



**CASA
PUEBLITO**



ANNUAL REPORT

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AMALGAMATION UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce the amalgamation of Casa Canadiense and Pueblito Canada as of November 2014. Casa-Canadiense and Pueblito Canada, now amalgamated under Casa - Pueblito, have both been successful in their decades of community-based work in Canada and Latin America. Both organizations began from the conviction of small, determined groups of individuals with a mission to rectify poverty and injustice. We continue to support the work of both these partners and are confident that the amalgamation will help build Casa - Pueblito's capacity and bolster the work of both Casa - Canadiense and Pueblito Canada. Casa - Pueblito continues to work in partnership with community groups throughout Nicaragua and the recent amalgamations will strengthen and expand Casa - Pueblito's links throughout Canada and Latin America.

WORKING IN SOLIDARITY ACROSS BORDERS

OUR MISSION Casa - Pueblito facilitates community development and intercultural learning with a focus on youth in Canada and Latin America

OUR VISION: Compassion and social justice across borders

We offer donors, communities, participants, volunteers and employees the chance to engage directly with each other, in the spirit of solidarity, to build the caring compassionate and equitable world which they envision.

VALUES & PRINCIPLES

- 1) RESPECTFUL & RECIPROCAL COLLABORATION
- 2) SOCIAL JUSTICE & SOLIDARITY
- 3) COMPASSION
- 4) TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, & INTEGRITY
- 5) INCLUSIVENESS
- 6) EDUCATION OF SELF, OUR PEERS, & COMMUNITY
- 7) SUSTAINABILITY

HOW WE WORK

Casa - Pueblito is committed to promoting global justice through education and grassroots community development in Canada and Latin America. Working in partnership with local non-governmental organizations, Casa - Pueblito provides capacity building and financial assistance to develop culturally appropriate, innovative programs that benefit children and youth directly. Through partnership with teachers, parents and community leaders, the lives of each and every person in our target communities are changed. Casa - Pueblito takes pride in being a successful, respected and recognized international development agency.



OUR ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS: 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

HIGHLIGHTS

PUEBLITO CANADA PROJECTS

VOICES FOR CHANGE (V4C): LEADERSHIP IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

In 2014, Pueblito launched *Voices for Change (V4C): Developing Leadership in Inclusive Education* – a follow up to our successful 2012 *Our Voices in Schools* project. V4C addresses the alarming dropout rate of 40% among Latino-Hispanic youth in Toronto – a rate that far surpasses the national average and one that appears to be growing. Generously funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, V4C provides professional development opportunities to teachers in order to help them improve student retention and success rates. V4C also builds leadership among Latino-Hispanic youth so that they are prepared to advocate for teaching that addresses their needs.

“Thank you very much for sharing your knowledge and experience with the settlement workers. Because of your generous contribution, our ESL students, newcomer and immigrant families will be better supported and assisted. Thank you!” – Joanna, DPCDSB



MY BEST: MODEL FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION AND SUCCESSFUL TEACHING



In 2014 Pueblito and the Foundation for the Autonomy and Development of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua (FADCANIC) completed our three-year MyBEST project. The project improved the quality of pre-primary and primary bilingual and intercultural education for youth in the indigenous communities on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. The bilingual system is essential to the cultural survival of the peoples of the Coast. The higher quality education available helped reduce drop out rates among 1st and 2nd grade students.

MyBEST directly benefited 2,867 students, 58 teachers, and 14 pre-primary schools representing 12 communities within the municipality of Pearl Lagoon. The project has made a lasting impact on families, students, teachers, and

the surrounding communities that have far exceeded our targets. A very strong relationship was built between the MyBEST staff, the schoolteachers, and the Ministry of Education; this will ensure that the content of the workshops and the textbooks acquired will continue to be used following this project.

Pueblito acknowledges the generous support of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD).

PROJECT OUTCOMES 2011-2014

- 9% INCREASE IN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AMONG GRADE 2 STUDENTS
- 10% INCREASE IN PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT
- 18% DECREASE IN GRADE 1 STUDENT FAILURE RATE
- STEADY INCREASES IN SCHOOL COMPLETION RATES FOR STUDENTS

“In the classroom, there has been a great change among the students. They are working and sharing tasks together. Approximately 90% of students are very conscious, which shows a great impact in the school.”-

Daisy Hansack, 2nd grade Early Primary Teacher

PRIMARY COLOURS II

The project promoted holistic development in public primary school students through art-based education in and around Estelí, Nicaragua. In partnership with FUNARTE, we trained teachers, school counselors, principals and parents in innovative education methodologies. These workshops provided teachers with tools to promote social, psychological, emotional and cognitive development. The project impacted 4,137 first and second graders, 50 teachers and 5 representatives (counselors, Ministry of Education Representatives, and 1 Director of Teacher Training). Our work in 12 of the poorest public schools in Estelí has kept 300 students in school who were at high risk of leaving. In Estelí, most students drop out of school in grades 1 or 2, eliminating their ability to continue their elementary educations.



