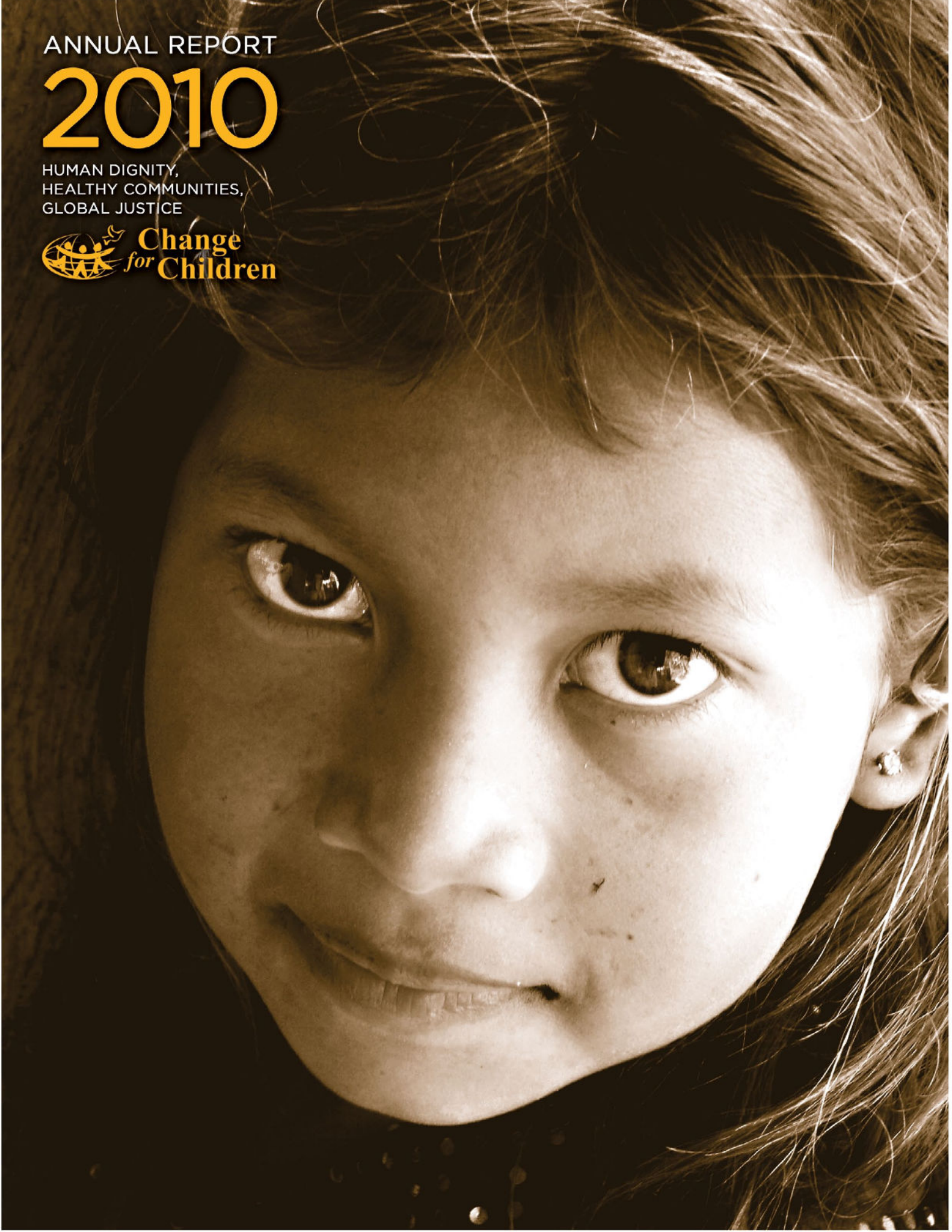


ANNUAL REPORT

# 2010

HUMAN DIGNITY,  
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES,  
GLOBAL JUSTICE





**Room to Learn** - A few of the students in their new school in El Rio by Leticia Orozco

School construction was completed in the community of El Rio, Guatemala ensuring the right to learn for 360 indigenous Mayan-Mam children.

Thanks to the many generous donors who made this possible.

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# From the Ground Up

This past fall, I was inspired by the gathering of such diverse and committed people at the Annual Development Dinner and I was moved to see so many hands raised to offer support to the building of a much needed school in rural Guatemala. At the end of the night I said to one generous contributor, "with my bag of concrete, and your gravel, together we are going to build a school!" And at the time I was joking, but also excited as I knew, bit by bit, the school would be collectively built in Canada and in El Rio, Guatemala. I celebrated this spring as the community completed construction and inaugurated their new school. From the ground up, our partners strengthened their communities with perseverance and resilience. They built another part of the foundation for their future.

