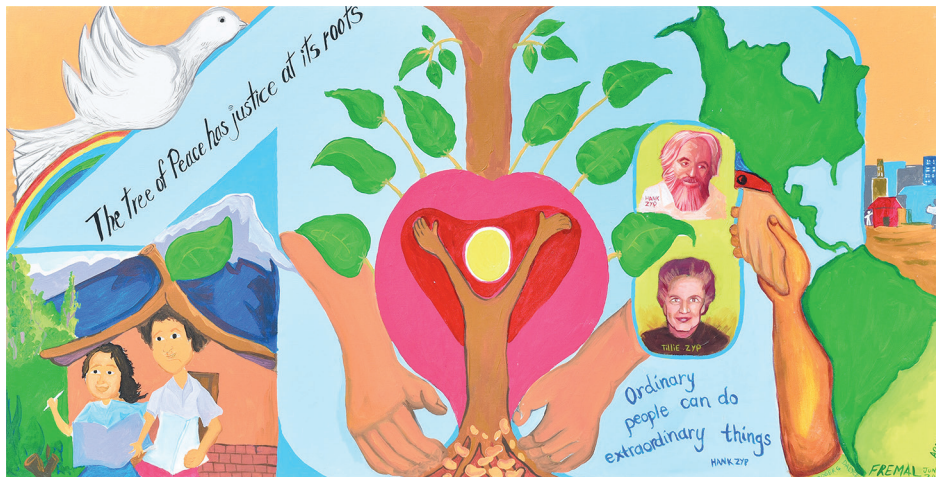




**40TH ANNIVERSARY  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2016**







## A Message from Our Executive Director

**Making it right.** Change for Children's theme over the last 40 years. As we undertook the process of gathering the history of the work we have done in more than 20 developing countries and in Canada over the past 40 years, we found that **our projects have had a lasting impact.** We interviewed adults who were the beneficiaries of our children's rights education projects twenty years ago who testified that those interventions changed the course of their lives *"I learned I had rights, and with that knowledge I protected myself and went proudly on to get an education and a good job"*. We talked to women whose lives were changed by the provision of potable water in their communities: *"I now have the time to dedicate to my family, my community, my church and I even have leisure time – that has been the most profound impact."* We visited communities whose children have

benefited from our nutrition projects and now boast higher achievement in school and now have access to post-secondary education. We celebrated the incredible contribution of our founders and elders in Canada and of the many, many volunteers and donors that have joined us on this 40 year journey. This work has filled our hearts and we have reason to celebrate. **We invite you to celebrate with us.** Please attend our events and tune into our website for more of our **retrospective of results** and help us celebrate all year the success of our work – work we could not have done without you. **Thank you** for working together with us for 40 years to **Make it Right.**

***Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better, it's not.***

– The Lorax





Change for  
Children

— 40 YEARS • 1976 • 2016 —

40 YEARS OF MAKING IT RIGHT







**40 Years of Making it Right.** Nearly 30 million dollars invested improving the lives of over 5 million people in 20 countries.



#### **Health**

We recognize the interdependence of health and development. Healthy families, healthy communities.



#### **Food Sovereignty**

We support a healthy food system. The right to food is not about charity, but about ensuring that all people have the capacity to feed themselves in dignity.



#### **Climate Change**

We help communities adapt. Climate change changes everything, for everyone.



#### **Education**

We promote lasting change. Education is the force that can build the path out of poverty.



#### **Indigenous Peoples**

We are an ally to indigenous movements. Our vision is an era that unites all members of the Human Family.



#### **Water**

We stand up for the right to water. Nearly 800 million people around the world still lack access to clean water and 2.5 billion to sanitation. It's not right.





## Making It about Learning

This year, funding from 60 million girls set in motion plans for constructing two new Secondary Schools in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua. With support at the Development Dinner and from generous donors, school construction was kicked off this spring. Classes will be in session in 2017. By increasing the number of skilled and educated people in the region, the entire population of the Bosawas will be touched by the results.

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# 450

new students will be served

# 24

classrooms funded to date in the Bosawas

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Girls are underrepresented in the Bosawas in primary and secondary school. A campaign for girls' education will begin in the fall to educate communities about gender equality and the importance of investing in girls. To

**Make it Right.**



**1998** Hurricane Mitch devastates Nicaragua and Honduras. CFCA is very involved in relief and rebuilding, specifically in the BOSAWAS biosphere reserve.

