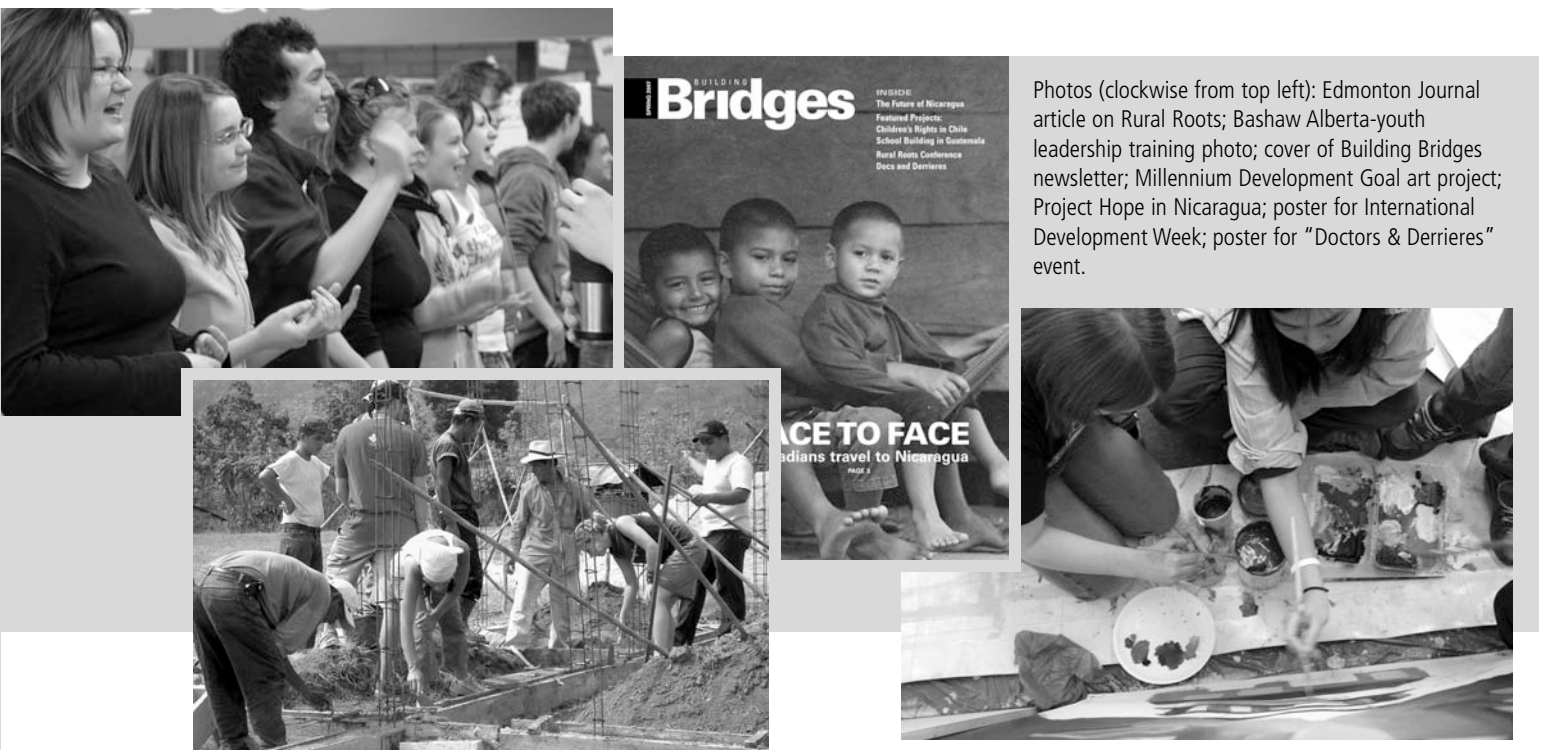
BUILDING CAPACITY, BUILDING COMM JUSTICE | CANADIAN PROJECTS

Change for Children’s international projects are grounded in partnership, respect and mutual learning, which enables us to develop responsive and innovative initiatives that answer needs defined by the communities in which we work. These projects foster sustainability, leadership and creativity in addition to responding with positive change to the challenges facing our partners.



Programming Areas

- Basic Human Needs
- Health and Nutrition
- HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment
- Basic and Alternative Education
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Indigenous Peoples’ Cultural and Environmental Preservation
- Child Protection: Outreach, Advocacy and Support
- Promoting Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance
- Capacity Development and Income Generation for Women



Photos (clockwise from top left): Edmonton Journal article on Rural Roots; Bashaw Alberta-youth leadership training photo; cover of Building Bridges newsletter; Millennium Development Goal art project; Project Hope in Nicaragua; poster for International Development Week; poster for “Doctors & Derrieres” event.