Through my work on the Board of Directors over the past four years, I have come to know the organization in a new way, and have learned more about the founding purpose. A part of that purpose is to, "learn from people with whom we partner to accompany them in the struggle for justice". Three decades later, we are still accomplishing this with old and new partners. This year we have new partners in Bolivia and Uganda. The Kigezi Health-care Foundation in Uganda works to restore hope and health to a region devastated by HIV. In Bolivia, we are now working with

the Renace Foundation to provide training for women from Alto Beni, Bolivia. These women are building dried fruit micro enterprises, and strengthening the economies of their families and region.

*Our partners are leading not only their communities but also us here in Canada, to make the greatest impact possible.*

Our founding purpose also articulates that we must, "act in development with a sense of urgency and commitment". The incredible response from individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, and youth has allowed us to respond to the critical issues facing communities every day. It has also made it possible to simultaneously ensure long-term partnerships in Canada and internationally.

In Canada, we continue to build relationships and connect people with our global partners and projects. This year we launched our JUST Teach social justice tour, supported a 29 person dental delegation, and learned about access to education via video conference. We also established a new partnership with the Alberta Human Rights Education and Multicultural Education Fund, which allows us to provide programming for rural youth and communities.

This year we lost a board member, a volunteer, a donor, and a friend. Linda Nycholat was all of these things, and so much more. Her generosity knew no boundaries. She played a major role in where the Board and organization has gone in the last 3 years, and for that I will be eternally grateful for the time we had.

As I look back over the last year, I feel energized, hopeful and positive. As I prepare to end my term with the Board of Directors, I am overjoyed at seeing where CFCA has come, and what it has helped accomplish. I am excited in where we are headed, and confident in the difference that is being made by the work we are doing collectively.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers and supporters who contribute so much time, energy and invest greatly in Change for Children. You are part of our solution.

Thank you



Genna Collier



Photo by Leticia Orozco

Today, 72 million children worldwide do not have access to education. Projects like the Paul Tomy Memorial School in El Rio, Guatemala are changing that reality to ensure access for all children.

## STAFF 2009-2010

### PROGRAM MANAGERS (full time)

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TRINA MOYLES - Rural Rights Youth Coordinator

MELISSA MILAKOVIC - Rural Rights Youth Coordinator

KIM PHILLIPS LANGER - Administrative and Program Assistant



*Photo by Dr. Geoffrey Anguyo*

Child headed families are very common in the Kabale district of Uganda because of HIV. The Kigezi Healthcare Foundation, founded by Ugandan

doctor, Geoffrey Anguyo, is implementing innovative solutions in the region such as micro-credit and child nutrition projects.

# Contributing to Solutions

## Improving Access to Water:

Phase III of our community water project with CIDA began. Building on the success of previous phases, these initiatives bring water to over 120 communities and nearly 40,000 people in northern Nicaragua. Similarly in Romano Village, Sierra Leone our water wells are meeting a great need in this drought stricken region. Our water projects also include health and hygiene programs, reforestation, municipal water management and the distribution of low-wood-consumption stoves to ensure sustainability.

## Improving Access to Education:

In Guatemala we completed construction of our fourth primary school in the Comitancillo region and also supported school construction projects in remote regions of Nicaragua and Sierra Leone, impacting a thousand 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.

## Promoting 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 Mexico, 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.

## Stimulating Economic Development

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

## Promoting Children's Rights:

Innovative artistic programs to reach children and youth at risk in Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Peru 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.

## 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. In addition, supporting bi-lingual educational initiatives with indigenous populations preserves their culture and language in an age of increasing globalization.

## Working to Preserve and Protect the Environment:

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.



Photo by Frank Bessai

Oral health is significantly improving in Bosawas, Nicaragua as a result of dental brigades who have visited the region. Mark Chatenay, who has visited Bosawas three times, was one of 28 dental professionals who went on this year's jungle trip.

# OUR GLOBAL

**OUR APPROACH:** Change for Children does not have offices in the developing world. Instead we work with established local organizations that apply local knowledge and skills to solve problems and improve communities. With your partnership, these local organizations have been able to change their worlds.



## MEXICO:

Partners: Fundación Comunidad in Morelos & Caminamos Juntos in Morelos

With CFCA support, these organizations work with women in vocational training, health promotion, agricultural training and micro-credit as well as in providing educational opportunities. Micro credit allowed 500 female farmers the opportunity to raise chickens for improved nutrition and economic development.

