



Change *for*
Children

— 40 YEARS · 1976-2016 —

**ANNUAL
REPORT**
2016-2017





THREADS OF CHANGE

Stitched together by you.

As Change for Children supporters, volunteers, donors, brigade members, and advocates grow in number, we are proud to participate in weaving the social fabric in our local community and our global community. And what a beautiful piece we are creating! The colour of connection intertwines with shades of joy and hues of hope. Stitches of success and threads of triumph blend beautifully with palettes of equal parts courage and challenge.

Because of your support this year, we have been able to stitch together something beautiful, something unique, adding colour to lives and weaving the social fabric of our world.

Lorraine Swift
Executive Director





Marjorie works hard.

When we meet her, she is shucking rice for her family in the Bosawas Biosphere reserve in Nicaragua. Like it's her job. Because it is.

With your support, the secondary school in her home community of Aniwas means that she will now be able to satisfy her household obligations AND continue her studies beyond grade six - an uncommon occurrence for a girl in the Bosawas.

As an educated woman, Marjorie will be more likely to delay marriage and childbirth, to immunize her children, to improve her family's earning potential, and to contribute to the prosperity of her community.

Marjorie and Education.
Threads of opportunity. Stitched together by you.



THREADS OF OPPORTUNITY

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NICARAGUA

Two new secondary schools opened their doors to students in the Bosawas Biosphere Reserve.



ECUADOR

The completion of Strathcona Lodge – the Volunteer Hostel, Community Garden and Medicinal Plant Nursery in the community of Pilche – will benefit indigenous communities economically, cooperatively, and collectively.



BOLIVIA

The Alto Beni, Bolivia breakfast program was successfully transitioned into the hands of local municipalities.



We support projects that lead to self-sufficiency and help people realize their rights.
Read their stories at

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THREADS OF HOPE

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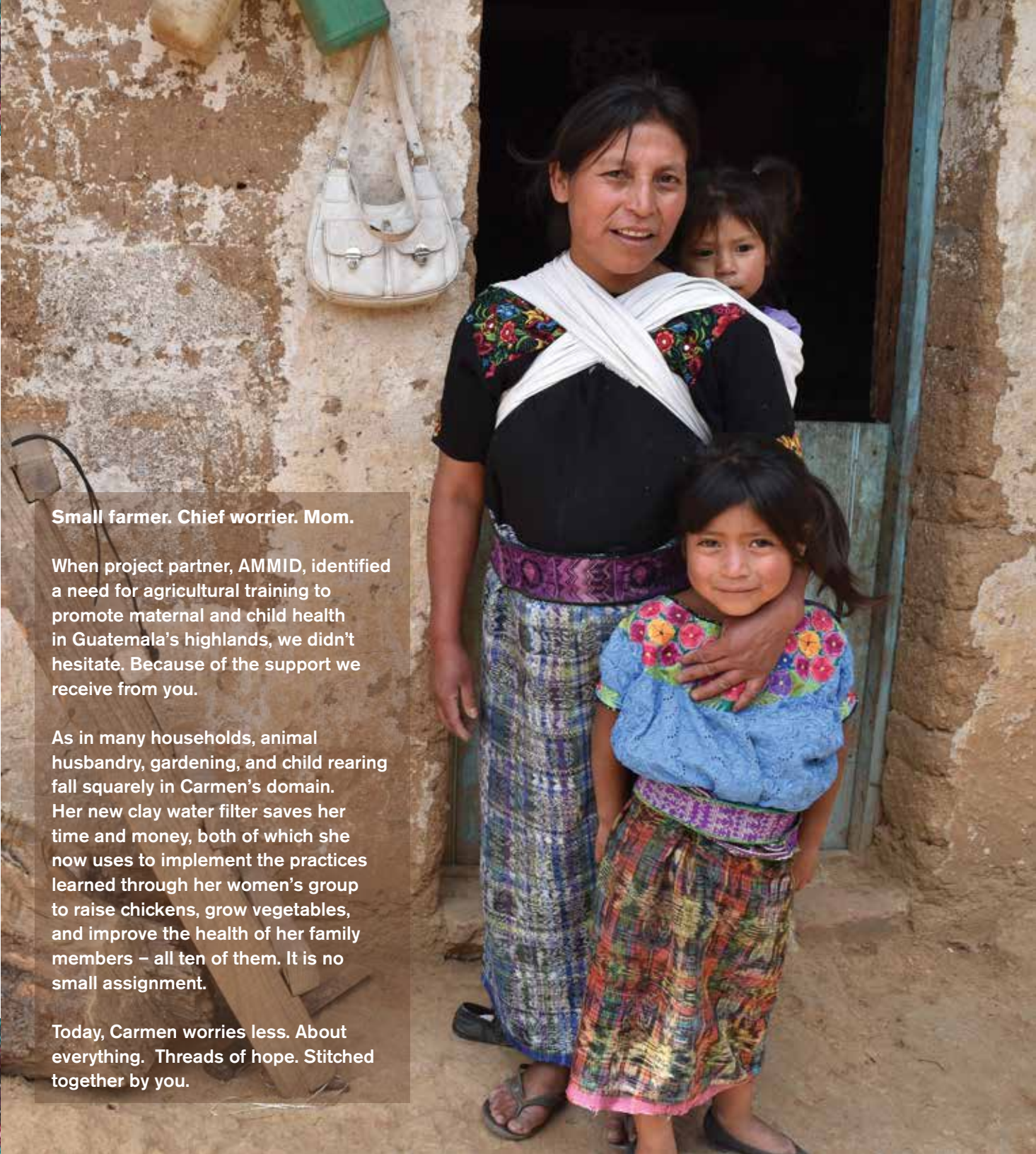
GUATEMALA

