



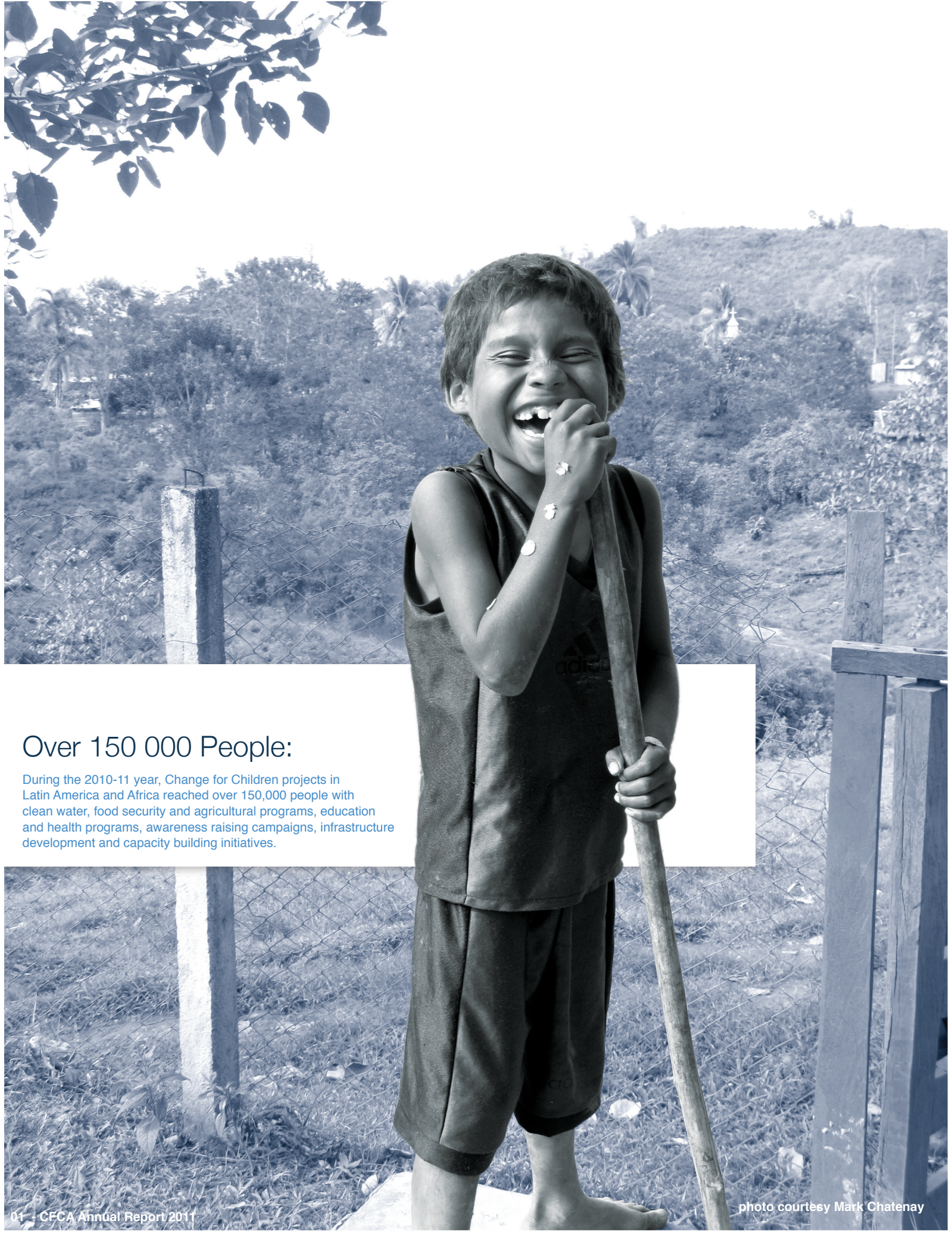
# ANNUAL REPORT 2011

HUMAN DIGNITY,  
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES,  
GLOBAL JUSTICE



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## Over 150 000 People:

During the 2010-11 year, Change for Children projects in Latin America and Africa reached over 150,000 people with clean water, food security and agricultural programs, education and health programs, awareness raising campaigns, infrastructure development and capacity building initiatives.