MEXICO

Tlaquepaque (outskirts of Guadalajara), Jalisco
Partners: Fundacion Santa Maria, private donors
With CFCA support a group of women who had been working in maquiladora factories far from their homes set up a sewing cooperative. Now the women work closer to home, have shared child-care facilities in their work place and earn a living wage. They also produce stunning garments made of organic cotton that never fail to impress.

Cuernavaca, Morelos
Partners: Comunidad, private donors
Long-time CFCA partner, Comunidad, works with vulnerable communities in Cuernavaca to develop local and sustainable strategies to meet their development needs. CFCA is collecting donations to support a project that will rehabilitate a much-needed health care centre in a community of factory workers.

Cuernavaca, Morelos
Partners: Caminamos Juntos
Caminamos Juntos works to make a difference in the lives of children in Cuernavaca through supporting the

development of community health infrastructure (water and sanitation) and through vocational training, health promotion, addressing malnutrition and providing educational opportunities.

GUATEMALA

Cuatros Caminos, Comitancillo
Partners: AMMID, WRF, private donors
CFCA is supporting the construction of a primary school in this rural community that was gravely affected by Hurricane STAN. Community members said that building a new primary

EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE FOR ACTION

Public engagement activities in 2006/07 focused specifically on HIV/AIDS, Environmental Justice and the Rights of the Child. Collaboration is key in all public engagement activities and many of this year’s programming was done with partnership of many Alberta organizations.

Multi-media, visual arts, music and communications technology are regular tools that CFCA uses to inform and engage the public in these issues.

Also CFCA connects communities within Alberta through collaborative events with common cause organizations and also across borders through delegations and internships.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

CFCA recognizes that youth are diverse and have multiple skills and ideas that are needed to address complex global issues. CFCA’s youth programming is driven by youth, builds leadership capacity and encourages long term participation. 2006/07 focused on increasing engagement of rural communities and rural youth; building rural/urban networks; supporting all Alberta youth to connect with civil society organizations and increasing participation of youth in international campaigns and policy such as Millennium Development Goals. Change for Children is also a host organization for university student practicum placements and had 7 students over the year. International Youth internships are also a part of key programming for youth.

COALITIONS AND STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATION

CFCA’s work in Canada also focuses on strengthening the capacity of NGOs and building stronger coalitions of civil society organizations in Alberta. Through advocacy, influencing policy, and public engagement activities, CFCA plays an active role in various coalitions and is currently an Executive member of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. CFCA is also a member of the Saskatchewan Council for Global Cooperation and active in Make Poverty History and Millennium Development Goal Campaigns.



Photos: top: Ceiba Herrada Community Water Project, Nicaragua; bottom (l-r): Acupuncturist delegation, Nicaragua; BOSAWAS, Nicaragua; primary school, Guatemala

PARTNERS IN LEARNING FOR GLOBAL UNITIES | INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

For over thirty years, Change for Children has prioritized education that fosters awareness and action on issues that are of pressing concern for Canadians such as poverty reduction, environmental justice, human rights, and Canadian foreign policy. Participatory Global Education is an intrinsic aspect to achieving long term social change. **Change for Children delivers education programming that is diverse, creative, inter-generational, sustained and promotes participatory global education as intrinsic to achieving long-term social change.**

In Alberta, CFCA is a leader in realizing activities that build the capacity of civil society to participate in international cooperation and encourage all sectors of Canadian society to foster global citizenship.

Much of CFCA’s innovation is inspired by our collaborative relationships with artists, musicians and committed individuals within the media who offer new, creative ways to reach more people.



school for their children was their top priority for post-hurricane recovery. The school will offer classes in Spanish as well in the local indigenous language.

EL SALVADOR

Tierra Blanca, Usulután
Partners: CEBES El Salvador, CEBES Edmonton
For many years CFCA has supported the Monseñor Romero Popular Resource Centre, which offers exciting programming to at-risk youth in Tierra Blanca. In 2007 we also supported a Hurricane STAN relief project and have recently begun to support a creative

health project in which poor communities have partnered with each other to ensure access to essential health services.