Mayan Mam indigenous women learn techniques in drought resistant, small-scale agriculture to improve family nutrition.

There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.

SOUTH AFRICA

In Ndawana, mothers supporting mothers sustain among the best health outcomes for children and moms in an area that still does not have running water or indoor plumbing.



Small farmer. Chief worrier. Mom.

When project partner, AMMID, identified a need for agricultural training to promote maternal and child health in Guatemala's highlands, we didn't hesitate. Because of the support we receive from you.

As in many households, animal husbandry, gardening, and child rearing fall squarely in Carmen's domain. Her new clay water filter saves her time and money, both of which she now uses to implement the practices learned through her women's group to raise chickens, grow vegetables, and improve the health of her family members – all ten of them. It is no small assignment.

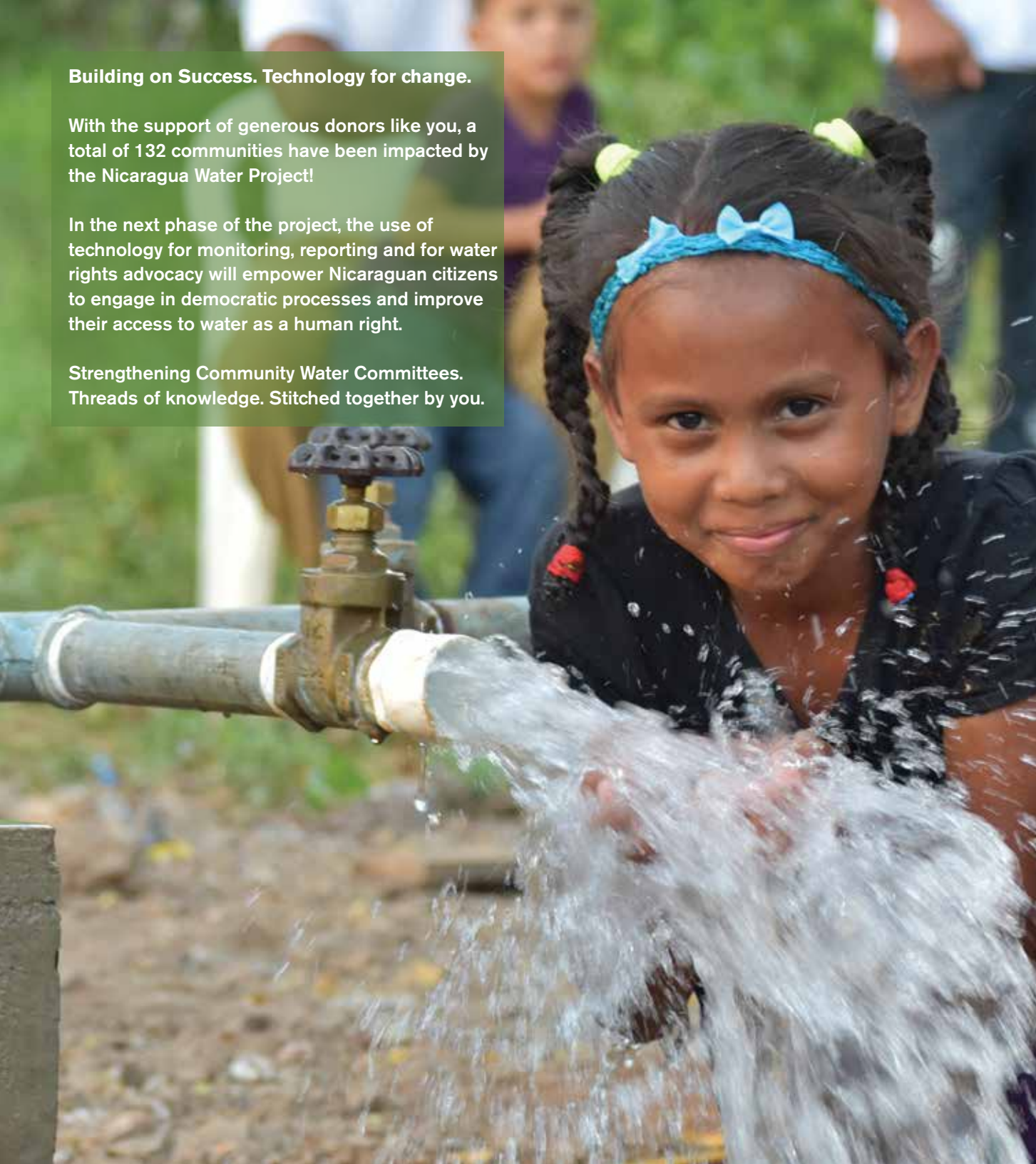
Today, Carmen worries less. About everything. Threads of hope. Stitched together by you.

Building on Success. Technology for change.

With the support of generous donors like you, a total of 132 communities have been impacted by the Nicaragua Water Project!

In the next phase of the project, the use of technology for monitoring, reporting and for water rights advocacy will empower Nicaraguan citizens to engage in democratic processes and improve their access to water as a human right.

Strengthening Community Water Committees.
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THREADS OF KNOWLEDGE

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The next phase of the Nicaragua Water Project will provide 40 communities with clean water and strengthen cooperation between municipalities and Water Committees in monitoring, reporting, and advocacy initiatives.

Learn how you can champion the right to water at [ChangeForChildren.org](https://www.ChangeForChildren.org)

In this next phase, communities will achieve access to clean water and also obtain the tools and capacity to use technology to strengthen citizen engagement in water management.

Every dollar raised for the Nicaragua Water Project will improve access to water as a human right.

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COMMON THREADS.