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# We Support Solutions

It is from the foundation that sustainability comes. Our founders made the decision to build an organization based on understanding, respect and acceptance. By supporting solutions brought forward by the people closest to the problems, a new community was formed. Together, our community chooses to confront extreme poverty and its many effects, difficult adversaries that require a strong community of dedicated partners working shoulder to shoulder to overcome.

Change for Children offers the inspiring opportunity to meet and work with a diversity of people from professionals who travel to remote places on their own time and dime to learn, help and share their skills to youth and volunteers from all walks of life who are inspired to support global change by working within their own communities here in Canada. Many bring ideas, innovation, analysis and financial support. Others have connected us with researchers, academics and financial partners that build and strengthen our community and open possibilities for cooperation and innovation.

Many members were brought to Change for Children through our education and public engagement programming – which has been championed by Fiona Cavanagh for the past six years. This past fall, we said goodbye to Fiona but celebrate her legacy of supporting emerging social justice leaders reflected in the many teachers, students and schools that have been inspired to step up and get involved, strengthening our community and increasing our capacity as global citizens.

Internally, the CFCA Board of Directors worked diligently to ensure that the passion and commitment of this global community is supported by a healthy and stable organization. We completed a strategic plan that includes the transformation from a management board to a governance board. We also reaffirmed our principles and standards by adopting a Code of Ethics and Donors Bill of Rights. Organizational strength ensures our sustainability, and we are ready to take on the challenges before us. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like

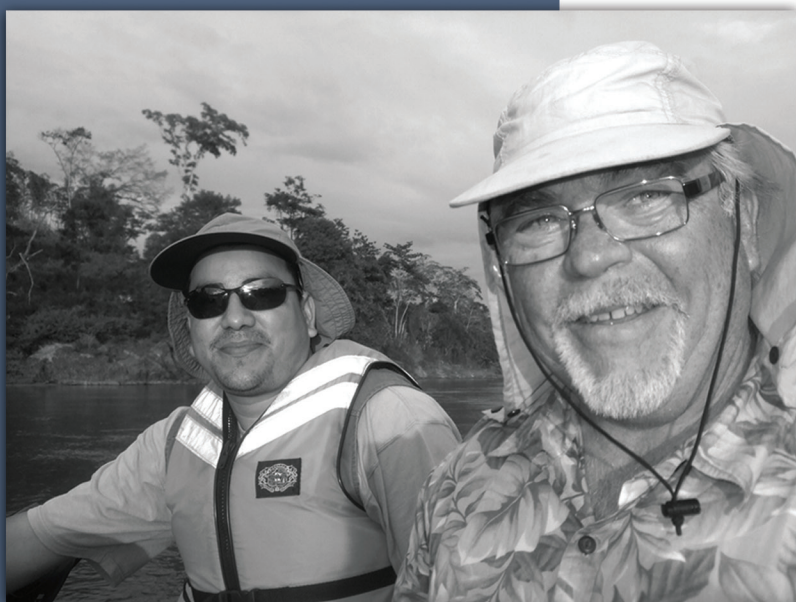
to thank our dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters. To those board members who are leaving us, thanks for your hard work, dedication and commitment to the vision of building a world where we all belong.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bill Hallam", written in a cursive style.

## Strengthening Communities

CFCA has a ten year history of working with Centro Humboldt and communities in the BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve on education, health and food security projects. In 2011, CFCA was granted CIDA funds for a 2 year, cross-border project supporting the convergence of Miskito-Mayagna indigenous leaders from Rio Patuca (Honduras) and BOSAWAS (Nicaragua). CFCA is the only Canadian NGO working in this important region.

Photo: CFCA president Bill Hallam and Centro Humboldt's Julio Espinoza travelling by long boat on the Rio Coco to BOSAWAS.







## Supporting Indigenous Rights:

The development of land management, risk management and disaster preparedness plans with indigenous populations supports communities to continue on their paths to self-government and sustainable economic development in protected areas.





# Our Priorities

## Food Security & Water Access

Securing sustainable food and water resources continued to be top priorities for many of the communities Change for Children works with. For rural populations affected by climate change, access to clean water is among the issues of greatest concern. 2011 marks the 8th year that CFCA has been drilling water wells in north-western Nicaragua, bringing the beneficiary total to over 75,000 people in this drought stricken region.

In Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Uganda, rising food prices are increasingly affecting many of the communities we work with. To address this, our projects focused on improving food security by training local farmers and food producers, diversifying diets, improving nutrition, providing seeds and tools, and stimulating local economies.

## Maternal, Child and Community Health

People in isolated and marginalized communities often suffer from poor health and need access to health services, either through the provision of community health programs delivered by local health promoters or through the provision of transport and home care. In Uganda, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, our community based health programs help communities to solve their own health concerns and establish a collective resource for community members to draw on in cases of health emergencies and for medicines. In Uganda, our Healthy Mothers, Healthy Communities project seeks to lower maternal and child mortality rates, which are among the highest in the world. Improved access to health infrastructure, health services and health referral services as well as initiatives that improve nutrition and alleviate poverty will benefit nearly 30,000 people.

## Education & Children's Rights

The construction of our first secondary school in BOSAWAS, Nicaragua was completed and several school construction projects were supported in remote regions of Sierra Leone, impacting a total of 650 children. In these countries, children do not attend or finish school because they are marginalized by the national governments, or live in remote areas and cannot travel long distances to school when they are young.

Innovative artistic programs to reach children and youth at risk in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Uganda have been successful at educating girls and boys to stand up for their rights, empowering them to seek safer vocational alternatives, and inspiring them to be active citizens in charge of their own future.

## Environmental & Economic Sustainability

Working with local partners in Uganda, Honduras and Bolivia, Change for Children continued to support micro-finance programs which provide training to establish businesses in craft production, food processing (dried fruit) and cacao production and marketing. These programs emphasize economic activities that were previously present in these areas, but have been lost due to disasters, forced migration or globalization.

Community initiatives that emphasize sustainable resource use, environmental conservation, pollution prevention and technological innovation have empowered many communities to reduce their consumption of resources and implement programs that facilitate a sustainable future.



## A Holistic Approach:

Children in Uganda often care for their younger siblings, as growing numbers have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. Our programs here help children to work with family members and community groups to gain skills in agriculture, nutrition and micro credit management, ensuring a better future for these child-headed households and their communities.



# OUR GLOBAL

## Our Approach:

Change for Children works with established local organizations in the developing world that apply local knowledge and skills to solve problems and strengthen communities.

With your partnership, these local organizations are making a tremendous impact.



**Guatemala:** Comitancillo

**Partner:** AMMID - The Association for Maya-Mam Research & Development

One of Guatemala's strongest voices for indigenous rights, AMMID works with CFCA on a number of projects including several bilingual education primary school construction projects. In 2010-11 we began our *Community Food Security* project which works with the Mayan Mam indigenous peoples to implement nutritional and environmental education programs in schools as well as provide tools, seeds, training and micro-credit for farmers.

**Guatemala:** Quetzaltenango

**Partner:** Primeros Pasos Health Clinic

Primeros Pasos works to improve health promotion communications in local schools and communities in Quetzaltenango.

**El Salvador:** Usulután

**Partner:** CEBES (Christian Base Communities of El Salvador)

CEBES operates a collective social health fund which provides access to essential health services, traditional medicines, transport to the capital city for clinic visits and follow-up home care for communities in need. This past year the social health fund helped over 1,200 families with their medical needs.

**El Salvador:** Perquin

**Partner:** Association for Development and Health

The Birthing House for Mothers and Babies provides medical care and nutritious foods for women pre-and-post delivery and also trains them in nutrition for mothers, babies and children under five.

**Honduras:** Rio Patuca

**Partner:** Alianza Verde

**Funders:** CIDA, Alberta Government, Body Shop Foundation, SCIC, Fountain Tire Foundation

Honduras' strongest organization for indigenous rights and self-government runs programs that empower indigenous women and youth to participate in community development initiatives and land management plans in protected areas. In 2010-11 we began a cross-border project called *Food in the Forest* which aims to increase indigenous capacity in environmental management and economic development through agricultural initiatives designed to improve food security.

**Nicaragua:** BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve

**Partners:** Centro Humboldt, ADEPCIMISUJIN

**Funders:** CIDA, Rotary Club of Edmonton South, UEnd Foundation

Centro Humboldt, Nicaragua's strongest advocate for local control of resources and indigenous territorial rights, has partnered with local indigenous organizations to implement our *Food in the Forest* project which provides support for local indigenous initiatives in agriculture, land management, self-government, community infrastructure and environmental protection.