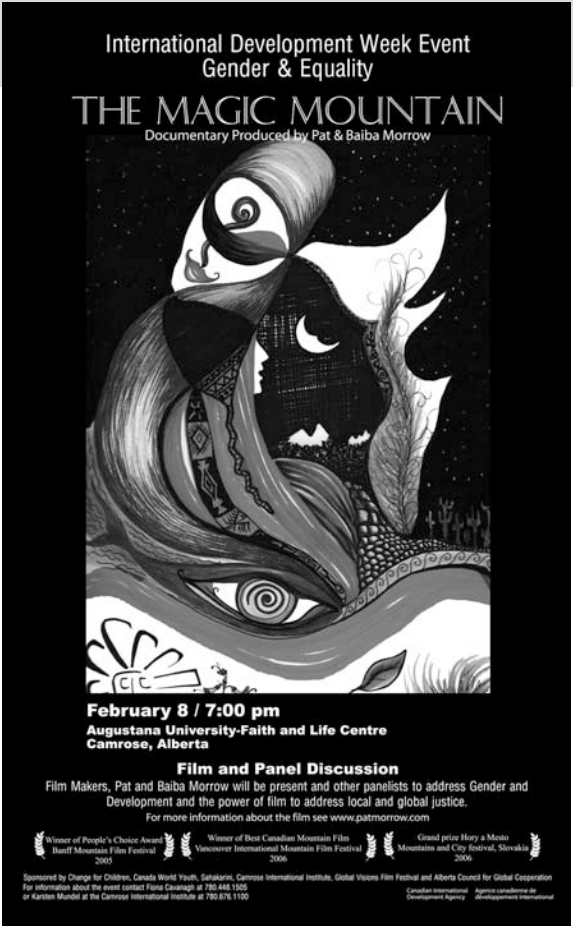
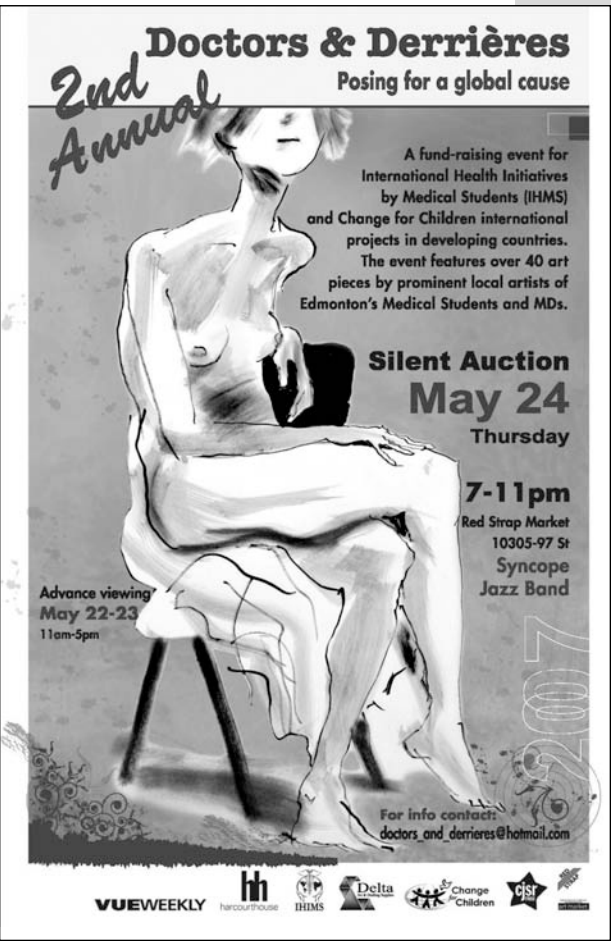
HONDURAS

Roatan
Partners: Familias Saludables, CIDA
In this project a group of women living with AIDS have been trained as community educators and are having a huge impact on the Honduran island of Roatan. Radio education campaigns, parades, employer education and health events, along with access to free HIV/AIDS testing and improved treatment facilities are dramatically reducing

stigma and discrimination and increasing awareness about HIV/AIDS and the rights of those affected by it.

ST. VINCENT


St. Vincent
Partners: Bread of Life Orphanage, private donors
Many children on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. The Bread of Life Orphanage offers them a home and a chance at a normal life, with programming including education, recreation, health programming and counseling.





Photos (l-r): Children in Tierra Blanca, El Salvador; Mother & child, Roatan, Honduras; The Bread of Life Orphanage, St. Vincent

BUILDING CAPACITY, BUILDING COMMUNITIES | INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS


NICARAGUA


 **BOSAWAS Biosphere**
Partners: Centro Humboldt, CIDA
CFCA has previously worked to promote the use of natural medicines to meet health needs in the remote, indigenous communities of the BOSAWAS rainforest biosphere. Now, this project works to establish community pharmacies that will stock both natural and conventional remedies and will disseminate essential health and nutrition information to communities that otherwise would have to spend days traveling to access basic health services.

