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**35** Years

ANNUAL REPORT

**2012**

HUMAN DIGNITY,  
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES,  
GLOBAL JUSTICE



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# Over 180,000 People



## *Impacted Through Our Partnerships*

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**During the 2011/12 year,** Change for Children projects in Latin America and Africa reached over 180,000 people with clean water, food security and agricultural programs, education and health programs, awareness raising campaigns, infrastructure development and capacity building initiatives.



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## 35 Years Strong



*“...there always is hope that as long as there are people who aspire to justice for all, that the dream we dream together will be fulfilled someday”*

- Hank Zyp

**“Ordinary people** can do extraordinary things.” As an individual who dedicated his life to working for social justice, Hank Zyp embodied the spirit and the truth of these words—his own words.

Thirty-five years ago, Hank Zyp and his wife, Tillie Zyp, brought life to the organization we now know as Change for Children Association. And so began our story. Alongside a community of Edmonton citizens, Hank and Tillie worked tirelessly to support grassroots development initiatives in the global south and, most importantly, to share in the spirit of solidarity with those people around the world who faced their daily struggles and injustices with immense resilience, resourcefulness and creativity.

Today, CFCA continues to share in a wonderful story of justice—a story of partnerships, local solutions, and vibrant, caring and capable people working shoulder-to-shoulder to transform unjust structures that cause

poverty and suffering, while aspiring to build a more socially and economically equitable future for all.

Hank passed away in April of this year. While we grieve his passing, we also celebrate the wonderful story of justice that began with his simple wisdom. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things. With the support of our donors and partners, our story will no doubt continue to include community-to-community partnerships rooted in sustainability, cooperation and our vision of Human Dignity, Healthy Communities, Global Justice.

Thank you for being part of our story—a story 35-years strong. Our Annual Report highlights the achievements we have accomplished together over the past year. Thanks to you, they are many. ■

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# Our Priorities



## *In the Global South*

### ***Access to Water***

For rural populations in Latin America and Africa, access to water is linked directly with rising rates of poverty, disease, and food insecurity – the United Nations estimates that by 2025, two-thirds of the world’s population will be facing water scarcity. CFCA is committed to helping communities regain control over their water resources through holistic programming that utilizes sustainable technology and empowers a movement of local participation, decision making and advocacy for water as a human right.

### ***Local Control of Local Food***

The unjust structures of today’s global food market are impacting the world’s poorest population the hardest – it is estimated that over 925 million people are facing situations of hunger and malnutrition. CFCA is focused on empowering food security at the grassroots level by strengthening training, capacity and mechanisms for local food production, processing and distribution. CFCA promotes agroecology to increase plant and nutrient diversification, and improve local capacity for sustainable land management.

### ***Rights to Land & Decision Making***

CFCA promotes education and capacity building amongst indigenous populations living in ecologically protected regions to support communities on their paths to self-government, decision making, and sustainable

economic development. Additionally, CFCA facilitates knowledge sharing between indigenous groups in Latin America to strengthen local ecological practices related to climate change adaptation.

### ***Maternal Health = Community Health***

CFCA believes that women’s health is important to the health of their children, families and communities. Around the world, women living in remote, marginalized communities often suffer from the lack of access to preventative and responsive health services. CFCA supports community-led initiatives that engage rural women and their families in developing collective resources and pathways to prevent and respond to health emergencies.

### ***A Child’s Right to Education***

CFCA recognizes that education is the key to sustainable community development, and is working to strengthen pathways for formal and alternative education through school construction in remote, marginalized communities, support for bilingual learning and curriculum development, and innovative artistic programs that empower children and youth to recognize their basic rights, and make changes in their own lives to pursue higher education and gain vocational skills for fair employment. ■



## Local Control of Food

Change for Children supports the work of the Association for Maya-Mam Research & Development (AMMID) in Comitancillo, Guatemala to implement educational programming that focuses on nutrition, agriculture and environmental themes in primary and secondary schools, and as well to provide tools, seeds, agroecological training for indigenous farmers, many of them women.

## In the Global North

### Mobilize Resources

To support our international partners and their holistic development work in Latin America and Africa, CFCA strives to mobilize and maximize resources at the grass-roots level. Through inspiring fundraising events, including the Annual Development Dinner, CFCA has fostered a strong community of diverse supporters – individuals, families, schools, businesses, churches, Rotary and community groups who donate to projects from a place of global solidarity. CFCA strives to maximize the potential of all donations through provincial and federal matching grants.

