



**On behalf of all of us here at Live Different,
please accept my heartfelt thanks for
your contributions to a year of purposeful
and deliberate growth.**

Live Different benefits from the generosity of individuals, foundations, businesses, and hundreds of volunteers, all whom we call dear friends. The Live Different community is the foundational strength that paves the road for us to be able to serve and care for others in the capacity that we do. We are blessed to work alongside the most caring and genuine people who give of their whole selves to make this world a better place.

Our lives are enriched by yours. Thank you.



Charles Roberts
Chief Executive Officer
Live Different

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Presentations

Live Different has one of Canada's largest face to face youth audiences, including a team that focuses on bringing programming to Indigenous communities. To date, Live Different has impacted 1.6 million students across Canada.

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Over the years, we have asked students for their feedback. Here is some of what we have learned:

81%

Had increased awareness
of the impact of their actions
because of Live Different

80%

Felt better equipped to identify peers
facing trouble or sadness

88%

Reported they were more inclined
to listen to or help a friend
because of Live Different



Lives are being changed.

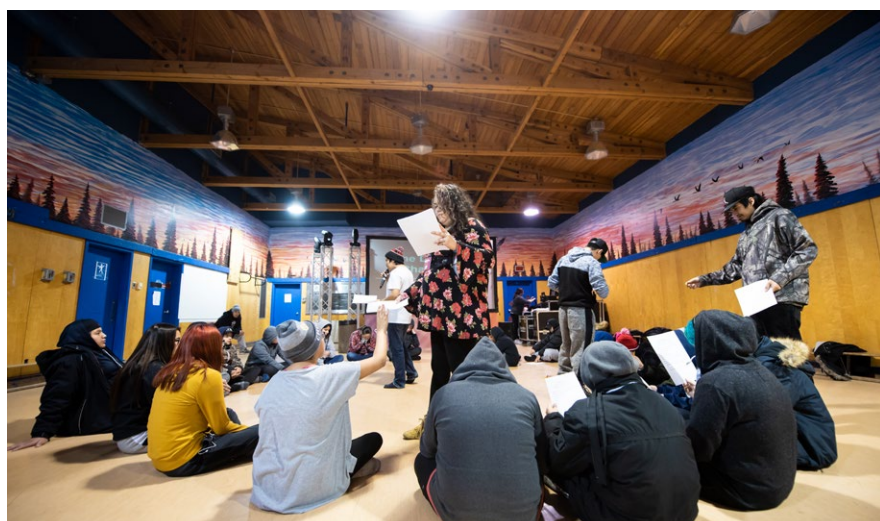
WHEN YOU TELL YOUTH THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE, AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN.



A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN A REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY HAD ATTEMPTED TO END HER LIFE TWO MONTHS BEFORE WE ARRIVED IN HER COMMUNITY.

DURING ONE OF OUR TALKING CIRCLE SESSIONS, **SHE OPENED UP ABOUT HER STRUGGLES** AT HOME AND HOW SHE WASN'T ENCOURAGED TO TALK ABOUT HER FEELINGS. SHE BELIEVED SUICIDE WAS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE THAN THE WEIGHT OF HOLDING ON TO EVERYTHING.

BECAUSE SHE RECEIVED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HER STRUGGLES WITH US, WE WERE ABLE TO CONNECT HER WITH HER PRINCIPAL AND GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR. WE LATER LEARNED THAT SHE IS CONTINUING TO SEEK HELP AND TAKE STEPS TOWARDS HEALING.



OUR INTERNS BRING HOPE WHEREVER THEY GO

SITTING ON THE FLOOR OF THE SCHOOL'S GYMNASIUM, MADISON BRAVELY BROKE THE SILENCE OF THE SHARING CIRCLE AND BEGAN TO OPEN UP ABOUT HER FRIEND FROM SCHOOL WHO WAS ABSENT. HER FRIEND DAANIS WAS SAD ALL THE TIME AND FELT LIKE LIFE WAS HOPELESS.

THE LEADER OF THIS SHARING CIRCLE WAS SHARISSA, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HER EMPATHY TOWARDS STUDENTS AND HER LOVE OF HAVING FUN. AFTER HEARING ABOUT WHAT DAANIS WAS GOING THROUGH, SHARISSA SUGGESTED THAT MADISON INVITE HER OUT TO THE COMMUNITY CONCERT THAT EVENING SO THEY COULD ALL LIVE IN THE MOMENT.