**Nicaragua:** BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve

**Partners:** ADEPCIMISUJIN and Centro Humboldt

Our school construction projects in BOSAWAS continue, with one secondary school completed during 2010 and commitment to begin construction of 2 more in the fall of 2011 which will bring the total CFCA built schools to five in the region with a total of 13 classrooms benefitting over 1,000 students.

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**Nicaragua:** Chinandega, Esteli and Leon  Canadian International Development Agency Agence canadienne de développement international  
**Partners:** Centro Humboldt  
**Funders:** CIDA, Frank Flaman Foundation, Energy for Everyone Foundation, Bishop Croteau Charitable Foundation

Centro Humboldt, Nicaragua's foremost environmental agency, runs our project which reaches 70 rural communities in north-western Nicaragua where access to potable water is a major challenge. Not only does the project build water systems, it involves the community and the governing municipalities in their management. In 2010/11 we continued with phase III of this project, which provides potable water, eco-stoves and training programs to over 20,000 people in this region, including solar powered pumping mechanisms and solar cooking stoves for communities off-grid.

**Nicaragua:** Esteli and Managua  
**Partners:** FUNARTE, INPHRU

FUNARTE and INPHRU, two of Nicaragua's strongest child-focused agencies, employ their inspiring art education methodologies, using muralism, theatre, dance and music to get at-risk youth involved in programs and education campaigns about combatting violence and HIV/AIDS. In 2010-11 we funded both organizations' outreach activities to street youth with programs focusing on health, environment and vocational training.

**Nicaragua:** Managua  
**Partner:** Pajarito Azul Home for Children

During 2010 we created a collation of three of our partners focused on children's education programs to create the Ed Carson Mural on site at the Pajarito Azul Orphanage. The project also involves the provision of improved infrastructure for children's programming such as art supplies, silk-screening equipment, bakery equipment and materials and playground equipment.

**Bolivia:** Alto Beni  
**Partner:** Fundacion Renace

Working with one of Bolivia's strongest environmental and indigenous organizations, in 2010-11 we continued support for agricultural and food security initiatives, which provided over 250 farming families with skills and income to grow and process food to feed their families and expand their agricultural operations to accommodate the sale of agricultural goods on the local market.

**Tanzania:** Bagamoyo  
**Partner:** Uhuru Youth Centre

Working with an arts focus, the Uhuru Youth Centre provides vocational training and counselling services for troubled youth.

**Uganda:** KIGEZI Region  
**Partner:** Kigezi Healthcare Foundation (KIHEFO)

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KIHEFO, a local Ugandan healthcare organization famous for its director's health research, runs a project which provides agricultural training and micro-credit to the families living in poverty who have taken in orphaned & vulnerable children. Micro-finance recipients are also instructed in community building, household healthcare, nutrition and HIV/AIDS. In 2010-11 we were able to support training and micro-finance for 125 families in this region.

**Sierra Leone:** Romano Village  
**Partners:** Romano Village, Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support, Edmonton

Current projects in the village include the construction of a health clinic, water wells and ongoing support for primary and secondary schools.





## Brigades to Nicaragua:

In February, 2011, thirteen medical and dental professionals visited the jungles of BOSAWAS, to offer much needed services and medicines to the Miskito and Mayagna peoples there.

Working with our partner FUNARTE, twelve dental professionals and support staff visited Esteli in March, 2011, to provide much needed dental services in both the urban and rural areas, with a special focus on children.



# We Connect for Justice

CFCA's history of creating unique, inclusive spaces in Canada and around the world where diverse citizens converge to dialogue and take action on global injustice is alive and thriving in our educational programming today. While our dedication to promoting global citizenship is steadfast, the mediums used to deliver the message are evolving. CFCA has embraced new and innovative ways to bring people together to share information and knowledge vital to the pursuit of social justice.

In 2010/2011, CFCA's Education and Public Engagement activities drew on all mediums, from theatre, to workshops, to video conference technology, to travel and hands-on experiences, in order to create multiple access points for participation in the ongoing exchange of ideas between Canadians and our global partners.

Our CIDA-supported Water Justice Campaign benefited from the theatrical talents of Fine Arts graduate students from the University of Alberta who created a children's theatre production. "A Child's Journey for Water" promoted water as a human right and connected with an audience of over 1,500 Alberta elementary students. Post-secondary students and professors were also engaged in the Water Justice Campaign through 18 educational workshops held at the University of Alberta.

