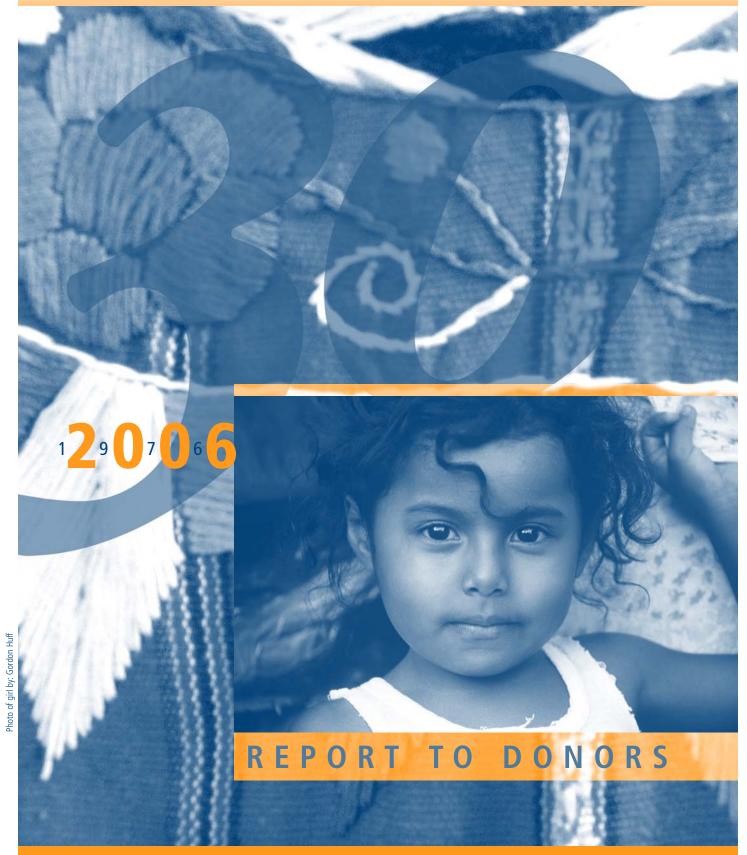
# CHANGE FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATION

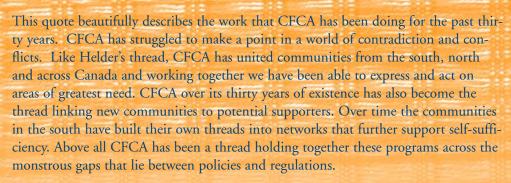




## THIRTY YEARS OF JUSTICE

In front of a necklace beautiful as a dream, I admire above all the thread that united the stones and sacrificed itself namelessly so that could be one"

- Don Helder Camara, Brazil



As we celebrate the significant milestone of turning thirty, another stone has been added; the stone of long-time commitment. As we look to our future we are examining the hopes and challenges that we are sure to face.

CFCA continues to strengthen the thread by searching for innovative solutions to remain as a non-governmental sustainable organization; both in terms of our finances as well as our human resources. This allows us to collaborate with our partners in the south and provide global education opportunities at home. We continue to operate on a year-by-year basis with no guaranteed funding. The changing landscape of international development includes the ever increasing administrative requirements as well as the substantive time commitment required to secure funding outside of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Our thread is the adaptability and creativity that has been cultivated as a result of our amazingly committed and hard working staff who are supported by a core group of committed volunteers.

Our partners in the south have been instrumental in keeping the thread strong and alive, as they are the ones reviving their own histories; their own identities. They have shown us time after time that if people are capable of reviving memory where death has ruled, memory is no longer stagnant water, because they are showing us faces of activists, martyrs, names, communities and life.

The commitment from our partners in the south made us comprehend the present and challenge us to understand what we need to do to continue working for the future. Our hopes for the future include being a vital and relevant organization thirty years from now and to continue to be a part of real social change in larger and larger pockets of society both in the south and in our own backyards. We can accomplish all this by remembering that CFCA and all the people that work for it make up the thread to guide us through this struggle.

Therefore, and most importantly, we would like to thank our members, our volunteers, our board members, our staff and our partners from the south, for continuing to beautify our thread at CFCA for the past thirty years.