DAANIS SHOWED UP THAT NIGHT AND TOGETHER THEY SANG AND DANCED THEIR HEARTS OUT.

*COMING TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMMING, DAANIS ENDED UP BEING IN SHARISSA'S SHARING CIRCLE GROUP. BY THE END OF THEIR TIME TOGETHER, SHE PULLED SHARISSA ASIDE AND SAID FIVE UNFORGETTABLE WORDS, **"SHARISSA, YOU SAVED MY LIFE."***

SHE TOLD SHARISSA THAT THE NIGHT BEFORE, SHE WAS PLANNING ON ENDING HER LIFE BUT THEN MADISON INVITED HER TO THE CONCERT.

WE RECENTLY REACHED OUT TO THE COMMUNITY TO CHECK IN ON DAANIS AND RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT SHE WAS DOING WELL.

BY SHOWING UP, BEING VULNERABLE, AND LISTENING—NOT TO MENTION ALL THE SINGING AND DANCING DURING THE COMMUNITY CONCERT—HOPE WAS BROUGHT BACK INTO THE LIFE OF A TEENAGE GIRL.

**The students' names have been changed to keep their identity confidential.*



OWN
YOUR
STORY

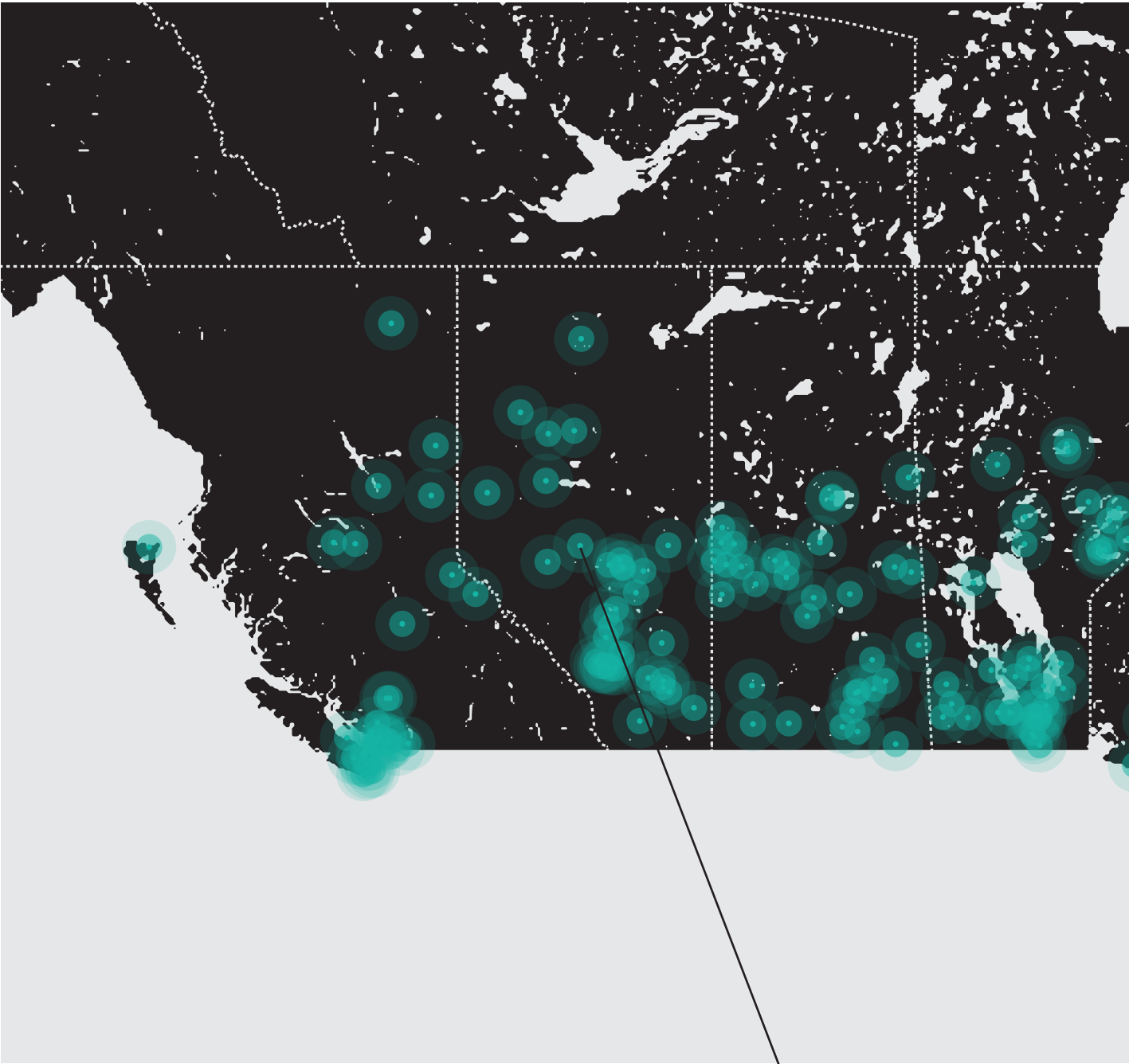
YOUR LIFE'S STORY
IS POWERFUL.