### Mentorship

CFCA believes that knowledge sharing is critical to strengthening our collective development efforts – globally and locally. Within the provincial community, CFCA serves on the Executive of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation which nurtures a healthy and vibrant international development sector in Alberta. CFCA also provides ongoing mentorship to our Canadian Based Project Partners – many of which are emerging grassroots organizations, including the youth-led Ceiba Association. To train the next generation of development practitioners, CFCA launched the “Youth Council: International Development Mentorship Project,” and also creates opportunities for University of Alberta students to gain practical work experience through a unique partnership with Community Service Learning.



## Youth Council

Change for Children is nurturing the next generation of change-makers through the Youth Council – International Development Mentorship Project. In January 2012, a team of eight high-school students formed the Council to learn about CFCA’s projects and development approach, and take action on international issues.

### Education & Public Engagement

CFCA continues to create rich and varied educational opportunities for Canadians to connect to global and local issues, and participate in community-led solutions. The Development Café invites the community to share in food, dialogue and story telling about how we are supporting local solution building within the context of many global challenges. CFCA’s Global Justice Schools Program continues to engage Albertan teachers and educators, reaching thousands of students through educational workshops, Water Fair Days, and electronic resources, including Paola’s Story, a brand-new storybook for elementary students. Additionally, CFCA’s dental, medical and student brigades create annual opportunities for Canadians to travel to Latin America and Africa to meet project partners and beneficiaries, and see how projects are inspiring change. ■

# Our International Projects

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## **Nicaragua Water Project** **Chinandega, Nicaragua** Implementing Partner: **Centro Humboldt**

CFCA has been drilling water wells in north-western Nicaragua for 9 years - bringing clean drinking water to over 75,000 people in this drought stricken region. In June 2012, the United Nations Equator Prize was awarded to our Nicaraguan partner, Centro Humboldt, in recognition of the project's emphasis on promoting local resource ownership, gender equality and sustainable technology. A holistic approach to providing water security has included sustainable energy and solar powered water pumps, and prevention of deforestation and soil degradation through the distribution of solar ovens and efficient eco-stoves. Additionally, community leaders are trained in the maintenance of the water infrastructure and understanding national water laws which empower communities to better control, manage, and protect their water resources as a human right.



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## **Food in the Forest** **BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve, Nicaragua & Rio Patuca Reserve, Honduras** Implementing Partners: **Centro Humboldt, GTI (Regional Indigenous Government), and Alianza Verde**

CFCA partners with Centro Humboldt and indigenous organizations living in the BOSAWAS Rainforest Reserve of Nicaragua and the Rio Patuca Reserve of Honduras to provide support for initiatives in sustainable agriculture, land management, self-government, and environmental protection. In May of 2011, we began our CIDA funded project which improves food security by training local farmers and producers (over 50% women), diversifying diets and improving nutrition, providing seeds and tools, and stimulating local economies. It also facilitates cross-border knowledge exchange with the goal to strengthen local practices in climate change adaptation.



**“It is our job to select extraordinary partners.”**

- Lorraine Swift,  
CFCA Program Manager of International Projects.

## **Education & Preservation - School Construction** **BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve, Nicaragua** Implementing Partners: **Centro Humboldt and GTI (Regional Indigenous Government)**



CFCA is committed to supporting school construction and indigenous curriculum development in the BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve. Centro Humboldt and GTI work cooperatively to build schools throughout the remote BOSAWAS region. A secondary school was constructed in San Andres in 2011 (co-funded by Ceiba Association), and additionally, funds were raised to build a 5-room secondary school project in Walakitang in 2012. In total, CFCA has financed 17 classrooms in the region, benefiting over 1500 Miskito children and youth.

## **Children's Rights** **Estelí, Nicaragua** Implementing Partner: **Fundación de Apoyo al Arte Creador Infantil (FUNARTE)**

FUNARTE is one of Nicaragua's strongest child-focused agencies, which employs inspiring art education methodologies using muralism, theatre, dance and music to get at-risk youth involved in programs and education campaigns about combatting violence and HIV/AIDS. In 2011/12, we funded FUNARTE's outreach activities to street youth with programs focusing on health, environmental education and vocational training.