Pueblito partnered with York University and FADCANIC sent teacher candidates to Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua to complete their practicum placements. This program benefited teachers in Pearl Lagoon by providing them with new teaching strategies and pedagogical innovations. The Canadian teacher candidates learned about bilingual and multi-cultural education. The reciprocal cultural exchange and professional development facilitated by this project are at the heart of Pueblito's transformative approach to education and child development.

HIGHLIGHTS

CASA-CANADIENSE PROJECTS

COFFEE WITH THE SCENT OF A WOMAN Casa supported the third phase of the coffee cultivation project which began in 2012. The goal of the project was to improve the livelihoods of women in the Gloria Quintanilla Cooperative. In 2014, the third phase of the project consisted of the harvesting and processing of the coffee beans. Materials for the processing, packaging, and marketing of 800 pounds of coffee were provided. The women also attended two workshops on basic accounting, labeling and presentation. The project directly benefited 16 women members in the Gloria Quintanilla Cooperative.

INTERCONNECTED LIVES: STRENGTHENING EDUCATION

Partnered with North Batahola Cultural Center (CCBN), Interconnected Lives aimed to improve local educational networks in two districts of Managua in order to foster a more comprehensive educational experience in these communities. The project benefited a total of 495 individuals including children, youth, teachers and parents. It provided tutoring for children and youth, training for teachers and volunteers of the center, parents, and tutoring for students receiving scholarships.

Activities Included...

- Training on the value of reading
- Workshops with parents covering violence prevention, communication and nurturing
- Improving access to library resources
- Personal development workshops with youth.

EDUCATION FOR ARTISANS

Casa partnered with Esperanza en Acción to provide training to 139 small artisans from 10 different communities around Nicaragua. The goal of the project was to strengthen their self-sufficiency, integrate their work into the local markets, and provide them with tools to produce high quality products for export. The training included topics such as fund management and the establishment of a fair price for their goods. The workshops focused on the needs previously identified by each artisan group, which will encourage stronger decision-making skills for their businesses.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: Casa supports local community development across Nicaragua. Here are our partners and projects for 2014.



COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN LAS CRUES

Casa, partnered with Indigenous People of Mozonte (PIM) constructed a community preschool in 2014 will provides childcare for PIM and the districts of Salamanca, San Pablo, San Pedro, and Las Cruces. Casa Canadiense first supported PIM in 2006, when it funded the renovation of their main office. This project directly benefits 35 families and their children. Prior to the construction of the preschool, the children in the community were receiving classes in the private house of a community member, where there was only space for two age groups. As a result, those in other age groups had to travel to another village to receive schooling. The new preschool provides a learning environment for all age groups.



PUEBLITO CANADA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION * Year ended December 31st, 2014, with comparative figures from 2013

CURRENT ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash	\$ 199,919	\$ 106,138
Accounts Receivable	3,474	47,009
HST Recoverable	1,944	2,470
Prepaid expenses/deposits	3,102	1,408
Life Insurance Policy <i>Cash Surrender Value</i>	11,709	13,039
	\$ 220,148	\$ 170,064
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2014	2013
Accounts Payable & Accrued Charges	\$ 13,596	\$ 15,307
Source Deductions Payable	2,412	1,854
Deffered Operating Grant Revenue	27,633	
	\$ 43,148	\$ 17,161
NET ASSETS	2014	2013
Unrestricted	176,477	152,903
	\$ 220,148	\$ 170,064

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURE * Year ended December 31st, 2014, with comparative figures