We want students to turn their experience into growth and to find purpose in helping others. This year, Own Your Story is visiting schools and communities across the country!

SEE THE VIDEOS

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2019/2020
ROAD TOUR



We take no shortcuts.

During the 2018/19 school year, we criss-crossed Canada to reach

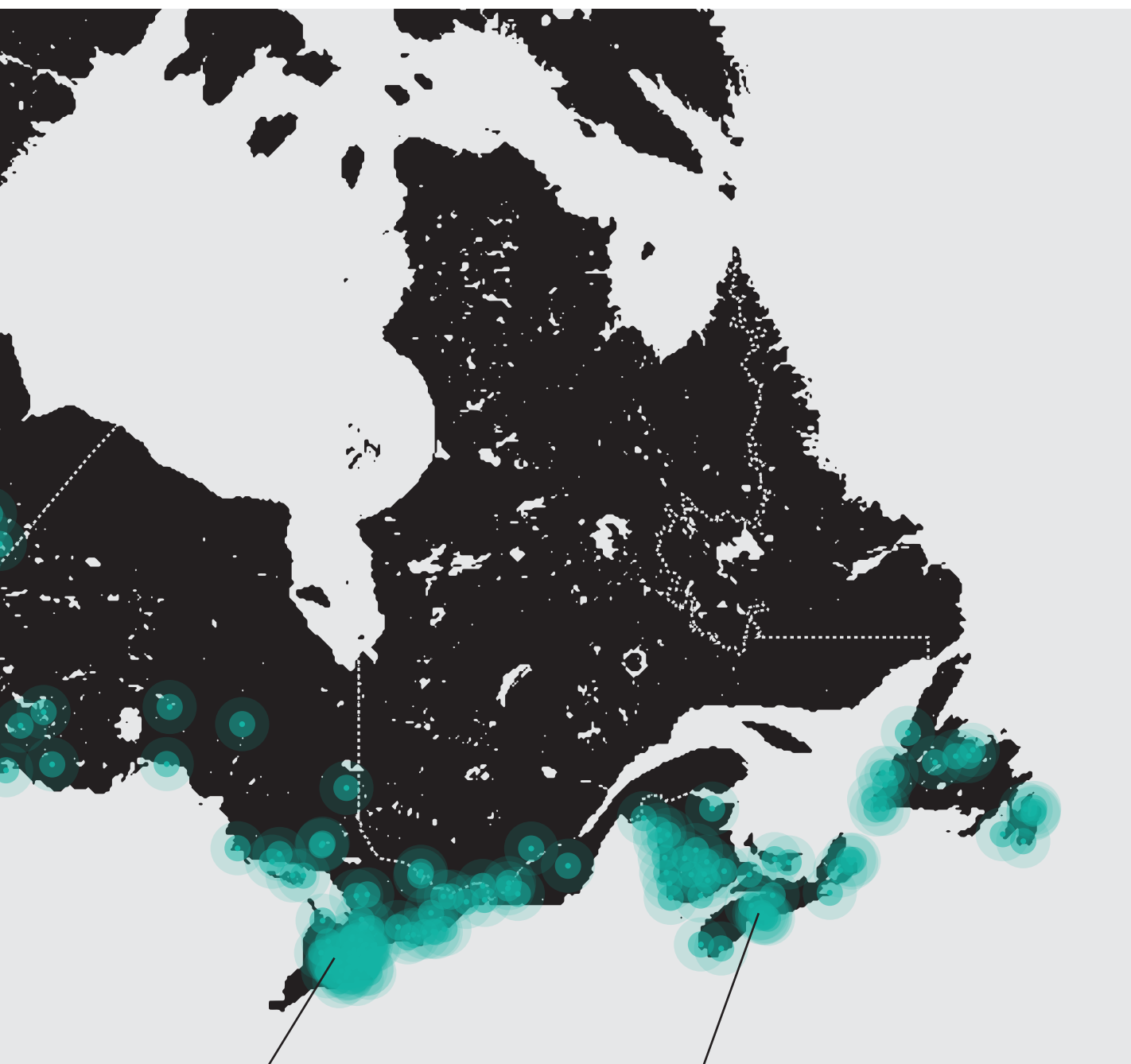
112,000
Students

300+
Schools and
communities
coast-to-coast

59
Indigenous
communities

“A LIVE DIFFERENT PRESENTATION IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING EVENT FOR OUR STUDENTS. THE SPEAKERS AND MUSICIANS ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO TAP INTO THE KIDS IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE IN NEED OF UNDERSTANDING AND A SENSE OF BELONGING.”

— EDUCATOR FROM MAYERTHORPE, AB



"LIVE DIFFERENT WAS NOTHING SHORT OF AMAZING THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR SCHOOL EVERY YEAR AND DELIVERING A MESSAGE THAT IS INCREDIBLY INSPIRING. THE PERFORMANCE IS OUTSTANDING, AND OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE STILL RAVING ABOUT IT. THANK YOU!"

— EDUCATOR FROM KITCHENER, ON

"THE LIVE DIFFERENT PRESENTATIONS ARE SIMPLY AMAZING. THEY PRESENT A POWERFUL MESSAGE IN AN ENGAGING WAY THAT IS BOTH MEANINGFUL AND MEMORABLE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING THEM BACK AGAIN NEXT YEAR."

— PRINCIPAL FROM HAMMONDS PLAINS, NS

Builds

Individuals and groups have the opportunity to volunteer and help put their donated money to good use building houses in developing countries. We've rallied over 6000 volunteers to help construct homes for over 500 families in need.



In 2018/2019 we had another great year of working alongside our volunteers, communities, and families to make a difference.

46
Homes

563
Volunteers

Throughout the year, we asked youth volunteers for their feedback. Here's what we learned:

81%

Had greater awareness of causes and effects of global poverty because of their experiences with Live Different

88%

Reported they were more inclined to be involved in social justice activities because of their Build involvement with Live Different

88%