## **Dental / Medical Brigade**

In March 2012, CFCA and Kindness in Action organized a health brigade to Estelí, Nicaragua. A team of Canadian dentists and physicians volunteered their services to over 2500 people.

### **Better Nutrition for Better Learning**

**Alto Beni, Bolivia**  
Implementing Partner:  
**Fundación Renace**

Fundación Renace has provided over 250 farming families with agroecological training and access to seeds and tools to grow and process food to feed their families. Beneficiaries, many of them women, are also strengthening pathways to sell their food products to the growing local economy. In December 2011, CFCA received CIDA approval to expand project activities, and encourage local food processing (producing juices, dried fruit, fruit breads, jams and marmalades) for sale in the local market, and as well to the local municipalities, who are, in turn, purchasing the locally produced, healthy snacks for the School Feeding Program.



### **Community Food Security**

**Comitancillo, Guatemala**  
Implementing Partner:  
**The Association for Maya-Mam Research & Development (AMMID)**

In a region of extreme poverty and malnutrition, AMMID works with the Mayan Mam indigenous communities to implement nutritional and environmental education programs in schools, and as well to provide tools, seeds, agroecological training and micro-credit for farmers. This project also includes the installation and operation of corn silos, which have provided local indigenous farmers with the opportunity to grow and store corn collectively, thus eliminating their need to buy corn on the national market when prices skyrocket.



### **Healthy Schools: Children's Education**

**Quetzaltenango, Guatemala**  
Implementing Partner: **Primeros Pasos Health Clinic**

Our Healthy Schools: Children's Education project in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala with Primeros Pasos continues to achieve great results improving health promotion communications in local schools and communities in the region.

### **Community Health Project**

**Usulután, El Salvador**  
Implementing Partner:  
**CEBES (Christian Base Communities of El Salvador)**

With support from diaspora communities of Salvadorans across the world, CEBES 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. This past year the social health fund helped over 1500 families with their medical needs.

### **Maternal Health Care**

**Perquin, El Salvador**  
Implementing Partner:  
**Association for Development and Health**

The Birthing House for Mothers and Babies here provides medical care and nutritious foods for women pre-and-post-delivery and also trains them in nutrition for mothers, babies and children under five.

### **Healthy Mothers, Healthy Communities**

Government  
of Alberta ■

**Kigezi, Uganda**  
Implementing Partner:  
**Kigezi Healthcare Foundation (KIHEFO)**

KIHEFO, a local Ugandan healthcare organization, runs a project which provides agricultural training and micro-credit to the families living in poverty who have taken in orphaned and vulnerable children. Micro-finance recipients are also instructed in community building, household healthcare, nutrition and HIV/AIDS. In 2011/12, we provided micro-finance to over 75 families and initiated our Healthy Mothers, Healthy Communities project, which focuses on improving Maternal and Child Health through strengthened health infrastructure and agricultural inputs.

### **Health and Education**

**Romano Village, Sierra Leone**  
Implementing Partner:  
**Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support**

Current projects in the village include the construction of a health clinic, water wells and ongoing support for primary and secondary schools. In 2011/12, teacher's salaries were provided for 12 teachers ensuring education for over 400 secondary students.



# Our Top Stories

## *Bolivia Project Approved for CIDA Funding*

**December 2011** – CFCA and Bolivian partners, Fundacion Renace, received notification of funding support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for “Better Nutrition for Better Learning”, a food security and sustainable economic development project in Bolivia. Funding support from CIDA means that all donations to the five-year project will be matched 3:1.

The goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of six indigenous women’s organizations to expand and manage existing sustainable income generation programs involving wild fruit harvesting and local food processing. Nutritious food products will be harvested, processed and sold by the women’s federations to the school breakfast program to improve the nutrition and health of local children.

## *CFCA Health Brigade Travels to Uganda*



Photo Credit – Brenda McDonald

**February 2012** – On February 3, CFCA and Kindness in Action facilitated a Health and Dental Brigade to south western Uganda – the first such expedition to Africa, after having organized more than a dozen to Latin American countries over past 10 years. Seventeen Canadian medical and dental professionals flew into Kabale on the eve of February 4th where they were greeted by staff from the Kigezi Healthcare Foundation (KIHEFO). For two weeks, KIHEFO hosted the brigade, facilitating multiple dental and health clinics in rural villages throughout the region, where Canadian professionals worked tirelessly to provide services to more than 1500 men, women and children.

