



Roots of Change Foundation
Source de Développement

Annual Report 2020

Includes 2018 & 2019

San Benito Farming Collectives



Las Marietas Eco Stoves

Message from the President

Needless to say, 2020 was a year like no other. By year end the pandemic had reached every corner on our planet and for most it changed how we went about our daily activities. Some countries, like Canada, fared relatively well, and others experienced tremendous loss and uncertainty.

While people were adjusting to the 'new normal', the ability to support people in developing countries, for many, moved lower on their list of priorities. However, thanks to the generous support from those who responded to our spring fundraiser appeal and other donations received throughout the year we ended just short of our fundraising objective.

Due to the pandemic and for safety reasons, FUNDACCO closed the Clinica San Rafael Ar-cangel in May and reopened in August after implementing a number of safety measures to protect its staff. Project activities were also halted for a short period of time but resumed in the fall.

2020 marked our 15th year of bringing hope to the people of Nicaragua. During these years we are proud to have successfully completed over 197 projects in 28 communities throughout the country. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of FUNDACCO, who continue to strive to bring hope to their own people.

The needs in Nicaragua are endless and are greater today than when our founder, Father Denis, first arrived in the country in 1990. Although there were significant improvements in the economy and lives of the people in the years following his arrival, much of this gain has been lost since the uprising in April of 2018. In spite of the hardships being experienced today by the Nicaraguan people, their faith remains strong and FUNDACCO's work continues with the support we receive from our donors.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, a sincere thank you to all those who continue to support Father's mission and vision of 'Helping the Nicaraguan People Help Themselves'.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their selfless dedication volunteering their time to ensure the work of our founder continues.

Rick LeBlanc - President

Our work would not be possible without the support of these partners...



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Hope in Action

Ongoing Programs

Ongoing Programs are activities that the Roots of Change fund year after year and include the Youth & Children Education & Development Program, St Raphael Archangel Clinic, Casa Esperanza Satellite Clinics, Nica Pre-School program, and the San Benito Farming Collectives.

Some of these programs have been running for over 25 consecutive years and were started by our founder Father Denis Hébert when he arrived in Managua in 1990. They continue today due to their success and the significant impact they are having on the communities where they are delivered.

Funding for these programs comes from general donations made to the Foundation that have not been earmarked for a specific project. Included in this funding category are the administrative costs to coordinate and deliver the programs.



Youth & Children Education & Development Program

Education Programs

Education Programs include University Scholarships, College Certificates and other Post-Secondary courses that are made available to applicants who meet the criteria for funding.

This successful program has been growing year after year because of the generosity of supporters who understand that education is the way to a better life, and is the key that will unlock the cycle of poverty.

Donations earmarked for Education in any given year are pooled and form the 'Education Budget' for the following year. From this pool of funds, beneficiaries receive a monthly allowance based on their application and the course they are taking.

All students are monitored and must meet certain criteria and grades to continue to receive funding.



Nursing Graduate Katty Patricia Ríos Lumbi

Sponsored Projects

Donor Sponsored Projects are those that have been identified by FUNDACCO as being needed in a community or by individuals/groups in Canada who recognize a need and who have the resources to fund the entire project. Funding is based on a project proposal prepared by FUNDACCO that includes background information on the beneficiary(s), justification for the project, a detailed description of activities, and a budget.

Many of our supporters have had an opportunity to travel to Nicaragua to view firsthand the needs of the people in the communities where we work. From that experience ideas are proposed and upon their return to Canada, they work on fundraising to support their Social Justice goals.



San Benito Eco Stoves

Health & Wellness

Access to health care remains difficult for those who cannot afford the cost. In 2008, the Foundation funded the construction of the Clinica San Rafael Arcangel in the barrio of Edgard Lang just steps away from the FUNDACCO office.

With a yearly operational budget of \$25K (USD), the clinic today sees on average 15 consults daily. Staff is composed of a full time medical doctor, a pharmacist, a social worker, and a lab technician.