**2005** CFC works with the local indigenous government and constructs a primary School in the village of Pamkawas.

**2010** CFC builds the first secondary school in the region, in San Andres, opening the doors to further education.

**2012** Secondary School construction in Walakitang  
**2013** Secondary School construction in Yakalpanani

**2015** Funding is received from 60 million girls to launch a girls' education campaign and for additional secondary school construction.



## Making It Accessible

Since 1987, Change for Children has been connecting communities by providing transformative travel opportunities. In 2001, through partnerships with other Canadian organizations, Change for Children began facilitating dental brigades. This year, we launched our very own program to provide dental services in communities in which Change for Children is working to promote health and human rights.

**33**

dental professionals

**41**

volunteers

**1,200**

patients



Participation in a dental brigade means providing dental services to communities in developing countries where dental care is not accessible to the local population. This year, dental brigades travelled to communities in Riobamba and the Cuyabeno Rainforest in Ecuador, the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve in Nicaragua, and to Puerto Cabezas on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast.

The communities we visit are often remote, sometimes difficult to reach, but always extremely welcoming. Our relationship with local partners and communities is such that we are received like family. We seek to connect communities in the South with communities of like-minded people from Canada who desire to share their skills, time, and service to help build a stronger global community. To help **Make it Right**.



**1987** First CFCA delegation of volunteers travels to Nicaragua at their own expense to learn from the poor in the middle of the Contra war

**1997** First Travel for Transformation adult tour to Nicaragua

**1998** First Youth tour to Nicaragua

**1999** Volunteers complete an 18-day trek from Edmonton to Nicaragua on the 'Magic School Bus' bringing supplies to community projects.

**2001** First dental brigade partnership is formed

**2009** Just Teach social justice tour sees Alberta teachers visiting CFC projects and bringing the experience home to their classrooms.

**2011** Project HOPE brigade helps to build the first high school in the Bosawas.

**2016** CFCA Dental Brigade program is launched.



## Making It Empowering

The ongoing drought in Nicaragua makes the role of Community Water Committees an increasingly important one. The last rainy season residents here can recall was four years ago. Establishing user fees and water rationing schedules to ensure that water systems continue to deliver sufficient supply during times of drought is a local responsibility. The Nicaragua Water Project continues to empower women to take active roles on their Community Water Committees. Their contribution is invaluable in sustaining access to the valuable resource and helping to **Make it Right**.

SUCCESS RATE

**100%**

of the project's water well systems are currently being managed by Community Water Committees.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

**10**

Alberta schools engaged in learning about water as a human right and showed support for the Nicaragua Water project.

THIS YEAR

**20**

new communities have access to water through new wells drilled or rehabilitated systems.

**100,000**

People served since 2004



**2004** CFCA receives funding from the Canadian Government for the Nicaragua Water Project (Local Partner: Centro Humboldt).

**2007** Members of Community Water Committees raise their voices, and Nicaragua National Law recognizing water as a public resource is passed.

**2011** The Frank Flaman Foundation announces commitment to sponsor the purchase of a well drilling machine.

**2012** The Nicaragua Water Project wins the United Nations Equator Prize for advancing innovative sustainable solutions for resilient communities.

**2016** The project has brought clean water to over 100,000 people!





## Making it Successful Bolivia

School breakfast programs in the Alto Beni region will continue beyond our financing which ends in September. As planned, based on a step-down funding model, 100% of the costs of carrying on the program have now been assumed by the local municipalities.

**52**

Schools have a Breakfast Program

**266**

Women are employed by the program

## Making Connections Ecuador

**450**

patients received dental care in the highlands of Ecuador and the Cuyabeno rainforest by a team of 19 volunteers, including 10 dental professionals during 5 clinic days on our first ever dental brigade trip to Ecuador.



## Making it Easier Nicaragua

In Nicaragua's Bosawas Biosphere Reserve and in the northwest region of the country, families with new fuel-efficient eco-stoves with chimneys are healthier and are spending less time gathering fuel.

