

# Horizons

HORIZONS OF FRIENDSHIP

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**Working  
for and with  
the next  
generation**

Educational activities for Grade 7-8 students in Southern Ontario schools included a visit by traditional Indigenous midwives.

At Horizons, we firmly believe youth play a critical role in people-centered development. Not only do youth face some of Central America and Mexico's most pressing challenges, they are also catalysts to help overcome them - both as beneficiaries and actors in the South, and as allies in the North.

Youth are therefore a focus of the work our partners carry out in Mesoamerica, as well as our community outreach in Canada.

It's why our partner, ACUDESBAL (the Intercommunity Association for the Economic and Social Development of the Lower Lempa), facilitates recreational and alternative education activities for high-risk children and youth in El Salvador. Through soccer schools, music groups and workshops, young Salvadorans are enjoying safe spaces in which they can develop and strengthen community connections, leadership skills and their cultural identity free from gang violence.

And it's why Horizons engages young Canadians, educating them on issues in Mesoamerica and helping them explore ways of becoming life-long champions of development.

One example is the participation of Grade 7 and 8 students in Southern Ontario in a series of educational activities that address the importance of supporting our Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Project in Nicaragua, which is being facilitated by our partner PIES de Occidente.

More recently, a group of high school students from Cobourg Collegiate Institute in Ontario that has aided Horizons' partner, ACOAR (the Oscar Arnulfo Romero Association for Socio-Cultural Promotion), traveled to Nicaragua. These students met with several of Horizons' partners in Nicaragua, including ACOAR, and learned firsthand how marginalized children and youth are contributing to sustainable food production through environmental and urban garden projects. *(Read about their visit on page 2 of the newsletter.)*

These are just a few examples of how we are working for, and with, youth - and we know this would not be possible without your support. Thank you on behalf of Horizons, our partners and young people in Mesoamerica and Canada, for helping build the capacities and awareness of a future generation.

Sincerely,

Patricia Rebolledo  
Executive Director, Horizons of Friendship

# HORIZONS YEAR IN NUMBERS



**Mesoamerica:** Horizons worked with **16** partners on **22** projects in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Panama.



**Guatemala:** **176** Kaqchikel women participated in workshops on weaving textiles they can sell to support their families.



**El Salvador:** Over **1,500** children and youth are avoiding gang recruitment through soccer and music programs.



**Canada:** **1,800** Canadians were engaged on the importance of strengthening maternal, newborn and child health globally.



**Mexico:** Families of **318** Indigenous farmers trained in sustainable farming are benefiting from improved nutrition.



**Panama:** “Mother-Teachers” are developing an educational model to share with state and non-governmental organizations.



**Guatemala:** Over **20,000** pregnant/post-partum women and children under two received nutritional supplements to help prevent malnutrition.



**Nicaragua:** **49** Indigenous women are providing support to abuse victims and raising awareness on gender violence.



**El Salvador:** **50** women domestic workers participated in a regional exchange to support labour code reforms.

# 5 STORIES OF POSITIVE CHANGE

**1. Violence against Women.** Imperia, a young Miskitu woman from the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, was 13 years old when she was assaulted, became pregnant and was forced to live with her attacker. Later, he abandoned her, leaving her to raise her children on her own. With the help of AMICA (the Association of Indigenous Women of the Atlantic), Imperia learned about her right to a life free from violence. She attended workshops, joined community networks to prevent violence and returned to school, benefiting from a scholarship from AMICA. “Now I hope to study nursing in Puerto Cabezas so I can help young girls in my community,” she says.



**2. Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Peoples Rights.** Rosario has worked as an intercultural bilingual teacher for over 20 years so that young Maya K’iche’ students can learn their Indigenous language in schools in Guatemala. Providing these lessons was initially a challenge since she received very little support from the government in terms of training and materials for her classroom. Now, Horizons’ partner organization, PLSM (The Santa María Linguistic Project), provides teachers like Rosario with essential training for teaching intercultural bilingual education, which helps them improve their work in the classroom. Rosario believes that, “all this will help children so they do not lose their language or their culture.”