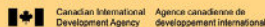
## NICARAGUA: BOSAWAS Biosphere

Partners: Centro Humboldt, ADEPCIMISUJIN, MAKALANA.

Centro Humboldt, Nicaragua's strongest advocate for local control of resources and indigenous territorial rights has partnered with local indigenous organizations to provide support for local indigenous initiatives in land management, self government, community infrastructure and environmental protection. In 2009/10 a field house was constructed (in cooperation with Project HOPE) to accommodate brigades and a 30 person dental and medical brigade was sent to this region.

## NICARAGUA: Esteli and Managua

Partners: FUNARTE, INPHRU, CIDA



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 violence and HIV/AIDS to combat these risks. In 2009/10 we completed this project with CIDA, exceeding target reach and involving over 2000 participants.

## NICARAGUA: 70 communities

in Chinandega, Esteli and Leon  
Partners: Centro Humboldt, CIDA

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 developing a strategy to sustainably manage them. In 2009/10 we completed phase II of this project and began phase III, which involves the provision of potable water, eco-stoves and accompanying training programs to 12,000 additional people in this region.

## GUATEMALA:

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

One of Guatemala's strongest voices for indigenous rights, AMMID works with CFCA on primary school construction projects that provide bi-lingual indigenous language education for these marginalized populations. In 2009/10 we completed the construction of our fourth primary school in this region, where 360 kids attend this 4 classroom facility in either morning or afternoon.

## EL SALVADOR:

Partner: CEBES (Christian Base Communities of El Salvador)

Receiving support from diaspora communities of 4 Salvadorans across the world, CEBES in Usulután has established 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. In 2009/10 the social health fund helped over 900 families with their medical needs in this region.

## HONDURAS:

Partners: Alianza Verde



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 2009/10 we developed a project to increase indigenous capacity building in environmental management and economic development through cacao cultivation.

## BOLIVIA: Potosi

Partner: CEPROMIN, CIDA



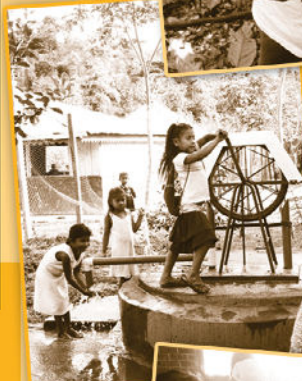
CEPROMIN promotes workers' rights and alternative employment in the mines of Bolivia. In Potosi we supported vocational training, workplace safety, workers rights education and scholarship opportunities for children working in the Cerro Rico silver mine. In 2009/10 this project concluded and resulted in 20 students graduating with University or college degrees as well as an additional 50 students with short term training diplomas in their chosen vocations.

## BOLIVIA: Beni

Partner: Fundacion Renace

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

Fundacion Renace is one of Bolivia's strongest environmental organizations. We are collaborating on an economic development project which supports the production and marketing of dried fruit. In 2009/10 this initiative provided nearly 100 farming families with skills and income to feed their families and expand their agricultural operations.



# PARTNERS



**TANZANIA:** Moshi  
Partners: Amani Children's Home, Hands Across Africa

This world renowned shelter for orphans, in the town of Moshi at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, houses nearly 60 children who otherwise would be living on the street. Children are provided with a safe and loving home along with education, health care and vocational training. In 2009/10 we concluded our funding of this program and were very pleased with the progress made by these 60 students over the past three years.

**UGANDA:** Mbarara  
Partners: Ainembabazi Children's Project  
Uganda and Edmonton

This project offers responsive programming for the children of Mbarara who are being dramatically affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis and raising awareness about the crisis in Uganda and in Canada. In 2009/10 we supported the construction of 2 libraries and a water tank and also concluded our funding of this program.

**UGANDA:** Kigezi  
Partners: Kigezi Healthcare Foundation (KIHEFO)

KIHEFO, a local Ugandan healthcare organization famous for its director's AIDS research, runs a project which provides agricultural training and micro-credit to the families who have taken in orphaned & vulnerable children living in poverty. Micro-finance recipients are also instructed in community building, household healthcare, nutrition and HIV/AIDS. In 2009/10 we were able to support training and micro-finance for 65 families in this region.

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

**SIERRA LEONE:** Moyamba  
Partners: Moyamba Rehabilitation Clinic, Hands Across Africa

Working with CFCA, Hands Across Africa has been able to support this clinic, which provides much-needed rehabilitation therapy, prosthesis and counseling to people injured in the war in Sierra Leone, in an area where there are few other medical services. In 2009/10 the clinic was able to treat over 900 patients and fit them for prosthetic limbs.