In solidarity,

Delmy Garcia-Hoyt and Margo Nelson Vice-President and Member, CFCA Board of Directors Without the continued support of the numerous donors and volunteers across the country there would be no Change for Children. **Thank you, the world needs you.** 

For 30 years, Change for Children has been focused on justice-based development in their support for social movements and civil society organizations in the developing world. Throughout their rich history, in addition to overseas projects, Change for Children has successfully implemented several initiatives that have engaged Albertans and Canadians in global education activities such as the famous 'Dialogues for Development', Annual Youth Summits and the Painting Peace mural project, that won a number of local peace awards. Having been involved with Change for Children since its inception, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on 30 years of success.

- Douglas Roche O.C.



- Mary Burlie (Bridges of Hope, 1987)



"Raising awareness of global issues has always been a priority of this organization and Change for Children has successfully reached out to all Albertans in their efforts to address the roots problems of development. CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) values its relationship with Change for Children. We recognize the critical role that NGOs play in our mutual efforts to reduce poverty and contribute towards a more just and equitable world and we look forward to continued collaboration with this creative, innovate and committed organization."

Ruth Shapiro, Director, Prairies
 Regional Office, CIDA, 2006

#### Change for Children would like to express its deepest gratitude

to all of the individuals, organizations, communities, project partners, schools, foundations, businesses, churches, volunteers, and donors that have generously given time, ideas and financially supported our overseas projects and our Education Program in Canada for thirty years. Your contribution to and belief in global justice is remarkable.

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#### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

**120** Alberta youth attended the 2nd annual Rural Roots conference to dialogue on this years conference theme "Global Voices: Human Rights and Global Citizenship.

#### **PARTNERSHIP**

In conjunction with Edmonton based Guatemalan and Salvadoran cultural associations, Change for Children raised over \$50,000 for Hurrican STAN emergency relief in Guatemala and El Salvador.

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING**

In Usulatan, El Salvador, youth leadership training at the Monseñor Romero popular Resource Centre has reduced the incidence of gang violence in the area significantly and encouraged youth to become involved in community development initiatives in the area.

#### HEALTH

Our HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment program in conjunction with Familias Saludables in Roatan, Honduras, has provided employment for 25 people living with AIDS who have distributed anti-retroviral drugs (to prevent mother-to-child transmission) to over 40 pregnant women with AIDS in just the first three months of the project.

#### **SOLIDARITY**

Westwood Unitarian Congregation in Edmonton set out to raise \$9,000 for the construction of a well in Northern Nicaragua and after only six months of fundraising efforts, has raised over \$13,000 in support of year round access to water for drought stricken communities in the area.

# 1976-2006

## 1970s

#### 1972

• Earthquake in Managua – subsequent disparity in emergency relief distribution planted the seeds of unrest for the revolution.

#### 1973

• The Government of Alberta establishes the Alberta Agency for International Development (AAID) granting agency and in subsequent years makes Alberta a leader in international development funding at the provincial level.



• Change for Children Association is founded by Hank and Tillie Zyp and other members of their parish in Devon, Alberta.

#### 1977:

• Chilean refugees become active on the Board and Committees of CFCA.

#### 1979

• CFCA projects in solidarity with the people of Nicaragua intensify as the Sandanistas take power in the country.

## **1980**s

#### 1980

• Archbishop
Monseñor Romero
killed by the army
in El Salvador. The
mid 1980s begin decades
of solidarity events and activities
with Central America.

#### 1983

• CIDA establishes an office at the Camrose One World Centre and the Alberta Small Projects Program to fund development projects submitted by Alberta based NGOs.

#### 1983-84:

• Members of CFCA travel to Nicaragua and El Salvador and become increasingly aware of politically volatile climate in Central America. Travel is a catalyst for individuals getting directly involved as project holders after they view community projects, and efforts for self-sustainable/appropriate technological development.

#### 1984

 Refugees arriving from El Salvador become increasingly involved in CFCA Board and Committees



#### 1985

• Change for Children is the top recipient of Federal Grants through CIDA's Alberta Small Projects Program based in Camrose.