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2017 BRIGADE TEAM TRAVEL

NICARAGUA

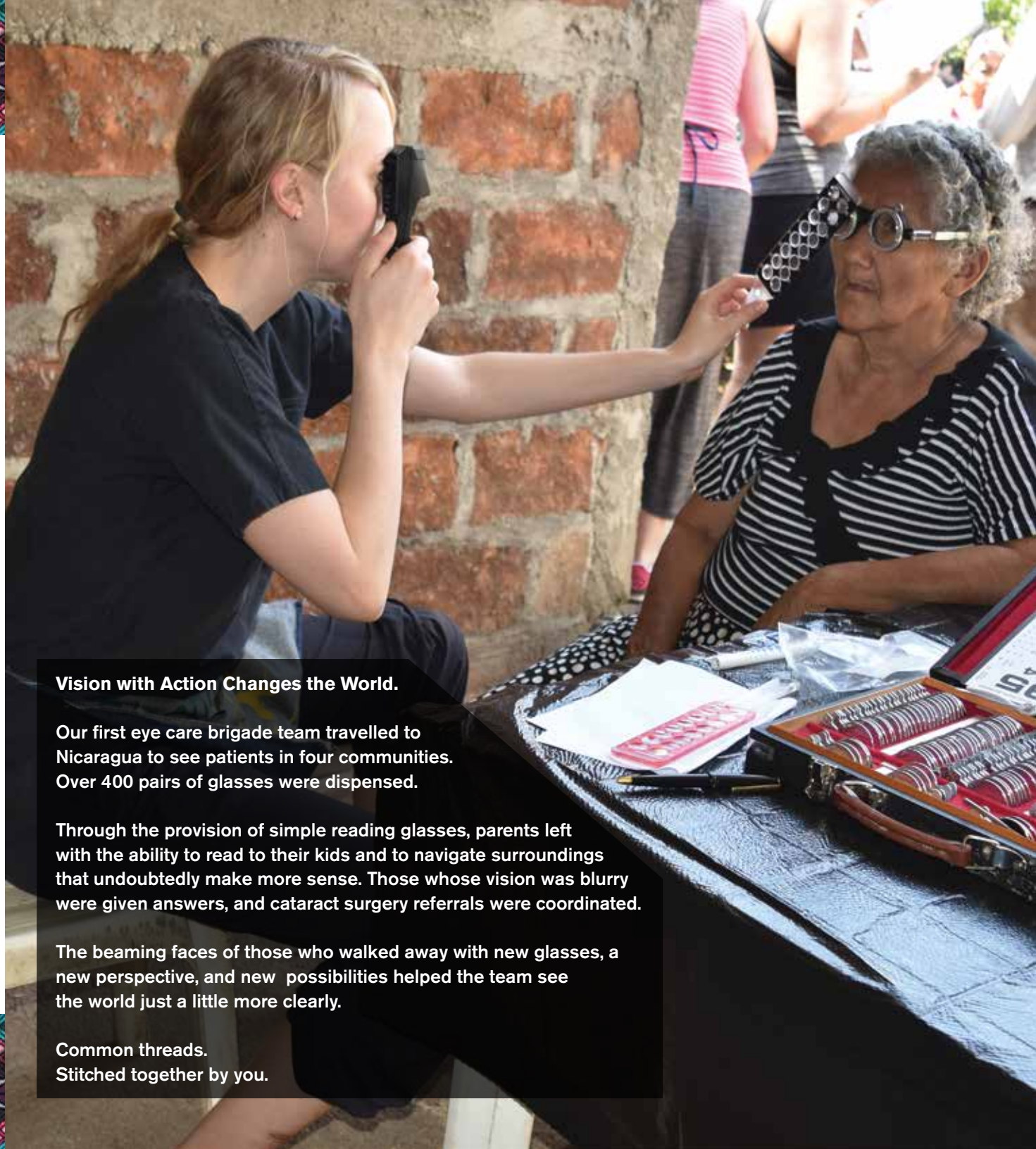
In addition to providing dental and eye care, the brigade team participated in a Volcano Trek challenge and funded a community water system in Pellizco Central.

GUATEMALA

The team treated dental patients in the highlands and obstetric patients in Comitancillo. Volunteers also hosted a colour workshop in Taltimiche to help the women weavers strengthen their practice and improve marketability of their wares.

