This quote beautifully describes the work that CFCA has been doing for the past thirty years. CFCA has struggled to make a point in a world of contradiction and conflicts. Like Helder’s thread, CFCA has united communities from the south, north and across Canada and working together we have been able to express and act on areas of greatest need. CFCA over its thirty years of existence has also become the thread linking new communities to potential supporters. Over time the communities in the south have built their own threads into networks that further support self-sufficiency. Above all CFCA has been a thread holding together these programs across the monstrous gaps that lie between policies and regulations.

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
HUMAN RIGHTS
120 Alberta youth attended the 2nd annual Rural Roots conference to dialogue on this year’s 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 Hurricane STAN emergency relief in Guatemala and El Salvador.

CAPACITY BUILDING
In Usulutan, 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.

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.

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.

Mary Burlie (Bridges of Hope, 1987)
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.

1976
- 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.

1980s

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.

1986
- Bridge of Hope Newsletter publishes its first edition.
- Change for Children moves into a new office in St. Michael’s School.

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
- 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

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- 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.
- CIDA reinstates a small amount of funding for “public engagement,” CFCA is able to re-design and re-establish a global education program.

1997
- 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 Alberta.

1999
- “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.

2000s

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 Guatemala. CFCA, in partnership with Guatemalan and El Salvadoran communities, raise funds and awareness for relief and rebuilding.
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.

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.

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).

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

**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.

**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).

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**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.

**Cuernavaca, Morelos**
**Partner:** Comunidad
Here CFCA supports projects that promote alternative and organic agricultural practices as well as provide marketing support for local farmers. (WRF)
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 ▲
Partners: 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 stricken 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.
In cooperation with Edmonton-based Hands Across Africa Association (www.handsacrossafrica.org), Change for Children supports three projects that provide AIDS orphans with income support, vocational training and health services.

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.

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)

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ZIMBABWE

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-at-risk with educational and recreational activities as well as vocational training.
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.

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

“I want my music to have an effect in the world and CFCA has presented me with that opportunity so I am very happy to be involved.” – Bill Bourne

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.
GLOBAL EDUCATION: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

- 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

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.

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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.

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**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
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**Total Revenue $746,925.59**

Note: CFCA opened the year with $96,720 in Projects Funds and $19,262 in the General Fund.

### EXPENDITURES
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**Total Expenditures $717,828.78**

Note: Projects expenditures include project management, project monitoring and overseas internship expenses.

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.