Felt an increased sense of their ability to make a difference in the world



The long road to home.

OUR VOLUNTEERS HELPED THE PACHECO GARCIA FAMILY REALIZE THEIR DREAM OF OWNING A HOUSE.

Married in their early twenties, Santiago and Clementina found themselves surrounded by gang violence in an area of Mexico where work was hard to come by. Wanting a better future, they applied for work visas at a plant nursery in the United States. Overjoyed when they were accepted, they believed that the door to a better tomorrow had opened. Sadly, this was not the case.

They arrived to discover horrible living conditions, where upwards of 30 people were forced to share one room full of beds, two showers, and zero privacy. In the end, they made the difficult decision to return to their community in Mexico, choosing to live around violence without stable

work over enduring life at the nursery. It wasn't until their beautiful boys, Alex and Leonel, were born that they began to head down a new path.

Putting safety above familiarity, they moved to the Baja to work in the fields. By renting a one-room place with dirt floors and holes in both the walls and ceilings, they were able to save up enough money to purchase land.

Stepping out of their ordinary, 14 volunteers signed up, fundraised, and travelled down to work with the Pacheco Garcia Family to build a safe, new home in the Summer of 2019.









“I can’t wait to go back one day and visit our family and the red house that left such an impression on my heart.”

Maiya
Benjamin Cole
Memorial Award Winner



Academy

A gap-year program where young adults are mentored, gain cross-cultural experience, and are transformed in their thinking, their actions, and their focus for the future.



Forever grateful.

TYLER REFLECTS ON HIS TIME IN MEXICO WITH OUR ACADEMY PROGRAM.

It seems like an overwhelming and challenging task to choose the right words that best describe these past thirteen weeks living with the Live Different Academy.

I believe that these past three months have played a huge part in shaping my life going forward, my choices and outlook on life, as well as giving me a more detailed perspective as to what my purpose and passion are in life.

“Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit”. To live in a new country and embrace its culture to the fullest is the best education you can get.

Some important advice that I picked up was that we need to enjoy the hard work and the process of achieving our goals. We need to understand that it will take time, effort, commitment, accountability, and passion to complete the tasks we set out for ourselves.

I think that a huge part of the Live Different Academy is not about working with kids at an after-school program, not about spending a week in a shack or picking beans in a field, or even about building a home for a family. I think that a major part of this experience is the self-growth and personal development that occurs during these three months.

I am forever grateful for the guidance I have had down here and the support during my time.



Tyler Leighton
Academy Graduate, 2018



Projects

These are larger humanitarian projects which are funded, constructed, and sustained by the generous Live Different community. Ongoing projects include the Trades Learning Centre in Mexico and the School and Freedom Village in Haiti.





École L'Union

THE SCHOOL IS CHANGING LIVES THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF #LOVELEGACY SUPPORTERS..

Children from the hillside community of Calvaire once lacked access to education. Now, thanks to the generosity of monthly supporters and many others, their futures are getting brighter by the day.

372
Students enrolled from
kindergarten to grade 8

125
Days of
meals served

21
Number of
teachers



"WHEN I GROW UP I WOULD LIKE TO BE A NURSE. I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE SICK. I WANT TO TREAT ALL KINDS OF SICKNESS. I WANT TO TREAT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE PAIN IN THEIR STOMACH, IN THE HEAD, THEIR KNEE, PAIN IN THE EYES. I WANT TO HELP THEM ALL, TO TREAT THEM. I WANT TO GIVE THEM MEDICINE FOR ALL THAT."

– DAVENA





Join our community as a #LoveLegacy supporter.

By joining #LoveLegacy as a monthly donor, you're providing brighter futures and helping lift children out of poverty.

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144

500



Current monthly
sponsorships

Monthly
sponsorships
needed for
sustainability

Freedom Village

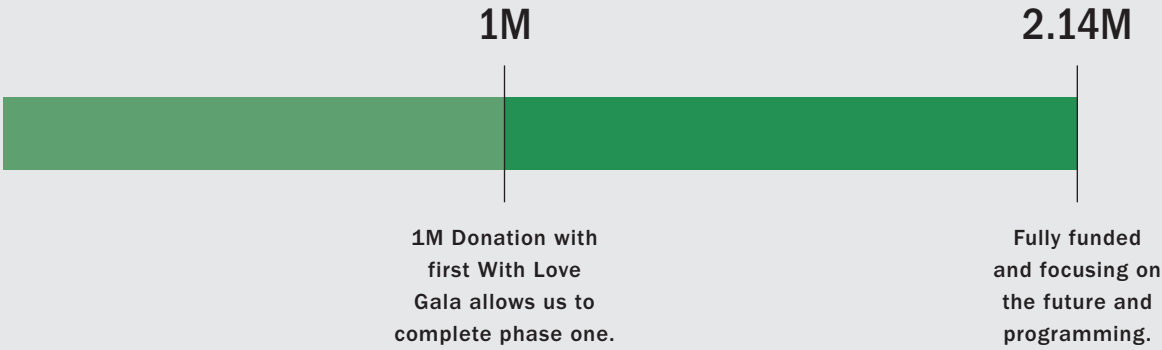
IN 2021, OUR TRANSITION HOME WILL BE COMPLETE AND, WHEN OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, WILL PROVIDE 30 YOUNG GIRLS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED WITH A SAFE PLACE TO HEAL, GROW, AND FLOURISH.



One out of every fifteen children in Haiti are living in a form of domestic slavery. As we broke ground, we all looked forward to the day when the Freedom Village would open its doors.

Freedom Village Building Fund.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.
In 2021, the gates will swing open and young girls will know what it is like to live with people who care for them while receiving the support needed to thrive.



The support from our first With Love Gala allows us to complete the project in one phase, which saves money on construction.



Trades Learning Centre

EQUIPPING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH SKILLS TO SUCCEED.



Constructed in 2016, our Trades Centre in Mexico is a facility that equips people living in the San Quintin area with valuable carpentry skills.

For a small fee, students sign up for 10 week classes and learn to build cabinets, shelves, tables, and other

custom woodworking projects under the guidance of an instructor. When they leave the course, they possess job skills to be an assistant or work independently. While on a Build, our volunteers also have a chance to work in the Trades Centre to create shelving and furniture for each home.

