



# October 2024 Newsletter

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## **New Project: Salvadorian Textile Arts - Renewing, Recycling, Embellishing Workshops**



In May, Sombrilla started a new sewing project in partnership with CEBES in El Salvador and funded by CHEF (Canadian Home Economics Foundation). The project addresses several issues, including supporting dignified access to clothing for people living with poverty, development of skills in design, sewing and traditional embroidery, and diverting second hand clothing from the fast fashion industry from landfills.

Like many developing countries, El Salvador receives bales of cast off clothing from wealthier countries and is left to figure out what to do with the unwanted clothes. The participants in this project will learn to reuse the fabric from used clothing to make create new garments. Embroidery is a traditional skill in the region and is usually taught to daughters by their mothers. Embroidery skills will be included and will be incorporated into the clothing designs.

In a "train the trainer" model, the participants in the project come from their home communities to the CEBES Perquín's Centre in Perquín where they learn clothing design and sewing skills. They then return to their communities and teach others the skills they have developed, increasing the impact of the project.



The women's first project was to make aprons that they will be able to put to use on a daily basis

## Arrival of a seacan full of computers and other equipment for computer assisted learning in Honduras



ACH board and staff outside the container that will house the new vocational training program. The red Seacan is the one that just arrived from Canada

On September 27th, a Seacan from Canada arrived in Honduras with a load of computers, sewing machines tools and other materials. Sombrilla's Computer Assisted Learning project is dependent upon having sufficient computers for the students to work on. Here in Canada we can receive donations of good used computers, then we need to get them to the project in Honduras. In late 2019 a computer collection initiative began and with its success came the idea of filling a Seacan with computers and other items which would be used to support education and vocational programs.

In March 2023, a 40' Seacan was purchased and the task to load it at the Warkentin farm in Tofield began. Over the next 14 months the Seacan was loaded with about 500 computers, 110 sewing machines, 800' of chain-link fence and many vocational tools. On June 18, 2024 a 100 T crane lifted the Seacan onto a truck and it was bound for the Edmonton Railyard.

On September 27th, the container arrived in Puerto Cortez, Honduras and was transported by truck to the learning centre in Santa Cruz. Our ACH partners got to work unloading and preparing to convert the Seacan into a classroom for the new vocational training program that will be offered to youth as they graduate from grade nine.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and to the donors who provided the funds.



Saturday November 2, 2024

Polish Hall - 10960 104 NW Street



## International Dinner

Live Entertainment

Silent & Live Auction

Single Ticket	Table of 8	Table of 10
\$45	\$320	\$400

**Breaking Barriers to Education in Latin America  
with Keynote Speaker Malcolm Azania**

### **We're Stronger Together, Working through Partnerships**

Sombrilla invites you to take action by attending our fundraiser to break down barriers to education in Latin America.

Enjoy an evening of delicious food, friendship, presentations and entertainment as well as live and silent auction to raise funds for our projects. Learn how we work through partnerships to support communities in Latin America

Special entertainment this year:

Irish dance performance with Damien Noone a former World Champion, who last performed in Edmonton with Riverdance 25 years ago. Damien will be joined by two of his daughters Molly and Annabelle.

**Saturday, November 2, 2024 5:00-9:30pm Polish Hall, 10960-104 street**

**Tickets are \$45 in advance Or gather together your closest friends to purchase a table of 8 for \$320 or a table of 10 for \$400**

**Vegan or Gluten Free Meals are available by request.**

Reserve your tickets by emailing us at [connect@sombrilla.ca](mailto:connect@sombrilla.ca), by e-transfer, from any board member or on Eventbrite (processing fee will be added)

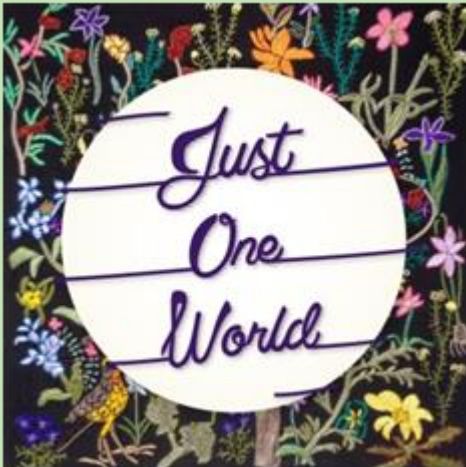
**Buy tickets by E-transfer here.**

**Buy tickets from Eventbrite here**

**Email us to reserve tickets or to request a vegan or gluten free meal**

## **Sombrilla at Just One World**

Sombrilla will be at Just One World: An Ethical Global Marketplace again this year. Come see us there!



The market features international gifts for purchase, food and live entertainment.

Saturday November 16, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Sunday November 17, 11 am - 3 pm

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre  
8426 Gateway Boulevard NW

**If you are unable to attend but would like to support our projects, you can donate directly through Canada helps**

**Donate on Canada Helps Here**

**Donate by E-transfer here**

Or mail a cheque to:  
Sombrilla IDS  
PO Box 47025  
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## About Sombrilla



Sombrilla International Development Society is an Alberta-based, independent Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) founded in 1985. Sombrilla develops partnerships with Latin American NGOs that share its values in order to assist them in their development.

Sombrilla focuses on providing assistance that is result oriented and sustainable. "Sombrilla" is the Spanish word for "umbrella," which symbolizes the partnerships between organized communities from Canada and Latin America that assist in sheltering vulnerable populations from oppression while promoting community participation.

Presently Sombrilla has projects in Honduras and El Salvador. These projects are focused on helping communities reach the goals that they set for themselves to reduce poverty and achieve a better standard of living.

## Thank You to our Supporters

We would like to thank these organizations that have supported our projects.



And a huge thank-you to all the individuals who support us through monthly, yearly and one-time gifts.



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