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Happy New Year!

Let's take a look at what happened in 2022!



Deborah Northcott

Co-Founder

There is an old saying that “the only constant in life is change”.

The last several years have only added confirmation that this is true.

Our students, their families, and Canadian Humanitarian globally have all experienced ebbs and flows of change, adjusting to realities of gathering restrictions, rising inflation, commodity supply challenges, civil strife, and economic stresses at every level.

As we finish 2022, all our country programs have returned to pre-pandemic operations, offering full programming.

Change can be a catalyst for positive movement forward, when seen thru the lens of innovation. At Canadian Humanitarian we have experienced this firsthand. As we come to the close of 2022, you will see from our field report that our aim to educate, enrich, and empower those we serve remains on track, in spite of, and because of creative responses to the challenges of change.

We still are changing lives, in a changing world.



Field Reports and Annual Reports Update

In 2023 we will be making some changes to when you will receive reports.

There will be 2 regular reports in a year instead of one: an Annual Report in the summer, to match the academic year, and our fiscal year; and a Field Report in winter, for a mid-year update on program activities.

We hope you will enjoy this first Field Report! Those of you who sponsor students will receive this with your student updates.

Often, the students express that they feel invisible to their families, community and forgotten at the global level. We share with you their gratitude and love for your continued support, and their ongoing hope for a brighter future. Because of your support, they feel seen and heard.

To all students, you are the lifeline present in their day-to-day life, and visible in the changes each day brings to them and their family. To them you are very visible.

Thank you for all you do to help them.

Working together, our vision to educate, enrich, and empower means every student is seen and heard.





News from our Education Support Centers

CLUBS ARE BACK!

Dance, Music, Computer club, keyboard classes, tutoring, are all back in the schedule for the afterschool program. Slowly as school and regular routines are re established the full programs are being implemented again as pre pandemic times. Students are excited to be participating together as before.



In interviews with students in early December, Deborah noted that repeatedly the common themes of how much the center is like a 2nd home, the friendships and relationships with other students feel like extended family, and the support staff

irreplaceable to helping them succeed in school.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The students have been working hard as their school terms return to normal. Because of tutorials during school interruptions, students have been able to maintain their progress thru their grades.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

The children LOVE the meals they receive each day. When asked what their favorite meals are, they listed Enjera with lentil stew, beef stew, rice, pasta, potato stew, - one little one said they LOVE everything.



GARDENING CLUBS

With the stress on the economy, and shortages of food items, garden projects, including container gardening, have become more important at our centers. Each location tries to grow something edible within the capacity of the space they have to grow fresh food items.

Students, Staff and Guardians alike all help with the gardening project. Fresh produce harvested helps with the daily meal program, and to bolster household nutrition.



In the city areas, innovative ways to grow produce in old water bottles, using vertical garden concepts are producing beyond expectations.

Our semi rural and rural centers have had more concentrated efforts with their growing, because they have land available.

Kality has been successful in growing kale, corn, carrots, broccoli crops.

Kersa and Turge centers have several hectares of land, so have been successful in growing wheat. This year their crop produced 15 quintals of wheat.



Children Incorporated Special Project

During several months in the year, water shortages are a hurdle to getting good healthy harvests.

Children Inc- a partner with our Kersa Program, found grant funding to help our Kersa land sites have water all year round.

This funding allows for a large tanker to hold water, as well as a donkey, the cart, and a tanker with pump that the donkey cart uses to water the garden. This will help especially with the table vegetables such as beets, spinach, corn, peas, and cabbage, that need water often.



A Special Thanks to our Partners and Funders



VULNERABLE CHILDREN SOCIETY





REALgirl

It has been another successful year in both Ethiopia and Guatemala.

In Ethiopia, we were able to continue to launch REALgirl and REALboy Empowerment & Equity programs and they are now running in all our centers, either in a Summer School or After-School Workshop format.

In Addis, workshops are run by Canadian Humanitarian Center graduates who have been trained and certified as REALgirl/REALboy Instructors. In our rural centers, we trained the program Social Workers so that they could fully run workshops in house.

Completed the
program in 2022

In Ethiopia



62 girls
83 boys

In Guatemala



178 boys
202 girls

In Guatemala, schools finally re-opened for the first time in June 2020, so our local partner, SERniña, was able to return to their in-person workshops and offer hybrid support programs in each of our six community partners.

Also in Guatemala, we wrapped up our 'Whole Family Healing Program' funded by the Fund for Innovation & Transformation and Global Affairs Canada. And, the project was a huge success with rates of gender-based violence falling by 45% as a result.

Based on this success, SERniña is thrilled to be increasing family and community supports through the launch of their own 'Family & Community Centre' which is modeled around our HCCN Centers in Ethiopia.

Thank you for making our girl empowerment and gender equity programs happen in Ethiopia, Guatemala, and beyond!