Our partner organization, Centro Humboldt, participated in the Global Video Conference, "The Impact of Climate Change on Global Indigenous Communities," organized by the Centre for Global Education and hosted locally at Queen Elizabeth High school. The conference engaged over 1,500 students worldwide as Indigenous peoples from Nicaragua, Alaska, Australia, New Zealand and

Indonesia relayed the harmful effects of climate change on food security in their respective communities. Change for Children's participation in this now annual event facilitates connections between our southern indigenous partner organizations and students worldwide.

Travel continues to be a transformative experience for participants in our JUST Teach tour and youth tours to Nicaragua which build relationships and connect communities striving for global social justice. Through visits with CFCA partners throughout Nicaragua, Canadian teachers had the opportunity to connect face to face with Nicaraguan educators to discuss global education and the role of educators in the alleviation of global poverty and inequality. Students from Grant MacEwan University united hands-on with the people of San Andres, BOSAWAS when they travelled to Nicaragua to help construct the first-ever high school in the region.

Your participation and generosity of spirit made important education programming possible throughout the year and allowed CFCA to expand our community of global citizens while strengthening existing partnerships. Connecting for justice, through all mediums, inspired meaningful exchanges and dialogue between Canadians and partners in the Global South and created connections for continued advocacy and action on important global issues

Justice is at the heart of Education and Public Engagement activities at Change for Children, and it is the pursuit of global justice through social justice education that draws our community together and creates lasting relationships. Thank you for making this possible.

## Working Together:

Grant MacEwan University students participating in the Project HOPE brigade helped to build the first high school in BOSAWAS, Nicaragua.

Connections made between these students and the local Miskito indigenous population have inspired future brigades and projects to continue in this region on an annual basis.







## The Power of Community:

Change for Children and Ugandan partner KIHEFO, have developed a relationship that is strengthening both organizations' capacity. Together, our Canadian and Ugandan communities share in supporting nutrition, health, and microcredit projects in south-western Uganda.



# We Invest in Each Other

Sustainability, community, commitment, partnership - not only are these the key principles of our development projects in the south, they aptly describe our fund development model in the north.

The \$940, 000+ in 2010-2011 revenues was raised by a community. This community included students and educators - primary to secondary. We celebrate the amazing power of youth who engage in social justice and we recognize that often it is the encouragement and persistence of a passionate teacher and the support of a willing school that inspires.

We are grateful to the many faith groups that have chosen Change for Children as the recipient of their annual gift year after year. The donors who give monthly can be credited with providing stable funds to ensure our payment commitments are always met. Thank you.

Established fundraising events and partners give us reliable means to meet our funding commitments and public engagement goals. For the 5th year, Change for Children worked with artists and medical students to produce the Doctors & Derrieres art auction in support of health projects in El Salvador; the 4th Joffrey Lupul and Friends Charity Golf Tournament resulted in support for 2 community wells in addition to over \$30,000

in proceeds; and our annual Development Dinner which broke another record thanks to a caring and generous room full of people.

Our institutional partners, new and ongoing, have brought ideas and innovation with their financial support including new technologies and relationships that have enhanced our southern projects. We often couldn't move forward on projects without federal or provincial support and we often couldn't acquire government support without the commitment of foundations like the Flaman's or the consistent record of donations our individual donors provide.

And there are the many meaningful gifts that came to us in memory of a loved one. These gifts are transformed into education, health, and better lives for others. We are grateful for the honour of these, and all the contributions we are entrusted with.

Thank you to all our donors and partners for working with us to achieve a more caring and just world - one solution at a time.

Care. Share Give.

## Committed Partners

CIDA representative Matthew Straub, seen here with CFCA's Program manager for International Projects, Lorraine Swift, participates in the inauguration of north-western Nicaragua's first solar powered well. Mr. Straub visited several wells and water systems in the region during his 2010 visit to this 8 year CIDA-CFCA partnership for potable water.

2011 marked the 8th year that CFCA and CIDA have been working together to provide potable water to communities in this drought-stricken region of Nicaragua, benefitting a population of over 75,000 people. CIDA's support has inspired other partners to join us in this project such as the Bishop Croteau Charitable Foundation, the Frank J. Flaman Charitable Foundation, the Energy for Everyone Foundation, and numerous CFCA donors who have become pivotal in making this project a reality.