Join a campaign.
Start a campaign. Volunteer.
Spread the word. Get involved!
Learn how to join in at

[ChangeForChildren.org/get-involved](https://www.ChangeForChildren.org/get-involved)



Vision with Action Changes the World.

Our first eye care brigade team travelled to Nicaragua to see patients in four communities. Over 400 pairs of glasses were dispensed.

Through the provision of simple reading glasses, parents left with the ability to read to their kids and to navigate surroundings that undoubtedly make more sense. Those whose vision was blurry were given answers, and cataract surgery referrals were coordinated.

The beaming faces of those who walked away with new glasses, a new perspective, and new possibilities helped the team see the world just a little more clearly.

Common threads.
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IT WAS JUST RIGHT!

At the fall Development Dinner, together we toasted the past, saluted the successes, gave a nod to those that have paved our way, hailed all of those moving us forward, and raised our glasses to everyone in the room for being committed to change – Change for Children.

Your energy, your enthusiasm, and your eagerness to Make it Right made the celebration of our 40th year a memorable one, raising almost \$100,000 for international projects.

LASTING LEGACY

The 2016 Joffrey Lupul Charity Golf Classic marked the last in the series of ten annual tournaments. The commitment of Joffrey Lupul and tournament supporters has contributed to the construction of schools in Guatemala, water wells in Nicaragua, and increased awareness of the organization in Canada. Its ending is simply par for the course.

Great game.

Thanks so much for playing.

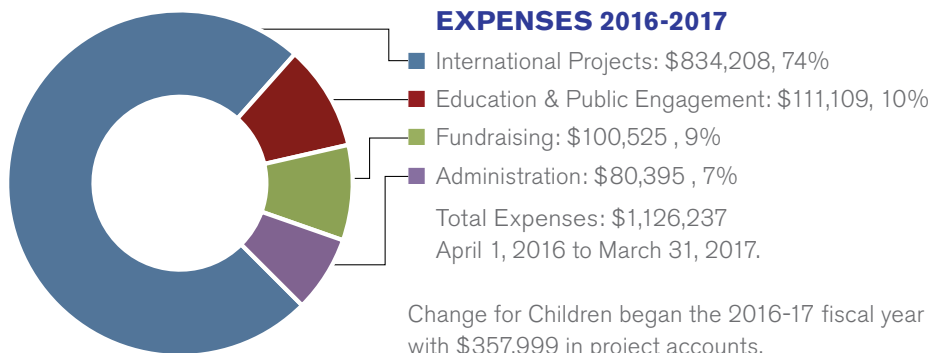
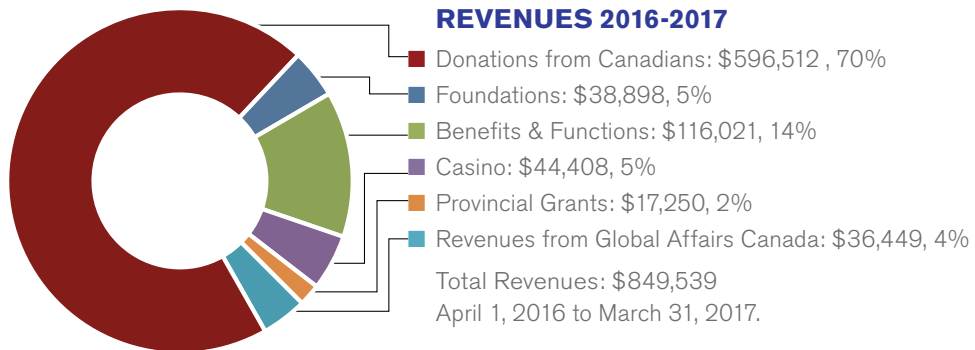
MAKE 2017 AN EVEN GREATER SUCCESS!

Spread the word and bring a friend to this fall's annual Development Dinner event.

Learn more at

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