#### 1980

- Bridge of Hope Newsletter publishes its first edition.
- Change for Children moves into a new office in St. Michael's School.

#### 1987

• CFCA hosts the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour (UN) with youth from Sri Lanka, Nicaragua, Gutemala and Canada.



#### 1987

• Father Joe Curcio, Theresa Zyp, and Richard Johnson go on the first CFCA delegation that volunteered to travel to Nicaragua at their own expense to learn from the poor.

It is the middle of the contra war.

#### 1988

- First Dialogue for Development theme: "The Role of Canadians in the Developing World." Future speakers will include Maude Barlow, Elijah Harper, and Doug Roche.
- CFCA participates in and hosts "Miles for Millions," fundraising walks for international development created by Oxfam Canada in 1967.

#### 1989

• Hurricane Joan hits the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, a powerful hurricane that causes death and destruction in over 12 countries in the Caribbean and Central America. CFCA is active in hurricane relief and rebuilding.

## 1990s

#### 1990

• CFCA holds a Youth Global Awareness Weekend, a camp retreat for youth about international development and justice issues.

#### 1991

• "Your Will Be Done" mural and resource book. The mural is painted by Hank Zyp and his students at St Joe's in the early 90s. It features Jesus in the centre, surrounded by pictures of about 300 philosophers, activists and revolutionaries from around the world and numerous quotes. It measures 8ft tall by 120ft in length and is permanently housed in St. Joe's school. Print reproductions of the mural are made and sell for years.



#### 1994

• Youth Summit takes place in partnership with the YMCA

#### 1995

- CIDA eliminates the Public Participation Programme, the program that funds all the Learner Centres across Canada.
- CIDA also shuts down the Prairie Decentralized Support Program at Camrose International Institute, the regional office by which CFCA projects are funded. While CIDA restructures, CFCA has no project or programs funding for over a year.
- CFCA, together with a number of other small NGOs, plays a lead role in the creation of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, which will be officially launched in 1997.

#### 1996

• "Letters from Brazil," Al Gerwing's film set in CFCA partner projects in Brazil, airs on CBC in the fall.

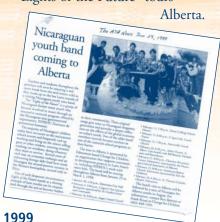
#### 1996

• CIDA reinstates a small amount of funding for "public engagement;" CFCA is able to re-design and reestablish a global education program.

- First Annual "Instruments for Change" event takes place.
- First Travel for Transformation adult Tour to Nicaragua.
- Tradition of Annual Youth Summits begins.

#### 1998

- First Youth Tour to Nicaragua.
- First Travel for Transformation adult Tour to Brazil.
- Hurricane Mitch devastates Nicaragua and Honduras. CFCA is very involved in relief and rebuilding.
- "Lights of the Future" tours



- "Voices from the South" tours Western Canada.
- Vladimir Hernandez of INPRHU, Nicaragua, is in Canada to speak about the effects of Hurricane Mitch.
- CFCA launches its first website
- "Class Action" school-building partnerships are launched.
- CFCA volunteers complete an 18-day trek from Edmonton to Managua, Nicaragua, on the "Magic School Bus" – bringing tools, school supplies, and other items to community projects across Nicaragua.

#### 2000

- CFCA participates in Jubilee 2000's "Drop the Debt" rally.
- UNESCO's Manifesto 2000 inspires the Painting Peace mural creation and tours of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Alberta.



#### 2001

- Major earthquakes hit El Salvador.
- Partnership with Kindness in Action (dental brigades) is formed.

#### 2002

• "Rhythm of the Streets," Bill Moore Kilgannon's documentary about CFCA projects for street youth in Nicaragua, is released.

#### 2003

• First Change for Children "One World Beat" is launched.

#### 2004

- CFCA launches the first year of Rural Roots: Youth Action Project.
- Hank and Tilly Zyp are awarded the "Stars of the Millennium Volunteer Award" from the Wild Rose Foundation
- CIDA funding to international projects is suspended.

#### 2005

• Hurricane Stan affects El Salvador and Gutemala. CFCA, in partnership with Guatemalan and El Salvadoran communities, raise funds and awareness for relief and rebuilding.

