



Change *for* Children

2013 Annual Report

*Human Dignity,
Healthy Communities,
Global Justice*





Dear donors, volunteers, and supporters,

I present this annual report to you with great pride for all we've achieved together. It has truly been a remarkable year.

Thanks to you, our generous supporters and volunteers, the year has been filled with success stories and achievements for Change for Children and our project partners.

We welcomed two sets of visitors to Alberta in the Fall of 2012. From BOSAWAS, Nicaragua, Primitivo Centeno, leader of the Miskito indigenous people, and 17-year old Tony Zelaya, one of the few Miskito students to attend secondary school, inspired students with their triumphs over extreme poverty and lack of educational opportunities.

From our project partner KIHEFO in Uganda, Dr. Geoffrey Aguyo and his colleague Robert Kakuru shared stories of how their nutrition programs have had a huge impact on children and mothers in southern Uganda.

Our visitors challenged Canadians to be global citizens in the efforts to end extreme poverty and climate change, and bring food security to all.

And you answered their call!

Three teams of volunteers traveled to Uganda and Nicaragua to provide dental and medical care and support food security programs.

In January we opened a five-classroom secondary school in the community of Walakitang, and in March we opened a four-classroom secondary school in Yakalpanani. Together, these schools give the remote Miskito villages in Nicaragua the capacity to educate children beyond grade 6.

Students from across Alberta, from elementary to University, have raised thousands of dollars for Change for Children projects. Bearspaw Rockyview School in Calgary

raised over \$7,000 to support a community water well in Nicaragua. One student at Victoria School in Edmonton raised over \$7,000 on her giving page for school construction in BOSAWAS. Many more schools from across the country have donated proceeds from bake sales, craft sales and other fundraising initiatives to support our "Healthy Mothers" program in Uganda.

And thanks to the Frank Flaman Foundation, we were able to ship a well-drilling machine to Nicaragua. After a few delays in customs, the machine is officially in use and changing lives!

The list goes on! Every one of you is a part of our ongoing success. Thank you all for your continued support of our organization and our global partners.

Yours truly,

Mark Wells

Mark Wells,
President





Vision Statement

Human Dignity, Healthy Communities, Global Justice

Mission Statement

Change for Children Association promotes action for systemic change and sustainable development through solidarity and partnership, by nurturing community, and by maintaining an integral, vital and stable organization.

Mandate

To support the poor in their own process of organizing to achieve an increased, active role in promoting peace, democracy, human rights, and improved living conditions, accomplished through: growth in understanding of unfair structures and the growing popular resistance to those structures; learning from people with whom we partner to accompany them in the struggle for justice; and acting in development with a sense of urgency and commitment.

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Health Brigades

“We *made a difference in the life of the child who cannot sleep at night, the woman who cannot chew her food, and the man who suffers the unbearable pain of infection.”*

~ Nicole Farn, BOSAWAS 2013



98 volunteers created four brigades that traveled to provide dental and medical care for hundreds of people in remote villages of Uganda, Nicaragua, and BOSAWAS.





Water

“My *life has changed. I have water in the backyard now; I do not have to go into the bushes to get it. Plus, my family, my neighbors and I are no longer worried about the water being contaminated because we treat it correctly and we keep the well clean and with chlorine. I wash my clothes daily and I keep the house clean”.*

~15 year old Alexania Quintero Sanchez, La Ceibita

More than 35 new wells were dug in Nicaragua, providing clean, safe, potable drinking water to over 30,000 people in rural communities.



Food Security

I *saw that the KHIFEO team works closely with the mother or caregiver through educational programs and distribution of seeds to grow more diverse crops. This empowers a mother to be able to create a healthier future for herself and her children.*

~Brenda McDonald, Uganda 2013

Community gardens have been established in Uganda, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Seeds and livestock, tools, and training in agriculture and entrepreneurship are all part of Change for Children's Food Security Programs. A Nutrition Centre in Uganda also provides health care and nutrition education for mothers.



Education

***“In** Canada, a good education is often taken for granted and it was a great feeling to help build a secondary school in the remote village of Walakitang, Human Dignity, Healthy Communities, Global Justice get an education past grade 6. This school will benefit the entire region and will have a positive impact for many years to come while also maintaining a lasting legacy for two very humble, kind and caring individuals.”*

~ Mark Chatenay, Dental Brigade volunteer

2 secondary schools were built in the BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve in northern Nicaragua. Hundreds of students are now able to receive an education beyond grade 6.



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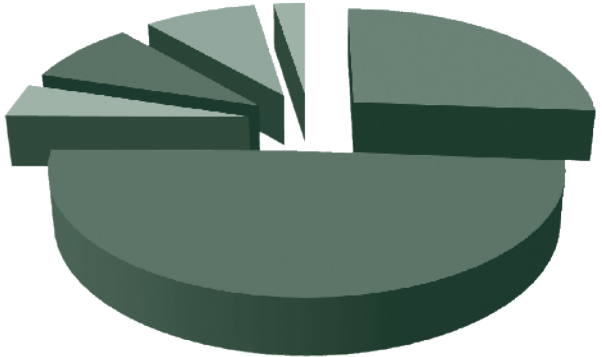
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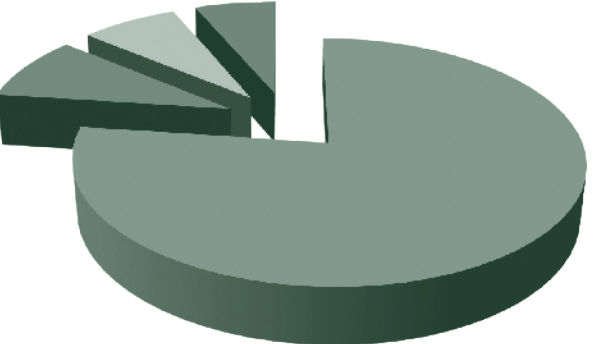
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49%	<i>Donations from Canadians</i>
	\$568,241
26%	<i>CIDA</i>
	\$304,676
9%	<i>Benefits, Functions & Fundraising</i>
	\$102,707
9%	<i>Casino & Other</i>
	\$102,653
5%	<i>Foundations</i>
	\$54,197
2%	<i>Provincial Grants</i>
	\$29,227



Expenses

75%	<i>International Projects</i>
	\$915,304
9%	<i>Education and Public Engagement</i>
	\$118,115
8%	<i>Funds Development</i>
	\$99,047
6%	<i>Administration</i>
	\$83,582



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