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et la transformation



MEDICINE HAT SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



EDEN Program



ADULT ENTREPRENEURSHIP

It's been a busy year for the EDEN Program, as 3 new cohorts have completed the business workshops, submitted their business ideas, and been approved for micro-loans.

As they begin working their new or expanded ventures, we will continue to check in and monitor their progress so they are successful at paying back their loans and growing their income through what they have learned about entrepreneurship in EDEN.

In Ethiopia, groups are selected from interested guardians of our students, and then supported through a program run by WISE, a local expert in adult business literacy and entrepreneurship training. In Ghana, we work with our local partner DYDF to screen eager adults from the Hohoe region for eligibility, and 2 full groups were accepted into the program.

GROUP DESCRIPTION	PARTICIPANTS	BUSINESS PLANS IN PROGRESS
Guardian Group from Kality	23	23
Ghana Cohort #1	20	16
Ghana Cohort #2	19	14
Workshop Booster - Guelele Group	15	13
Workshop Booster - Kirkos Group	15	15

*workshop boosters are refresher courses to help already active cohorts maintain their business knowledge and receive encouragement as they run their businesses



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Nunya MUSIC ACADEMY

We continue to partner with the Nunya Music Academy in Ghana. The school is almost completely finished being built, and this year they were able to return to their regular program of music classes.

Begun as a collaboration between North American University Music Departments and the local Ghanaian community, the Academy has grown in size and scope. When the school is complete, a full academic schedule will be available in addition to the music classes, workshops, and outreach that already has made an incredible impact on the student's lives.

This year an enormous amount of work was done on the school facilities, including electrical and plumbing work, installing a water tower, landscaping, and painting.

It was the first year since 2019 that a group has been able to visit the school from North America, as restrictions have now lifted enough to allow travel to the country.

We are excited for the official opening, and can't wait to see how the students grow musically, academically, and personally!



Food Relief in Addis Ababa

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LDS CHARITIES AND THE CITY OF ADDIS ABABA

The past several years have put a lot of economic stress on Ethiopia's populations. With inflation rates of over 30%, civil strife in northern Ethiopia preventing usual crop planting and harvests, and the conflict in Ukraine, food prices, and unemployment have both risen dramatically.

In a tri partnership arrangement between a donor, (LDS Charities), sub

15 will be nominated to W.I.S.E micro finance foundation, for business literacy training and the opportunity to begin or bolster a private business. Another 20 will be selected to take vocational training, helping them upgrade their skill set, and be better qualified for employment.

Deborah was in Ethiopia to be part of the December distribution. The process was

other NGOS

- The work ethic of the Canadian Humanitarian team and volunteers has offered a logistical example of how to organize this large a food distribution in an efficient, orderly fashion

- The dedication of the Canadian Humanitarian and LDS Charity teams, and their selfless service for others is an admired example

- Over 90 % of the funds



city governments of Bole 05 and 08, and Canadian Humanitarian, a 6 month emergency food relief program was initiated for (name the people Single female headed households, disabled or seniors on fixed income, or households with adults who are ill or unable to provide for their family are being given short term assistance.

550 families, representing about 2500 individuals, began to receive food aid in October 2022, and will do so until March 2023. It is hoped that this respite will allow them to find work, catch up on other financial commitments, and offer time to regroup.

From the selected families,

well organized, and the food offered covering a balanced nutritional diet in supplies for 4 weeks.

Live chickens were part of the distribution. This offers the opportunity to have eggs to eat, and to sell, and to grow the chicken population, not only to feed themselves, but potentially to sell to others in their community.

The project has opened some doors with city offices, as well as sub city offices. In the words of the officers at both levels, this distribution has had some good lessons in several ways.

- The nutritional balance of the items given has set a new standard for upcoming distributions by

allocated for this project are going to the recipient families food items expenses, highlighting the commitment to the beneficiaries this project is based on.



With the first half of the Emergency Food Relief completed, our team and our partners received an award from government officials recognizing this effort.

Fundraisers Report

CHANGING LIVES

with Canadian Humanitarian

Our year-end campaign is still online, and you can help us reach our goal of \$50,000!

www.realhumanitarian.ca/2022-Changing-Lives



JUNE 2022

Fort McMurray

335 runners, special filming crew from Telus to highlight this community event

Medicine Hat

239 runners, hosted by Badlands Training Center

Harmony

102 runners, 1st annual event in Harmony (community just outside Calgary)

\$46,532 raised

OCTOBER 2022

Toronto Marathon

\$6,000 raised



NOVEMBER 2022

Hope for Tomorrow Gala (Calgary)

105 guests

Special Speakers Richard Northcott, Bisrat Sime, Mel Bott, Emcee Dr Dee

Beyond Belief Gala (Medicine Hat)

160 guests

Special Speakers Richard Northcott, Bisrat Sime, Rebecca Bitz, Emcee Jeremy Hudson

\$57,600 raised



Student visit to the Canadian Embassy to wish them a Happy New Year
(Ethiopian New Years is in September)

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