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

Donations and Non-Government Grants $510,055.98
Federal Grants $207,311.00
Provincial Grants $76,354.40
Benefits, Functions & Gift Shop Sales $51,781.02
Casino Income $19,569.94
Other (Interest, GST recoverable) $10,058.94
Donated Services (portion of rent, equipment) $5,399.00
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

Projects $497,786.87
Education Program $142,200.22
Benefits, Functions & Gift Shop Purchases $22,629.70
Fund Development $53,629.81
Administration $110,411.14
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.

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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.I.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
Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation
Westwood Unitarian Church of Edmonton
Youth of Alberta Foundation

Third Party Partner Organizations
Ansembabai
CEBES-S Salvadoran Society of Edmonton
Chilean Canadian Community
Grant MacEwan’s Project Hope
Guatemala Solidarity Committee
Hands Across Africa
Kindness in Action
Tamanish 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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Additional Budget Note: Volunteer contributions for 2006/07 valued at $31,215.00

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Letter from the Executive

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 Mosquito and Mayagana people Nicaragua and a project related to natural health and human rights in the coastal zone of Unalutan, 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

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.
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 forests that stretch 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 Mayangana 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 Pamikawas, 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.

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 Leonian and El Salvadoran communities in the Americas stretch the border of Nicaragua and Honduras.

Centro Humboldt and the communities of the 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 Tamarind Society, receive the country’s top scores in their primary school examination.

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 Humboldt’s 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 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 INPHRI 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 Pamikawas in Nicaragua’s BOSAWAS biosphere in their new school, the ‘nicest building in the region.’

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 Pavón 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 COMMUNICATING 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.

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

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

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.
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.

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ST. VINCENT

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.

HONDURAS

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.

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EL SALVADOR

Tierra Blanca, Usulutan

Partners: CEBES El Salvador, CEBES Edmonton

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BRAZIL

Maceia, 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 campaigns 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.

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.

SOUTH AFRICA

Ndawana, KwaZulu-Natal

- Partners: Edzimkulu, Hands Across Africa
  The small community of Ndawana in South Africa has been decimated by the AIDS epidemic. CFCA, through its partnerships, 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.

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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 of 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.

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