Dear BPD Friends and Supporters,

I am very pleased to share with you the accomplishments of our first year of work under our new strategic plan. Throughout this Annual Report we present some of the principal achievements. More difficult to chronicle is how our work has qualitatively changed in important ways. The focus on a key goal - reducing chronic malnutrition - has enabled our staff and board to make strategic decisions about how best to assist communities. The shift to the SARAR methodology for participatory community planning has helped ensure that the communities’ ingenuity and creativity are brought to bear in the creation of workable solutions to their development problems. We have also been able to strengthen existing areas of work such as food production and family planning, while introducing related components such as food storage and activities to empower women.

Thank you all once again for your support for these efforts.

Best regards,

Victoria Ward
BPD Board President
Dear Friends of BPD,

Fiscal Year 2013 has come to a close with the transition to our new strategic plan, now fully implemented.

This has been a year of change. Our communities in San Martín Jilotepeque, the municipality in which we have worked since the inception of ABPD, have all successfully graduated from our program, allowing us to shift our focus to communities in Patzún and Santa Apolonia. As always, these communities are located in Chimaltenango, where the rates of chronic childhood malnutrition are among the highest in Guatemala. We have fully completed our commitments in San Martín. Of course, we will continue our partnerships through frequent monitoring visits.

ABPD and BPD initiated the pilot program included in our new strategic plan in 2013. This comprehensive approach focuses on combatting chronic malnutrition in villages in Patzún, while at the same time carrying out water and sanitation projects for the rural community. We are also establishing new contacts in Santa Apolonia, where we began working for the first time in July 2013.

Chronic childhood malnutrition is the primary health problem for children in Guatemala, with a national rate of around 50% of children under five suffering from it. This places Guatemala as the country with the highest rate of childhood malnutrition in Latin America, and the sixth highest in the world. Despite the government’s efforts to address the problem, it has actually worsened over the years, especially in the rural indigenous population, rising to level of 60% in Patzún and 70% in Santa Apolonia. BPD believes that only a comprehensive strategy will slow and reduce this grave problem that leads to depressed immune systems in children, makes them more vulnerable to disease, and leaves them with
limited intellectual capacity for life.

The excellent results obtained after the year-long trial period of our new strategy in two pilot communities have given us the confidence to begin replicating this model in new villages in both municipalities.

BPD’s comprehensive intervention strategy is based on six components: nutritional education, sustainable agriculture, family planning, water and sanitation, community empowerment, and disaster risk reduction. The combination of these components improves the hygienic, sanitary, and nutritional conditions of the families. Throughout this process, community members, especially the women and youth, are empowered to become new leaders capable of guiding their communities toward the changes that they judge necessary, with quickly sustainable results where the long term presence of BPD is not required. A key to the success of this strategy has been the use of the SARAR methodology, in which the participants themselves, not BPD, identify the problems they are facing and the solutions.

We have worked with 1,700 families from 18 communities throughout the year. In order to be able to control these processes, we have significantly strengthened our monitoring and evaluation system, which now allows us to have updated information from the different communities very quickly so that we know in a timely manner if something needs to be improved. The monitoring and evaluation process has given us the data to demonstrate the effectiveness of our comprehensive program targeting chronically malnourished children under five.

Strategic alliances with our friends, donors, municipal governments, local organizations, and the communities themselves, has led to a drastic reduction in chronic malnutrition indices for children under five with whom we have worked. Compared to the national rate of childhood malnutrition of 50% and up to 70% in Chimaltenango, we have reduced the rate to 24% among the people with whom we work in our participating communities.

Comprehensiveness and community appropriation of the process are key for the successful development of the community, and in this case, for the improvement of the nutritional status of children under five. With the help of our friends, partners, and donors, all of this is possible.

We hope to continue collaborating to help these communities as they work toward their own development.

Paco Enríquez
Executive Director
Financial Information

Income: $419,572
Expenses: $378,403

2013 Donations by Source

59% Individuals
30% Foundations
11% Organizations

2013 Expenditures

65% Program
19% Administration
16% Fundraising

“Sin agua, no hay vida.
Without water, there is no life.”

Rick Lawrence closes with that phrase in both Spanish and English each time he presents to a new Rotary Club about BPD’s clean water and sanitation projects in Guatemala.

Since 2006, Rick and his wife Elin have facilitated a collaboration of Rotary Clubs in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York to support Behrhorst Partners for Development.

The pooled resources of 26 Rotary Clubs in 2012 helped bring clean water, new latrines and safe, efficient stoves to 90 families in the village of Saquiyá. Over the last seven years, Rotary Clubs funds for all the village projects have totaled $213,500 in support of 515 families in eight villages.

Rick Lawrence says, “We are motivated by the chance to make a difference and the gratitude of the people. Villagers who have been carrying heavy jugs of water for miles each day now have that burden lifted, and their joy is evident.”
A dollar goes very far in Guatemala and BPD is grateful for all donations – large and small

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Victoria Ward and Mark Connelly
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Paul and Patricia Wells
Penny and Roger Westphal
Sandra Wilkinson
Ann Williams
J. Michael and Lori Wilson
Daniel and Stacey Wood

*Participating Rotary Clubs and Individuals:
Bloomfield, CT; Broad Brook, CT; Cortland Breakfast Club, NY; Danielson, CT; East Greenwich, CT; East Hampton, CT; East Hartford, CT; Enfield CT; Farmington CT; Glastonbury, CT; Manchester, CT; Nimmonsburg, NY; Palmer, MA; Rockville, CT; Simsbury Granby; Somers, CT; Southwick, MA; Torrington, CT; Wakefield, RI; West Springfield, MA; Wethersfield/Rocky Hill, CT; Wilbraham-Hampden, MA; Willimantic, CT; Windsor-Windsor Locks, CT; William and Barbara Bayer; Rick and Elin Lawrence; Vilma D. Montclair; Robert Newbold; Rabbi Richard Plavin; Al Ward, Sr.
A vision is not just a picture of what could be, it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

In 2012, with both BPD’s history and future in mind, the Dr. Carroll Behrhorst Legacy Society was formed to honor those who partner in our work with indigenous communities in rural Guatemala through a gift in their wills or estate plans. A legacy gift is motivated by a vision for a better tomorrow. During this first year, new members of the Dr. Carroll Behrhorst Legacy Society were designated as founding members. We are grateful to these friends who, through thoughtful planning, are leading the way with support for Behrhorst Partners for Development beyond their lifetimes. On behalf of the future generations that will benefit, we say thank you.

Dr. Julie Abramson
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Cameron Clark
Narra Cox
Dr. Lisa Fischer
Walter & Sonya Fultz
Raul & Elena Gasca
Dale & Yvonne Gatz
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Carrie Plischke
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Victoria Ward
Barbara Yost
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Women and youth participate in SARAR trainings, learning and practicing leadership skills.
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