

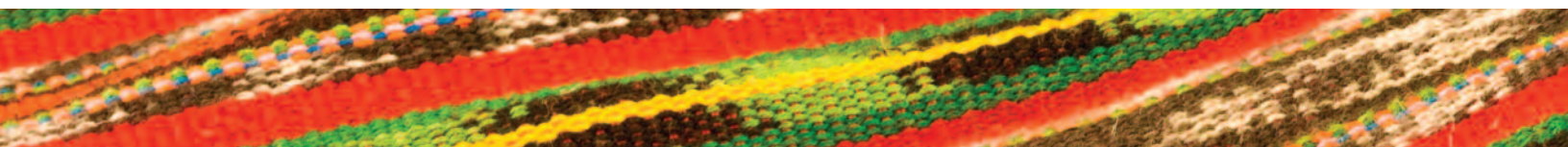


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ANNUAL REPORT 2014



JAVIER BORRAYO

Partnering with rural Guatemalans to
improve health and well-being.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends and Supporters of BPD,

The past year has been full of growth, opportunities, and — most importantly — results that exceeded our expectations. In 2012, BPD embarked upon a new journey with our Mayan community partners, centering our programming on one fundamental goal: reducing chronic childhood malnutrition. We strengthened our focus on grassroots development, providing community members with the tools they need to organize and address problems themselves. Two years later, our new strategy is bearing fruit: we are achieving greater reductions in childhood malnutrition rates than ever before.

In this Annual Report, we are proud to highlight our impressive quantitative results. We have also endeavored to share some of the qualitative results — the transformations that take place when individuals and communities are empowered to shape their own futures. As supporters of this work, we feel it is impor-

tant you get to see these stories as well. For example, we want you to know that your donations have enabled us to reduce chronic malnutrition among children under five years from 52 percent to 28 percent in one partner community; we also want to tell you how your contributions helped youth in that same village come together to develop and implement their own community improvement projects, ensuring that they have a foundation on which to build when they are adults, parents and community leaders.

In 2017, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary of partnering with indigenous Mayan communities to create lasting solutions to the persistent problems of poverty and inequality in rural Guatemala. As a mature organization, we are constantly evaluating every aspect of our work in order to improve and adapt to the evolving needs of our partner communities. In that vein, we are excited to make an important announcement: starting in January, we will change our name from BPD to ALDEA, a Spanish word which means “village.” The name ALDEA expresses the heart of our work: Advancing Local Development through Empowerment and Action in our partner communities. As always, our work continues to be based upon the principles of our founder, Dr. Carroll

Behrhorst. Stay tuned for a more detailed announcement!

I hope you enjoy learning more about our recent achievements. Because of your commitment to BPD, the stories of growth and change from our partner communities are your stories, too.

Best regards,

Patricia O'Connor
BPD Board President



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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN GUATEMALA



Dear Friends of BPD:

Our fiscal year has ended, and I am excited to share our accomplishments with you! We have had 12 very successful months in Chimaltenango, thanks to our hard-working staff and to you, our supporters.

This has been a period of challenges and joys, dreams that have been realized after many years of struggle and sacrifice, and positive changes for the **900 families in the six communities** in which we worked.

When we started work in these six communities in June 2013, malnutrition rates were as high as 67

IMPACTING LIVES

- We implemented our full program in Saquiyá, Xepatán, Chuacacay and Chuchun. In Los Encuentritos and Sacalá Las Lomas, we built new water systems.
- We reduced the chronic malnutrition rate for children under five by as much as 24 percentage points in the villages we supported.
- 100% of mothers are practicing exclusive breastfeeding with children under six months of age and proper weaning techniques for children over 6 months.
- 100% of the families with whom we work use and properly maintain their latrines, gray water filters, and stoves.
- 40% of participating families planted vegetables and fruits in their new home gardens. After initial inputs and technical assistance, these families are now caring for the gardens on their own.
- After three years, 700 families are raising milk-producing goats.
- Two hundred and sixty couples are using family planning methods and deciding how many children to have.
- Nine percent of the women who work with BPD are active members of a decision-making committee or community structure.
- Youth take part in community decisions as well and, in some cases, have led their own development projects.

percent, well above the national average of 48 percent. They have now been reduced by up to 24 percentage points! **We work in the hardest hit areas of the country.** But we also work with people who want to do what it takes to improve their lives and their children's lives.