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Change for Children is firmly rooted in Global **Education and Community** Development.

## OUR COMMITMENT

## SELF **DETERMINATION**

Our development projects, their cost and priority are determined by our southern partners according to the current needs of their communities.

#### **EQUALITY**

Our projects are based on partnership and mutual exchange of ideas. We do not have offices or employees in the South.

#### **LOCAL OWNERSHIP**

Our development projects increase the capacity of local people and local community based organizations which provide local employment and local ownership of programs to reduce poverty.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Educating Canadians about the challenges that people in the developing world face is an integral part of the work we do. We aim to strengthen North-South; North-North; and South-South relationships.

#### **SOLIDARITY**

New Canadians immerse us in the realities of communities in the developing world and through their involvement with CFCA, raise awareness of those realities and create

opportunities to partner on projects overseas.

#### **FUTURE**

We foster long term partnerships with organizations that are working for positive, sustainable social and economic change. We are committed to understand what our role is - as Canadians and Albertans – in the struggle to alleviate global poverty and ensure a future for next generations.

- **B** Basic Human Needs
- Health and Nutrition
- A 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
- W Capacity Development and Income Generation for Women

Our relationship with your organization over the past 15 years has been one of mutual respect and positive information sharing of what it takes to bring our projects to fruition and work to empower community members." - AMMID



Projects are supported by donations from our supporters, and in some cases by grants from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta (WRF).



Agence canadienne de développement international Development Agency



The powerful component of Change for Children the biggest little NGO – is that it gives concrete examples to people in Canada about how they can take an active role in Development" - Ed Carson

# **VELOPMENT - YEAR IN REVIEW**



Chamaque, Comitancillo Partner: AMMID: The Mayan-Mam Association for Research and Development

For the second year in a row in the Comitancillo region, Change for Children donors, in conjunction with Project HOPE - a student group from Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, have financed the construction of two primary schools.

Comitancillo
Partner: AMMID: The
Association for Mayan-Mam
Research and Development
AMMID works on several
initiatives that promote
indigenous cultural
preservation, including
curriculum development in
native languages.

Partner: Caminamos Juntos
This project involves health
promotion activities, special
needs assessments and
nutrition and education
support for children.

© Cuernavaca, Morelos
Partner: Comunidad
Here CFCA supports projects
that promote alternative and
organic agricultural practises as
well as provide marketing
support for local farmers. (WRF)

Cuernavaca, Morelos
Partner: Comunidad
Comunidad's projects strengthen
and diversify local economies,
provide vocational training and
marketing support for small
producers and provide a stable
income for single mothers.

Guadalajara, Jalisco
Partner: Fundacion
Santa Maria

With amazing support from CFCA donors in Edmonton, the Fundacion is able to provide vocational training and marketing support for women and supply child care for those enrolled in the programming.

HONDURAS

A Roatan
Partner: Familias Saludables
This project employs and
empowers people living with
AIDS to protect their human
rights and educate the community about prevention and treatment options. (CIDA and
WRF).

# **IICARAGUA**

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#### BOSAWAS

Partners: ADEPCIMISUJIN (Miskito indigenous association) and Centro Humboldt

This project promotes natural medicine, child nutrition and HIV / AIDS prevention in 35 indigenous communities. (CIDA and WRF)



Pamkawas APATTHERS. Pamkawas APATTHERS: ADEPCIMISUJIN (Miskito indigenous association) and Centro Humboldt

Here CFCA is supporting the construction of a four room Primary school that will provide bilingual education to 340 students that currently attend school in a sub standard facility or do not attend at all. (WRF)

Somotillo
Partners: El Bloque Comunitario
and Centro Humboldt
Here CFCA supports a project
that is providing 22 wells for the
communities in this drought
striken area. The wells are providing community members with
drinking water as well as water
for household and agricultural
use. (CIDA)

**DENTAL BRIGADES**This year we worked again with Kindness in Action and were able to send over 35 dental professionals to Nicaragua to tend to over 1500 patients.