**101**

Eco-Stoves distributed this year



## Making Prevention a Priority South Africa

In Ndawana, Projects aimed at the prevention of malnutrition and transmission of HIV and at reduced maternal and child mortality focus on early intervention and education to promote healthy children and families and to transform social norms.

## Making Progress Guatemala

Phase Two of the maternal and child health pilot project focuses on proper nutrition for infants in the first 18 months of life. Through home visits by Health Promoters, vital information is disseminated through communities in the Comitancillo region of the Guatemala highlands.





*"We are very happy to bring the message of social justice that exists within these songs, and to share the great work that Change for Children does." — Freddy Lopez*



## Making It Cultural

Change for Children projects continue to promote artistic and cultural preservation and expression as a way to build community in Canada and in the Global South.

Visiting Nicaraguan musicians and artists, Freddy Lopez and Silvio Perez, performed a series of concerts throughout Alberta this spring. Support of the 40th Anniversary concert series raised nearly \$20,000 for Change for Children projects. Thank you to the many who opened up music venues, living rooms, schools, and even backyards so that their stories could be told through song. The collaboration with local musicians – including local trio member Frank Bessai – created truly unforgettable experiences for all.

The talented pair also led local students in the creation of murals emphasizing global citizenship and celebrating what we can accomplish when we all work together to **Make it Right.**

*(Top Left) Mural-in-a-day project with local students, 2016; (Bottom Right) Mural painted by Nicaraguan youth with project partner, Funarte, 2006; (Top Right) Bill Bourne performs at Instruments of Change, 1997; (Bottom Left) Minstrels from Managua trio perform house concerts, 2016.*



**1997** First "Instruments for Change" event takes place.

**1998** Nicaraguan youth band, "Lights of the Future," tours Alberta.

**1999** "Voices from the South" tours Western Canada.

**2000** Painting Peace mural project tours Nicaragua.

**2003-2006** Annual Change for Children "One World Beat" concerts

**2008-2012** Annual Doctors and Derrières art auction fundraiser

**2009** Ed Carson legacy mural is painted at St. Angela's School in Edmonton.

**2016** 40th Anniversary Minstrels from Managua concert series and mural-in-a-day global citizenship school art project.



## Making It Engaging

Local educators continue to look to Change for Children for resources relating to our priority areas. Additional school resources, including an animated short, *Water and You: Make it Right*, were made available this year thanks to the University of Alberta Lee Global Education grant.

The engagement of local schools and youth is part of Change for Children's proud history. This year saw students from around the province partnering with Change for Children to raise awareness about global community through many creative channels including water walks, school projects, and fundraisers to help **Make it Right**.



## SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

# 14

Alberta schools engaged in learning about social justice and showed support for Change for Children's international projects.

Ecole St. Angela's School  
Katherine Therrien School  
St. Vladimir School  
Holy Family School  
Bears paw School  
Brander Gardens School  
Manachaban Middle School  
Beiseker Community School  
Elizabeth Barrett School  
Ralph McCall School  
Michael Strembitsky School  
George P. Nicholson School  
John D. Bracco Junior High  
Belgravia School



**1987** CFC hosts the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour.

**1990** CFC holds a Youth Global Awareness Weekend.

**1997** Tradition of Annual Youth Summits begins.

**2004** CFC launches Rural Roots: Youth Action Project.

**2011** St. Angela School becomes our first School Champion to fund an entire community water well.

**2013** St. Vincent Elementary School is awarded a YMCA Peace Medal in recognition of their participation in the Hunger Games and their engagement in learning about local and international food security through partnership with Change for Children.

**2015** Strathcona School selects Change for Children as a beneficiary of their annual bikeathon and donates over \$150,000 toward alleviating poverty in Ecuador.



## Making It Ripple Notable Campaigners

Many of you believed in the ripple effect this year and with the belief that small can be BIG, the contributions of many resulted in a number of successful donor-championed fundraising campaigns. Here are some of this year's campaigns where Change for Children supporters rallied friends, family, and colleagues to join them in their goal to help **Make it Right**.



### Paragon Soils School and Garden Initiative

Paragon personnel visited the Bosawas in the spring of 2015. Following the visit, the company held a series of events including a golf tournament and an Amazing Race to fundraise for a secondary school garden initiative.