**SIERRA LEONE:** Romano Village  
Partners: Romano Village, Tamaraneh Society Edmonton

Current projects in the village include the construction of a health clinic, water wells and ongoing support for primary and secondary schools. In 2009/10 construction was completed for the primary school and funded teacher's salaries ensuring education for over 1,200 students.



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***Just Teach 2009 - Photo by Lucie Wong***

*Lucie Wong, a secondary teacher at Ardrossan Jr./Sr. High School, participated in the inaugural JUST Teach social justice tour to Nicaragua in July. Participants spent two weeks meeting CFCA partners and experiencing*

*first hand the challenges of poverty and the solutions in the region. Lucie is with Candida Lopez, chair of the water committee in her community of Santa Teresa.*

# Connecting Communities

Making connections to key issues in our global world is central to the work of Change for Children. The Education and Public Engagement Program strives to find innovative and creative ways to connect people to the projects and places behind the issues that we hear about on a daily basis, from climate change to poverty. Our intent is to create multiple access points for involvement, relationships to develop and ultimately the opportunity to move from knowledge to action.

In 2009/2010, the work of CFCA was greatly impacted by education partners whose commitment and creativity nurtured the development of many active, global citizens. Our social justice tour, JUST Teach was launched in July, building relationships between communities and classrooms in Alberta and Central America. The participants spent two weeks meeting international partners, beneficiaries and critically examining their role as educators in eliminating and alleviating global poverty. A journey that began when the plane landed in Managua was just the beginning for many of the participants, who brought their stories, learning and friendships from a place that now feels closer to home.

The third Annual Video Conference for Hope has grown and expanded into two full days with separate primary and secondary programming. This innovative partnership with St. Mary Elementary and Queen Elizabeth High School brings youth together to examine the issue of access to education globally and challenges schools to play an active role in ensuring all children and youth achieve the right to an education.

The Rural Roots program which has run for five years lost federal CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) funding this year and CFCA is finding new ways to continue this incredible program that has built deep connections across Alberta. Thank you to the Alberta Human Rights Education and Multiculturalism Fund for their partnership in launching a new initiative called the Rural Rights: Youth Action and Media project that saw deliberative dialogues about human rights and youth action, implemented around the province.

Thank you to the many, many partners who made important education programming possible throughout the year. Your contribution enabled CFCA to engage more people in social justice and to continue to build deep connections with our partners, which we have been doing for three decades.



## Video Conference

*Angel Martinez, CFCA partner from Nicaragua, works with indigenous youth from Comitancillo and El Rio, Guatemala during the 3rd Annual Video Conference for Hope, a partnership with the Centre for Global Education at Queen Elizabeth High School. Innovative technology has been a catalyst for connecting youth around the world to share their realities and their vision for ensuring access to education for all.*





*Photo by Shelaine Sparrow*

*Queen Elizabeth High School's Social Justice Club partnership with CFCA began with inaugural Video Conference for Hope. They have raised thousands of dollars for international education projects each year and have*

*demonstrated leadership and the abilities of students to make an impact.*

# Investing in Communities

Change for Children is privileged to work with an incredible, diverse and international community which is united by a shared vision of human dignity, healthy communities, and global justice. We are inspired by our grassroots Southern counterparts who courageously fight against poverty by lobbying for change in their countries and supporting communities in developing sustainable solutions. We are equally inspired by our Northern community: our donors and fundraising partners who invest their dollars, their networks, their creativity and their confidence in those solutions.

Even in the face of uncertain financial times, our donors continued to give generously. We thank our monthly and annual donors' who maintained their consistent support allowing us to be confident in our commitment to ongoing projects. We thank the many new donors who stepped up to meet the need of our projects. We are grateful to many supporters for choosing Change for Children as the recipient of birthday, anniversary and other special occasion tributes, and we are especially honoured by so many who honoured the lives of loved ones with memoriam gifts.

With the commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers of all types, fundraising events including the annual Development Dinner, 3rd Joffrey Lupul Charity Golf Classic, 4th Doctors and Derrieres continued to expand our fundraising potential

and community by bringing together hundreds of people eager to support our cause. Schools, teachers and students continued to inspire us with their commitment to helping others achieve the right to education with the innovative 4th Video Conference for Hope and all the various classroom fundraising initiatives that followed.

We are indebted to and enriched by all of you!

Change for Children is also grateful for the support of government including the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Community Spirit program; our private foundation partners including the Frank Flaman Foundation and UEnd; many church congregations and businesses who entrust us with their charitable funds.