#### BOSAWAS

Partners: ADEPCIMISUJIN (Miskito indigenous association) and Centro Humboldt

Centro Humboldt works in the BOSAWAS Biosphere reserve with the Miskito and Mayagna indigenous associations to protect a forest reserve known as "the Lungs of Central America" through education and microenterprise initiatives.

Managua & Esteli ▼
Partners: INPRHU (the Institute for Human Promotion) and FUNARTE (Foundation for Art!)

These organizations work in collaboration on a national campaign to provide human rights and self esteem training to children and youth working on the street. They also provide youth with leadership training so that they may successfully advocate for their human rights. (CIDA and WRF)

Partner: Centro Humboldt

Centro Humboldt's Water Action Project works to educate municipal governments and the citizens of Nicaragua about the consequences of deregulation and privatization of their water resources.



Photo by: Lee Hickling

Communities of El Salvador)
In conjunction with the local
Edmontonian Salvadoran community, CFCA supports the
Romero Cultural Resource
Centre which provides youth
with activities, training programs
and basic education that will
redirect their lives from gang violence to meaningful vocations.



## Maceio

Partner: Proyecto Thalita

This organization that works with street girls in Maceio. The initiative includes a project house where girls can stay to receive psychological attention, vocational training and support workshops. The project hopes to empower girls and give them concrete skills they can use to overcome poverty and the hazards of living and working on the streets.

Partner: GRUCON (Unified Group for Black Awareness)
GRUCON works with children and youth to organize and mobilize community members to take action for their rights and to obtain the resources they need to survive. (WRF)

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W San Bernardo, Santiago Partner: Talleres Gerona With support from Edmonton's Chilean community, Talleres Gerona provides vocational training and marketing support for women in sewing and clothing design and also supplies child care for those enrolled in the programming.

W San Bernardo, Santiago Partner: CEPPAC: Centre of **Professionals for Community** Action

Capacity building workshops here helped more than 65 women start their own businesses which ranged from flower shops to bakeries, restaurants to community gardens. The project has facilitated an improved quality of life for women and their families in this poverty-stricken barrio. (CIDA and WRF)

SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA

In cooperation with Edmonton based Hands Across Africa Association (www.handsacross africa.org), Change for Children supports three projects that provide AIDS orphans with income support, vocational training and health services.



Romano Village Partner: 'Alberta Canada Primary School Project'

Working with the local West African Immigrant community here in Edmonton, Change for Children has provided support for the construction and ongoing operations of the 9 room schoolhouse.



Bulawayo Partner: Catholic Archdiocese of Bulawayo

In Zimbabwe, CFCA provides support for alternative education initiatives aimed at providing street kids and other youth-atrisk with educational and recreational activities as well as vocational training.

#### **PHOTO EXHIBIT**

Photo exhibit captures 30 years of solidarity work by Change for Children. The stories, images and events of three decades in a visual history.



#### ONE WORLD BEAT

This year CFCA held its 4th annual One World Beat: A 30th Anniversary Celebration in Song. One World Beat is an international music festival that unites musicians, organizations and artists to raise awareness about issues affecting local and global communities. Thank you to all who donated their time, talents and vision for social justice.

# **PARTNERS IN LEARNIN**

#### **GLOBAL VISIONS**

Change for Children hosted three documentary films and was a sponsor of Youth Media Day with the Global Visions Film Festival, which promotes film as a catalyst for reflection, discussion, and responsible action towards social, cultural, economic, and ecological health. CFCA hopes to continue this partnership and utilize film as a means to raise global awareness, learn from social movements in the South and strengthen movement building/critical analysis in the North.

## MURAL PROJECT IN NICARAGUA

In the spring of 2006, Change for Children connected all of our Nicaragua partner organizations in a joint project that involved the creation of a youth human rights mural – for youth-by youth – in San Andres, Nicaragua. Youth from Managua, Esteli and BOSAWAS participated in a cultural exchange of music and mural painting skills.

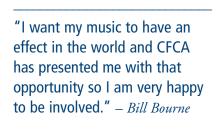


## RURAL ROOTS: YOUTH ACTION PROJECT

The project seeks to engage youth with policy dialogue about international cooperation and provide them with the leadership skills necessary to initiate community led actions directly related to these goals. This project hopes to bridge what is often understood as a 'disconnect' between policy and local action; a feeling particularly poignant for youth.