# United Nations Prize for Nicaraguan Water Project

**March 2012** – CFCA’s Nicaraguan partner Centro Humboldt was announced as one of the 25 winners of the United Nation’s prestigious Equator Prize for its work with the Nicaragua Water Project. The Equator Prize recognizes outstanding local initiatives that are working to advance sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities. Since 2004, CFCA and Centro Humboldt have provided local communities with training in sustainable water management, and drilled more than 40 fresh water wells and repaired 35 community water systems in Chinandega, Nicaragua – bringing clean drinking water to over 75,000 people.



## CFCA Launches 'Food in the Forest'

## Youth Council Making Waves of Action

**May 2011** – With CIDA project approval in May 2011, CFCA was excited to initiate a food security project in the Rio Patuca Reserve of southern Honduras and BOSAWAS Biosphere Reserve of north central Nicaragua. CFCA is working directly with Miskito indigenous organizations to provide training to local promoters in sustainable horticulture and distribute seeds and tools. Our aim is to increase seed and plant diversity, improve nutritional intake, and strengthen food security amongst local populations. Additionally, this project facilitates cross-border knowledge exchange with the goal to strengthen local practices in climate change adaptation.

**January 2012** – In celebration of our 35 year history of promoting grassroots development, CFCA launched the “Youth Council: International Development Mentorship Project” – which formed a team of eight passionate high school student activists from Edmonton and area. The Council met on a biweekly basis to explore issues and themes related to international development, including food security, human rights and water justice. As a collaborative action project, the Council organized a YouthH2O Water Conference, which brought together over 30 youth in Alberta to focus on local and global water issues.



## “Paola’s Story” New Elementary Resource

**March 2012** – On World Water Day, Paola, CFCA’s youngest ‘water justice advocate’ made her debut in a grade two classroom at St. Angela’s School. Paola is the main character in CFCA’s new elementary resource, an electronic storybook that invites

Canadian students to travel to a rural village in Nicaragua and see first-hand how water wells can make a positive difference. Students at St. Angela’s and St. Teresa’s School enjoyed learning about Paola and water justice, and fundraised at their respective schools to finance the construction of two wells in Chinandega, Nicaragua, as part of CFCA’s Nicaraguan Water Project.

**Joanne Gardner** (energy 4 everyone Foundation), celebrates with a group of women beneficiaries from the region of Chinandega, Nicaragua, as they receive solar stoves through

CFCA's Water Project. Joanne, along with a group of CFCA's generous donors and members, traveled with CFCA to Nicaragua in January 2012 to witness our amazing projects in action.



# THANK YOU!

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*The \$1.2 million in resources invested in CFCA's projects & programs in 2011/12 represents the collective contribution of granting agencies, individual donors, community fundraising, collaborative partnerships. All are champions of social justice. None of our accomplishments would be possible without the commitment of our donors, members and volunteers.*

*The following Champions have contributed \$1000 or more in the last year.*

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# Our Partners In Development



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## **Champions of Healthcare in El Salvador**

CEBES  
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## **Champions of Education & Health In Sierra Leone**

Tamaraneh Society for Community  
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## **Monthly Donors**

Change for Children is grateful to a community of 70 monthly donors who supported us in 2011/12. Please know that CFCA deeply values and appreciates your ongoing support and investment in our projects. Your monthly gifts are the foundation for the sustainability of our work.



# Financial Information

For the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

**Total Revenues \$ 1 209 968.00**

**Total Expenditures \$ 1 204 986.00**

**Donations  
from Canadians**  
\$468,791 **39%**

**Foundations**  
\$138,087 **11%**

**Benefits  
& Functions  
& Fundraising**  
\$91,138 **8%**

**Casino  
& Other**  
\$52,955 **4%**

**Provincial  
Grants**  
\$35,135 **3%**

**CIDA**  
\$423,862 **35%**

**Education & Public Engagement**  
\$92,030 **8%**

**Funds Development**  
\$86,366 **7%**

**Administration**  
\$79,925 **7%**

**International Projects**  
\$946,665 **78%**

Change for Children works in partnership with grassroots organizations 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 engages Canadians on the themes and issues of most pressing concern for our international projects.

Change for Children uses the deferred revenue accounting method, where restricted revenues expended in a given fiscal period are reported and unexpended revenues are carried forward to future years. Copies of complete audited financial statements are available by request.



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