Our successful strategies have led to a significant, positive impact on the nutritional status of children under five, and demonstrated that **chronic childhood malnutrition should be addressed using a holistic approach.**

Doña Carmela Pérez from the partner community of Saquiyá attested, "My life has completely



changed in one year. From dedicating the majority of my day to bringing water and firewood to the house, I now have time for me and my family. My children are healthier, we are eating better, and I am now a member of one of the community committees and my concerns and ideas are listened to. We have worked hard for this, but it has been worth it.”

Doña Carmela and other empowered women have been trained as promoters. As our daily presence in these communities comes to an end, **these women have emerged as the leaders** who will carry their communities forward.

We hope we can count on your continued support to bring these changes and improvements to many more new communities, and to be able to share more stories like Doña Carmela’s. **Thank you, friends, donors, and partners, for trusting in BPD, and for the love that you show to the Mayan people of Chimaltenango.**

Hasta pronto,

Paco Enríquez
Executive Director
Chimaltenango, Guatemala

Donor Spotlight: Guatemalan Families Association

Guatemalan Families Association, located in the United Kingdom, is comprised of families who have adopted children from Guatemala. They have been proud supporters of BPD since 2002, with total donations exceeding \$200,000. Last year, GFA helped to fund a water system in Los Encuentritos. The Sievers family visited this village in June 2014 to see the results.

“I still shake my head at the extraordinary achievement that now 107 families [in Los Encuentritos] receive filtered running water direct to their homes, whilst 18 months or so ago, they would have had to walk to the springs and carry their water back... It is clear that the work of BPD so significantly makes a difference to some of the poorest communities in Guatemala, and I was also impressed with the continuity after the project that BPD provides.” — Graham Sievers





*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.

We are grateful to these friends who, through thoughtful planning, are leading the way by supporting Behrhorst Partners for Development beyond their lifetimes. On behalf of the future generations who will benefit, we thank you.

“I’m pleased to be a member of the Dr. Carroll Behrhorst Legacy Society. Time and time again, I’ve seen BPD’s work in the rural highlands of Guatemala make a life-changing difference for families and communities. I view my Legacy gift as an important investment toward improved health and opportunities for rural Guatemalans. It’s a way I can extend the impact of BPD into the future.”

—Narra Cox, Legacy Society Member

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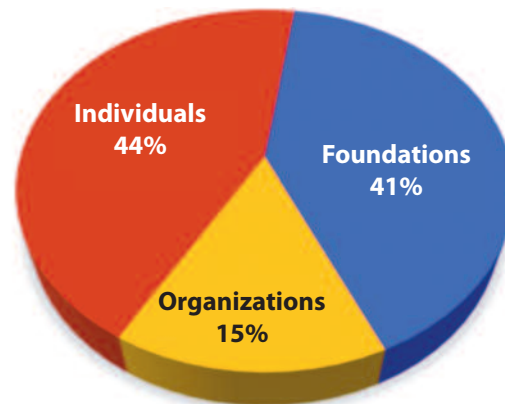
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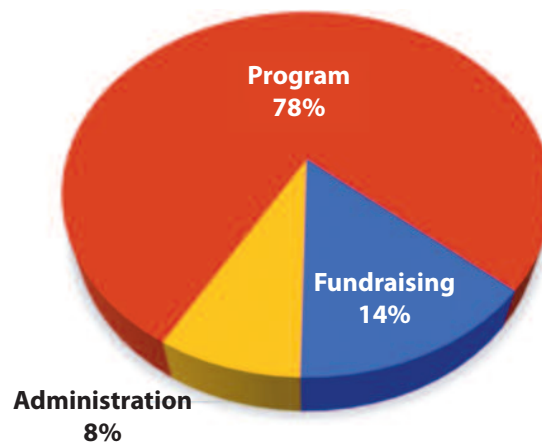
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