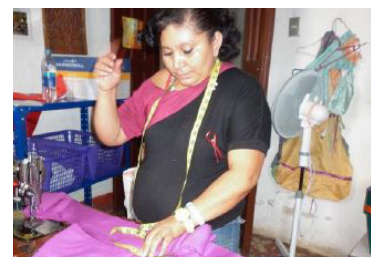
**3. Canadian Engagement.** Isabel (*right*) has been a traditional Indigenous Maya K’iche’ midwife in Totonicapán, Guatemala for the past 12 years. She believes that her role is essential to helping women and saving lives in rural communities and has participated in the training led by PIES de Occidente (the Association for Health Promotion, Research and Education) under the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) project. Isabel was also part of a knowledge-exchange in Canada, where she shared her experiences alongside other traditional midwives and Guatemalan doctors at universities, schools, hospitals and clinics. The visiting delegation met with Indigenous MNCH practitioners living in Canada, including Cree Elder Beatrice Petawabano (*left*).



**4. Food Security.** Students from Nandaime in rural Nicaragua are participating in workshops to learn the importance of growing their own food. Nearly half the population of Nandaime is under 18; therefore, it is important to engage youth in activities where they can lead in addressing issues, such as poverty and food security, impacting their communities. ACOAR’s (the Oscar Arnulfo Romero Association for Socio-Cultural Promotion) workshops have taught students about the importance of growing their own food and healthy eating habits. It’s having an impact. Says one student, “I am going to make an effort to eat healthier and avoid foods with preservatives and I am going to share this information with my friends and family.”



**5. Worker’s Rights.** Claudia has always dreamed of owning a sewing machine and thanks to assistance from Horizons’ partner in El Salvador, FEASIES (the Federation of Independent Associations and Unions of El Salvador), her dream has finally come true! FEASIES is working to provide women like Claudia with resources and classes that empower them and address issues of gender based violence. Running their own businesses and selling their own wares gives women some sense of autonomy and allows them to provide for their families. Claudia hopes this new tool will help create a better future for her children. “One day I will teach my children these skills so they can have a better life than I did.”



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 521,461	\$ 138,554
Investments	407,350	373,825
Accounts Receivable	28,299	373,129
Partner Advances	361,598	83,320
Prepaid expenses and crafts inventories	18,109	33,102
Sub-total	1,336,817	1,001,930
CAPITAL ASSETS	115,421	124,616
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	1,071,696	914,244
	1,187,117	1,038,860
	2,523,934	2,040,790
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
CURRENT		
Accounts Payable	\$ 25,918	\$ 34,846
Deferred Revenue	1,082,016	748,359
	1,107,934	783,205
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
UNRESTRICTED	53,118	(109,992)
RESTRICTED	1,247,461	1,242,961
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	115,421	124,616
	1,416,000	1,257,585
Total	2,523,934	2,040,790

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Revenue</b>		
NGO Collaborations	\$ 110,900	\$ 219,381
Monthly Donations	104,184	99,826
General Donations	136,346	128,470
Foundations	205,504	165,894
Thrift Shop	102,503	108,475
Delegations	46,543	31,947
Fundraising Events	42,644	45,403
Major Gifts	7,086	68,836
Rose and Zal Fund	4,068	9,994
Overseas Project Consulting	-	4,117
Oneness fund	84,367	71,159
Endowment Capital Funds	100,000	79,801
	944,145	1,033,303
<b>GOVERNMENT GRANTS</b>		
Global Affairs Canada/DFATD - Projects	1,405,366	6,996
Global Affairs Canada - Administration	168,644	839
Global Affairs Canada - Interest earned on funds	1,800	-
	1,575,810	7,835
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>		
Investment Income	40,928	44,160
Miscellaneous	8,274	4,743
	49,202	48,903
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,569,157</b>	<b>1,090,041</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration	156,715	149,659
Operating	98,880	103,264
Program expenses	2,113,341	738,609
Delegations	26,174	30,004
Thrift shop	62,547	66,158
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,457,657</b>	<b>1,087,694</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	111,500	2,347
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	153,915	(147,090)
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 265,415</b>	<b>\$ (144,743)</b>

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