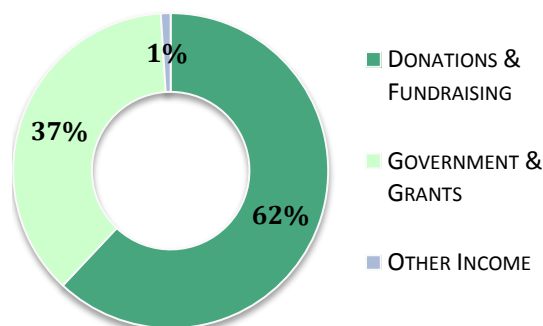
REVENUE	2014	2013
Donations/ Fundraising	\$ 186,832	\$ 181,793
Government & Grants	113,228	254,834
Other income	2,284	1,569
<i>Change in Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance Policy</i>	<i>- (1,330)</i>	<i>- (3,698)</i>
Total Revenue	\$ 301,014	\$ 434,489

EXPENDITURE	2014	2013
Programs and Projects	\$ 202,392	\$ 364,323
Fundraising	12,792	7,399
Adminstration	62,296	51,336
Total Expenditure	\$ 277,440	\$ 423,058
Revenue over expenditure	\$ 23,574	\$ 11,440

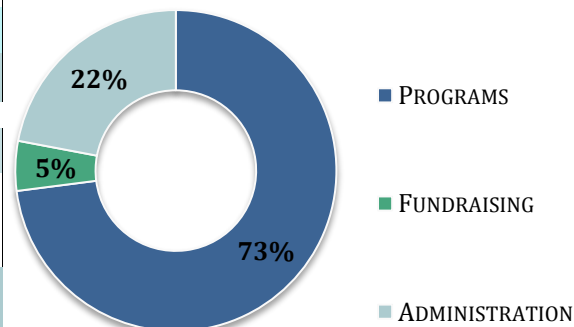
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	2014	2013
Beginning of Year	152,903	141,463
End of Year	176,477	152,903

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REVENUE



EXPENDITURE



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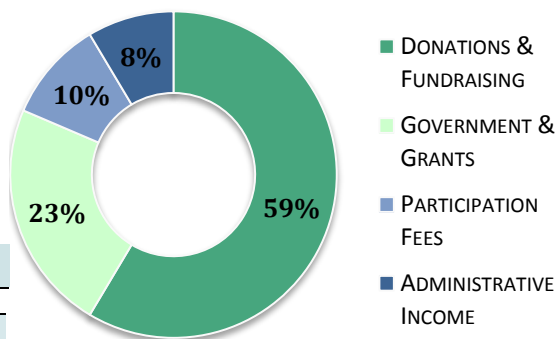
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION * Year ended December 31st, 2014, with comparative figures from 2013

CURRENT ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash	\$ 18,304	\$ 54,145
Accounts Receivable	1,395	-
HST Recoverable	885	901
Capital Assets	86,617	6,401
	107,201	\$ 61,447
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2014	2013
Accounts Payable & Accrued Charges	\$ 25,960	\$ 31,161
Deffered Operating Grant Revenue	7,500	8,500
	\$ 33,460	\$ 39,661
NET ASSETS	2014	2013
Unrestricted	73,741	21,786
	\$ 107,201	\$ 61,447

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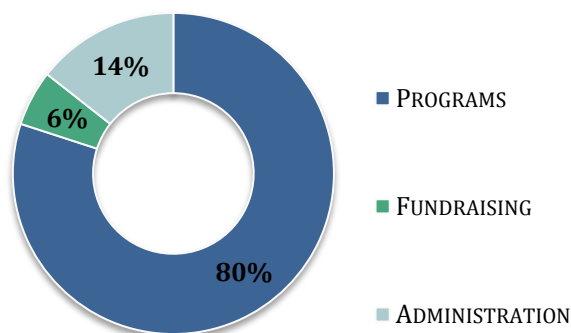
REVENUE	2014	2013
Donations & Fundraising	\$ 43,929	\$ 49,012
Donation- In -Kind	850	-
Grants	17,570	17,181
Project Contributions	23,869	76,277
Other income	-	2,279
Participan Fees	11,800	15,200
Administration income	7,920	6,551
Total Revenue	\$ 105,938	\$ 167,836

REVENUE



EXPENDITURE	2014	2013
Programs and Projects	\$ 108,847	\$ 116,553
Canadian Outreach	-	9,278
Fundraising	7,631	5,228
Adminstration	19,645	37,352
Total Expenditure	\$ 136,119	\$ 168,391
Expenditure over revenue	\$ (30,181)	\$ (555)

EXPENDITURE



NET ASSETS	2014	2013
Beginning of Year	21,786	22,341
Donation-in-kind	82,136	-
End of Year	\$ 73,741	\$ 21,786

THANK YOU!



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