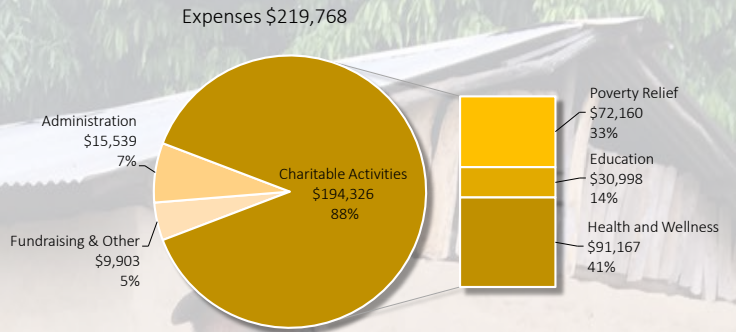
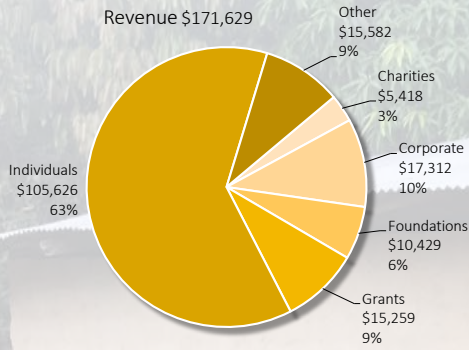
In addition to the clinic, we fund and operate the Casa Esperanza Clinics Program comprised of six satellite clinics located in some of the poorest barrios in Managua. These clinics are attended by a medical doctor once a week on a rotation basis.



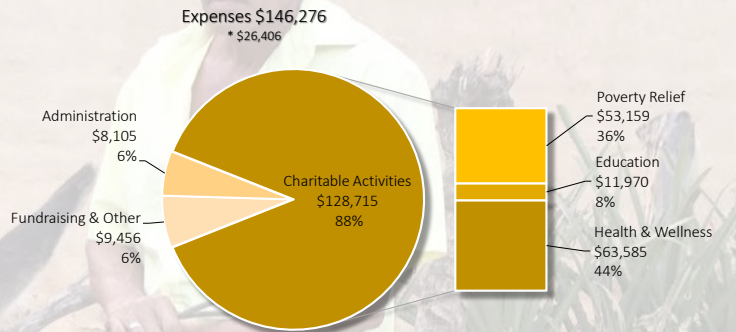
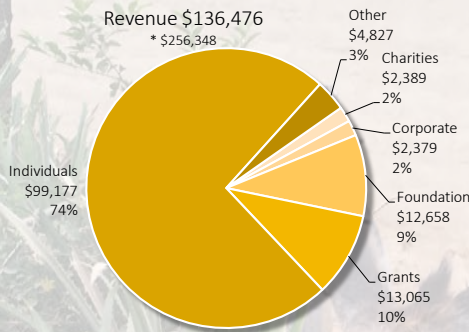
Casa Esperanza Clinics Program

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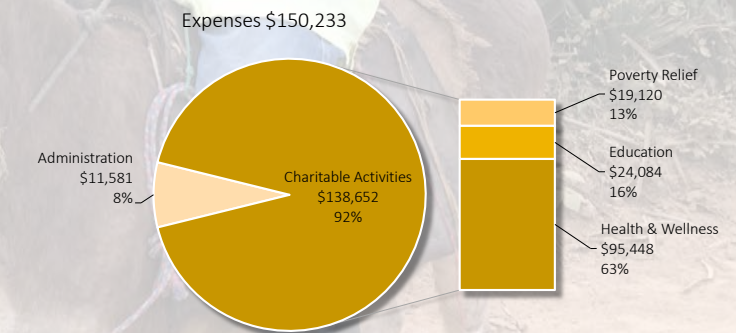
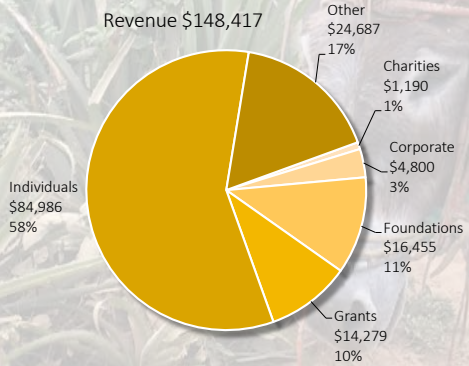
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* Write down of accrued commitment to FUNDACCO of \$119,872 for an implied revenue of \$256,348 and an expenditure of \$26,406

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