### For the Well of It

For the second year in a row, a group of 30 raised a dollar a day for a year to collectively fund a community water well, this year in Sagrada Familia, Nicaragua.



### Not on the Back Burner

Through online peer-to-peer fundraising and charity bake sales, Katherine funded 25 Eco-stoves in the Bosawas. Her family has gone on to generously support schools and scholarships in the Bosawas this year.

*"I am going on a brigade in 2017. I wanted to start making a difference before I go."*



### Quench Campaign

Through a gala fundraiser and the support of his dental school alumni and rotary clubs throughout the province, Nekky Jamal has parlayed his Quench campaign into seven community water wells this year alone.

*"The kindness and support of my local community has blown me away. Everybody wanted to get involved - to have an opportunity to make a real, tangible difference."*



### Elizabeth Barrett School

*"Our grade three students organized a Water Walk fundraiser on World Water Day and challenged other schools in the district to do the same. We look forward to continuing our efforts next year and collectively funding an entire water well!"*

- Mme. Wright



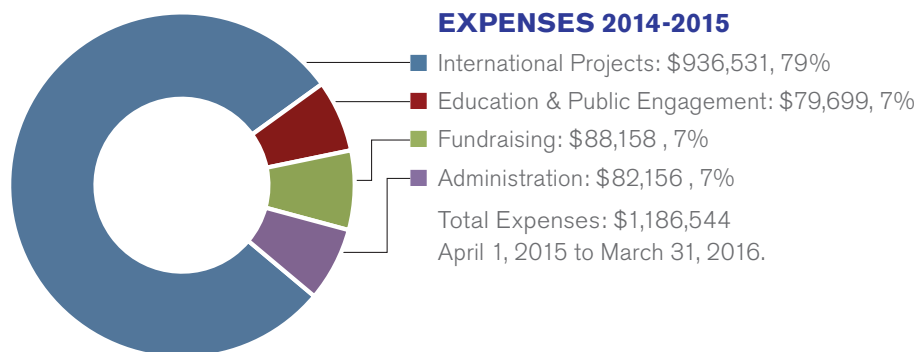
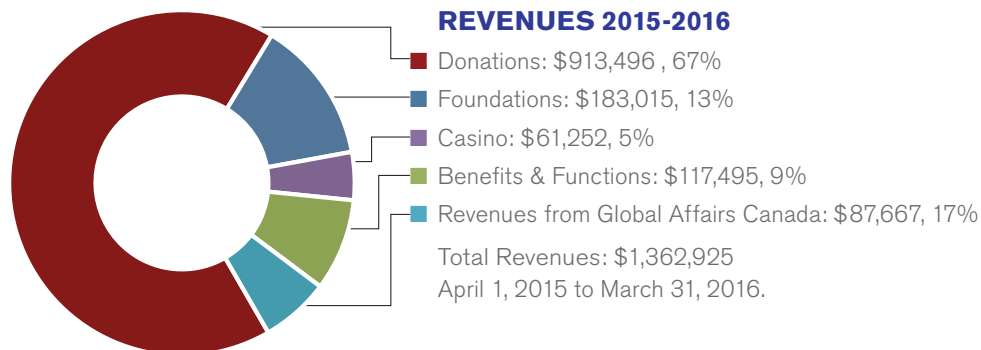
### Well-gravia

For the past ten years, Glen Isaac, together with Craig and Joffrey Lupul, have hosted the annual Joffrey Lupul & Friends Charity Golf Classic in support of Change for Children projects. After having visited Nicaragua in 2014, this year the Isaac family also rallied their community of Belgravia, and together with 15 families, funded a water well for a community in the Chinandega region of Nicaragua.

*"It became clear to me after visiting that change is happening, and it's good change"*  
- Glenn Isaac



## Financial Report



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**1976** Change for Children is founded by Hank and Tillie Zyp.

**1985** CFCA is the top recipient of Federal Grants through CIDA's Alberta Small Projects Program.

**1995** CFCA plays a lead role in the creation of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, which is officially launched in 1997.

**2002** Current Executive Director, Lorraine Swift, joins CFCA as the International Projects Coordinator.

**2016** Change for Children holds its 40th AGM and closes the 2015-16 fiscal year with record high donations. **Thanks to you!**