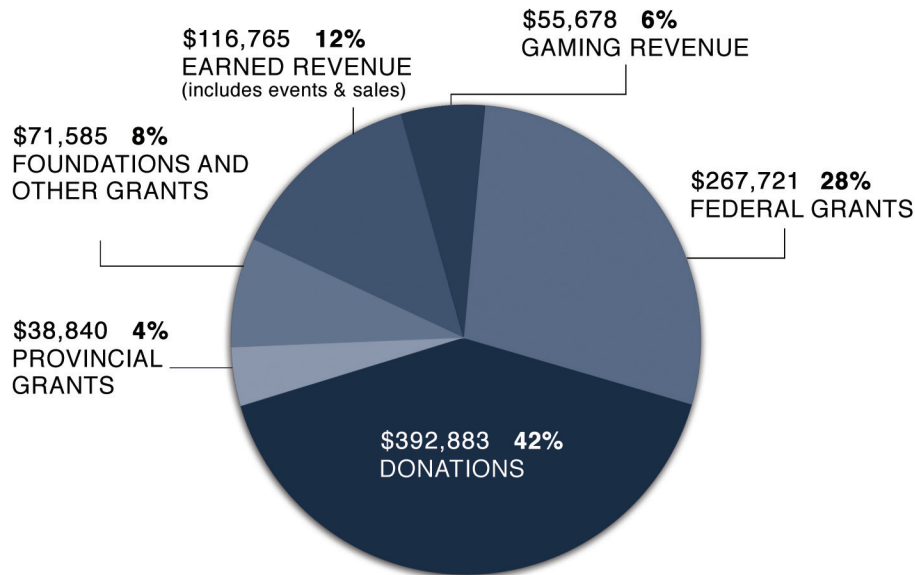




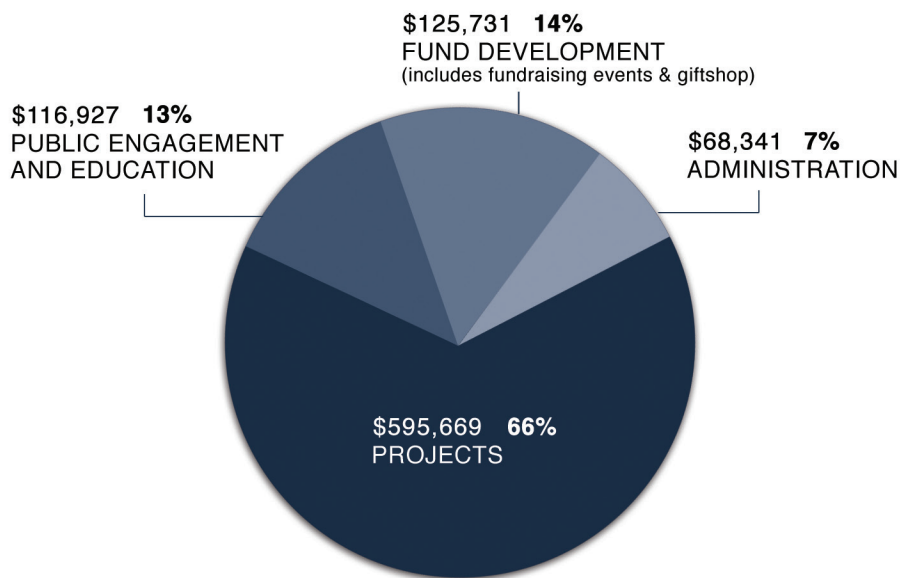
# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial information is for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. This page was taken from audited financial statements. Copies of complete financial statements are available by request from Change for Children Association.

## \$943,472 TOTAL REVENUES



## \$906,668 TOTAL EXPENDITURES



## Human Dignity, Healthy Communities, Global Justice

Change for Children is an Edmonton based organization that works in Latin America and Africa to achieve sustainable community development. Our global projects are defined and implemented by our partners and are committed to gender equality, environmental justice and supporting indigenous perspectives. In Canada, our education program involves Canadians with the projects and issues of most pressing concern for our international partners.



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Change for Children could not exist without the contribution of time, knowledge, and skills of volunteers.

**THANK YOU!**