Change for Children's vision of human dignity, healthy communities and global justice is achieved time and time again as we collectively invest, north and south, in community-based solutions to poverty and injustice. Through this collective investment, the shared values and actions, we are a community.

**Photo by Fiona Cavanagh**

*Michele Fidyk, a grade two teacher at St. Teresa's school in Edmonton, visits the Montenegro market in Managua, Nicaragua during the Just Teach tour. Michele Fidyk and Anna Timm, also a participant of the tour and teacher at St. Teresa's, have implemented a year long fundraising campaign with their elementary students, bringing their experience home.*

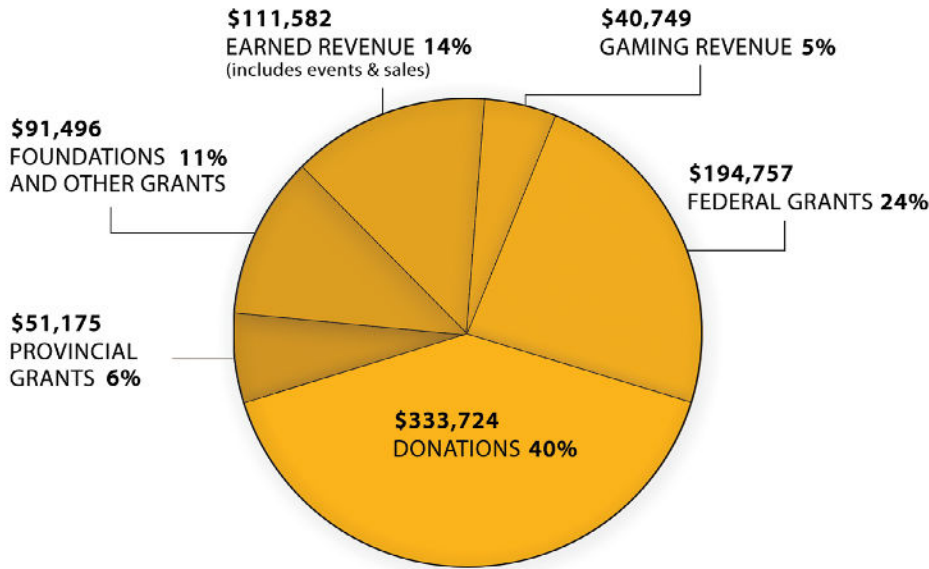




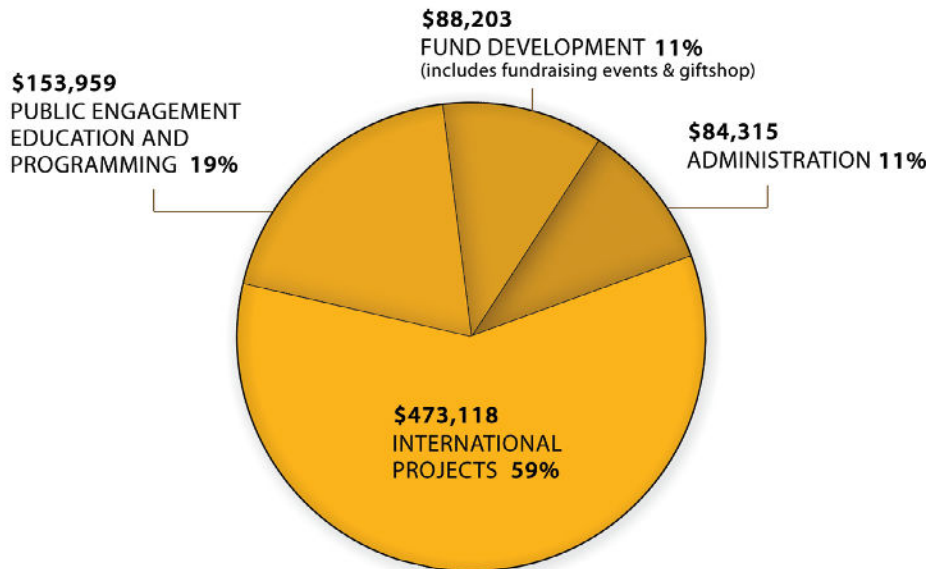
# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial information is for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. This page was taken from audited financial statements. Copies of audited financial statements are available by request from Change for Children.

## \$823,483 TOTAL REVENUES



## \$799,595 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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Guatemala Solidarity Committee  
Hands Across Africa  
Kindness in Action  
Pedal for Pasos  
Tamaraneh Society  
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