#### Highlights of 2005/2006:

- Rural Roots has become the vehicle for engagement of youth and development of skills critical to active global citizenship.
- CFCA established a partnership with Walter Duncan Gordon Foundation





## **G FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE**



"Rural Roots was the first time
I ever heard the word social
justice. This inspired me to go
back to my town and start a
social justice club." — Zach Zimmel

- 7 Youth were trained as facilitators and represent 5 communities in Alberta
- Rural Roots and Youth web pages created
- 2 Rural Roots Tours completed to \_. To date 21 communities have hosted rural roots presentations
- 23 educators and 1200 youth participated in Rural roots youth tours
- 95 youth participants and 25 youth presenters attended the 2nd annual Youth Conference in Nordegg, representing more than 11 Alberta Communities.















- Change for Children completed over 50 presentations to Alberta schools, churches, community groups and conferences
- Partnered with local unions to host a documentary film during Global Visions Film Festival
- Participated in planning and content for a documentary film on water
- Building Bridges publication focused on Natural Disasters;
   Hope; and Right to Resources
- CFCA launched a new website including a Global Education page
- Change for Children became a University partner and hosted six community service learning students.
- Member of Alberta Council for Global Cooperation and collaborated on year long Public engagement activities related to Make Poverty History
- Change for Children hosted
   Dialogue on Development, in
   partnership with University of
   Alberta International Week –
   reviving a long tradition

"Partnership is a commitment to search for alternative ways of building society and it means to form new long-term meaningful relationships... partnership is a process of solidarity" – Hank Zyp

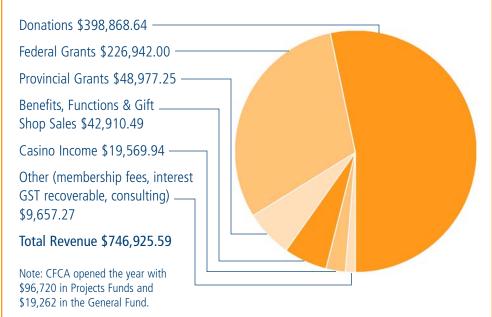
## MAKE POVERTY HISTORY— ALBERTA COALITION FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

Change for Children, as a member of the Alberta Coalition for Global Cooperation, participated in coordination and activities in a year-long public engagement campaign that encouraged Albertans to get involved with the Make Poverty History campaign, and highlighted the ways that Alberta NGOs such as CFCA have been making poverty history for 30 years.

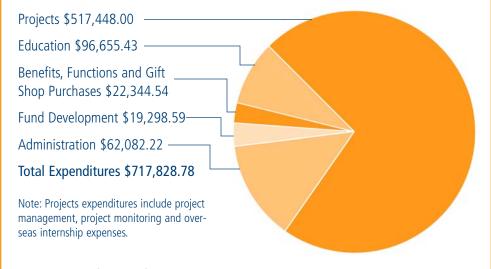
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. The information on this page was taken from unaudited financial statements. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the Change for Children office.

### **REVENUE** (Does not include value of donated services.)



### **EXPENDITURES** (Does not include value of donated services.)



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.



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Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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**CKUA** 

Chris Cooper

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CTV

Earth's General Store

Edmonton Catholic Schools

Edmonton Folk Music Festival Society

Global Visions Festival Society

Guatemalan Society of Edmonton

Guatemalan Solidarity Committee

Hands Across Africa Association

Heritage Community Foundation

High Level Diner

Import Tool

Italian Bakery

Kindness in Action

Project HOPE of Grant MacEwan College

Students' Association

Public Interest Alberta

Salvadoran Society of Edmonton

Saskatchewan Council for International

Cooperation

Tamarineh Society for Community

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Voice of the Voiceless Salvadoran Cultural

Society

Vue Magazine

Walter, Duncan and Gordon Foundation Westwood Unitarian Congregation

Wild Rose Foundation

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

As a small Non Governmental Organization, Change for Children could not exist without volunteer support. Thank you for the commitment, time and knowledge that you have generously given to our organization

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