32

Students enrolled
in the course

20

Weekday classes

24

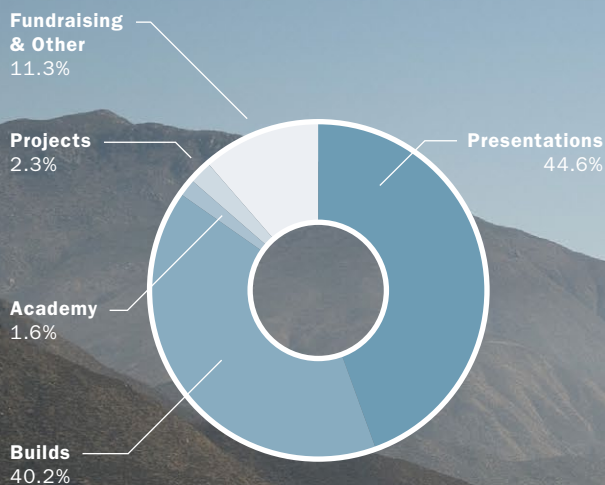
Saturday classes
(double length)



Financials

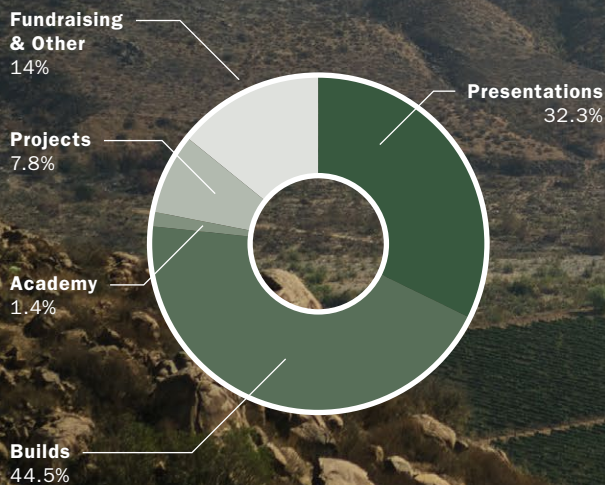
Revenue

Total
\$3,335,100



Program Expenditures

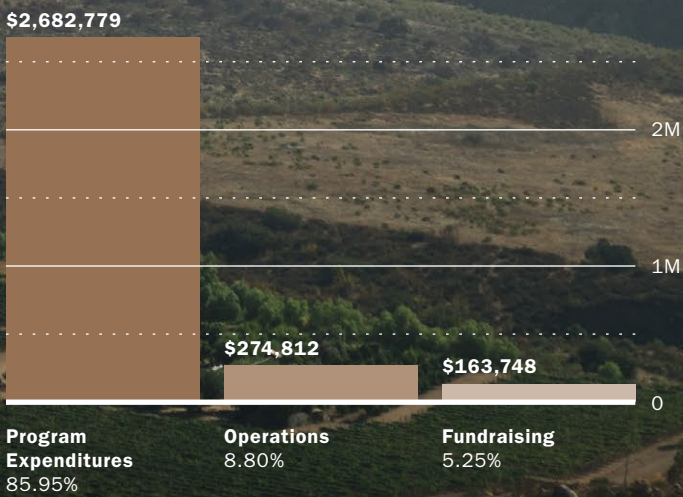
Total
\$3,121,339



| Revenue Sources | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Major Partners | 26.70% |
| 2018 Gala | 10.66% |
| Ecole Union School | 1.85% |
| Monthly General Partners | 0.59% |
| Builds Income | 41.46% |
| Presentations Income | 11.79% |
| Academy Income | 1.55% |
| Government Grants | 1.76% |
| General Donations | 0.27% |
| Other | 3.37% |

| Net Assets | | |
|------------|------|-------------|
| | 2019 | \$113,019 |
| | 2018 | (\$100,742) |

Allocation of Expenses



Getting beyond these numbers, what is really being shown here is the youth across Canada who are experiencing hope, families who are receiving safe homes, and students in Haiti who now have access to nutrition and a brighter future through education.

Whenever someone gives, they are putting trust in the work that we are doing. It is a gift that we take very seriously. From all of us, thank you for your generosity.



Derek Boyce
Director of Finance

Here are a few great organizations that get as excited as we do when it comes to showing compassion and serving others. We wouldn't exist without their support!







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