 **Esteli and Managua**
Partners: FUNARTE, INPHRU, CIDA
Two of CFCA's long-term partners have partnered to address growing concerns of youth violence and increasing incidence HIV/AIDS in Nicaragua. Working with youth-at-risk this project offers education about violence and HIV/AIDS and engages young people in developing education campaigns to combat them. FUNARTE and INPHRU employ their inspiring art education methodologies, using muralism, theatre, dance and music to get youth involved.


 **70 communities in Chinandega, Esteli and Leon**
Partners: Centro Humboldt, CIDA, Flaman Foundation, private donors
This project, which began in 2005, has recently been expanded and will reach a total of 70 rural communities in

Nicaragua where access to potable water is a major challenge. Not only does the project build water systems, it involves the community in developing a strategy to manage them in a sustainable way to benefit generations to come.


 **Esteli**
Partners: FUNARTE, Project HOPE, Kindness in Action
Volunteers from Grant MacEwan Community College's Project HOPE fundraised an impressive \$70,000 before traveling to Nicaragua to build a community centre for CFCA long-time partner, FUNARTE. In the centre, FUNARTE will offer regular muralism, art and human rights workshops to hundreds of children. The Alberta-based organization, Kindness in Action, also sent a delegation of volunteer dental professionals to Esteli, where the team provided basic dental care to communities in need.

 **Mulukuku**
Partners: Women's Empowerment Network, private donors
Mulukuku is a small, remote Nicaraguan community where the majority of people live in poverty but where the community has been able to mobilize itself to do incredible things. CFCA supports the Women's Empowerment Network to provide much needed community health services, to prevent family violence and to provide educational programming for children and young people.


BRAZIL

 **Maceio, Alagoas**
Partners: Thalita, private donors
A long-time CFCA partner, the Thalita Hope and Life centre, offers innovative programming to support girls living on the street and to help them make positive changes towards building new lives off of the street. The project includes educational, health and counseling services in addition to provide young women with shelter.










CHILE


 **Santiago**
Partners: La Caleta, WRF
The Chilean government has committed itself to protecting children's rights and to encouraging their participation with its signing of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children and young people involved in this project work to make these promises reality by developing their own rights campaign and taking it on the road with the 'magic bus'.

TANZANIA

 **Moshi**
Partners: Amani Children's Home, Hands Across Africa
This shelter, in the town of Moshi at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, houses nearly 60 children who otherwise would be living on the street. Here the children are provided with a safe and loving home along with education and health care.

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SIERRA LEONE

UGANDA

TANZANIA

SOUTH AFRICA

UGANDA



 **Mbarara**
Partners: Ainembabazi Children's Project Uganda and Edmonton
Ainembabazi means 'having grace' in the local language of Mbarara. CFCA's partners in this project live up to their name, developing responsive programming for the children of Mbarara who are being dramatically affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis and raising awareness about the crisis in Uganda and in Canada.




Photo: Children in Ndawana, South Africa


SOUTH AFRICA

 **Ndawana, KwaZulu-Natal**
Partners: Edzimkulu, Hands Across Africa
The small community of Ndawana in South Africa has been decimated by HIV/AIDS. Edmonton community members have shown an amazing amount of energy and passion in supporting this community to develop solutions to its HIV/AIDS crisis, including health care and education initiatives.

SIERRA LEONE

 **Romano Village**
Partners: Romano Village, Tamarineh Society Edmonton
For several years CFCA has supported the efforts of the Edmonton based Tamarineh Society, run by a Sierra Leonean woman dedicated to making a difference in home village, which was severely affected by Sierra Leone's

decade long war. The Tamarineh Society has built a primary school in the village, that attracts students from surrounding communities and whose students recently scored highest on the national exams. Tamarineh is currently improving the school and has plans to build a secondary school.

 **Moyamba**
Partners: Moyamba Rehabilitation Clinic, Hands Across Africa
When the Edmonton based group, Hands Across Africa, decided to raise money to support projects in Africa, a project focused on rehabilitation therapy was important to them as many of the group work at the Glenrose hospital. Working with CFCA, the group has been able to support this clinic, which provides much-needed rehabilitation therapy, prosthesis and counseling to people injured in the war in Sierra Leone, in an area where there are few other medical services.



Photos (l-r): FUNARTE youth, Nicaragua; Santa Teresa water project, Nicaragua; the La Caleta team, Chile