

Annual Report 2013-2014



Sombrilla - fostering partnerships for social justice

A Message from the Board:

It has been another exciting year for Sombrilla! Our volunteer trips to Peru continue, including the first adult trip, and this year we also brought a speaker to Alberta from our partner community Yurac Yacu. We successfully completed a project with our partner ADIM in the Chajul region of Guatemala and look forward to continuing to work with them. Stay tuned to Sombrilla through Facebook, Twitter, our website and newsletters as we embark on a new project in Honduras. Thank you valued supporters for your continued interest and generous contributions.

Cheers! 



In Tierra Colorada, Guatemala, we added a grade nine program to the secondary school program which we started in the school two years ago. This year there were 85 students registered for secondary school classes. Most of them would not have been able to continue their education without the project.



In 2014, 26 youth and 6 adults visited our Yurac Yacu Project. They made new friends, learned about the community and the Project, hiked in the mountains and ate guinea pig. Their volunteer contributions included fund raising, helping to make 1000 adobe blocks, teaching in the summer school, playing games with preschoolers, teaching sewing lessons and interviewing and filming community members.



With our partner ADIM in Chajul, Guatemala, we recently opened two new micropharmacies in Santa Cruz Quiche and in Uspantan Quiche. These two pharmacies will supply medications to people who previously could not access them. It is estimated that 3000 families per month will benefit from the pharmacies.



Yesenia (in red) and some of her friends.

In March Yesenia Lazaro Roque, Yurac Yacu Project worker and ACGC 30 under 30 winner, visited Canada for two weeks. Yesenia travelled the province, visiting Edmonton, Ardrossen, St. Albert, Calgary, Black Diamond, Lundbreck and Pincher Creek. She did presentations in schools churches and community centres. She presented to over 450 Albertans including about 300 children



In Yurac Yacu we opened the café in the community centre for the June through August tourist season. We worked with the women of the community to start a cooperative with women knitting and sewing products to sell to tourists. 38 women were employed throughout the season in the café and the cooperative. The café is now helping to fund the running of the community centre as well as providing employment for local women.

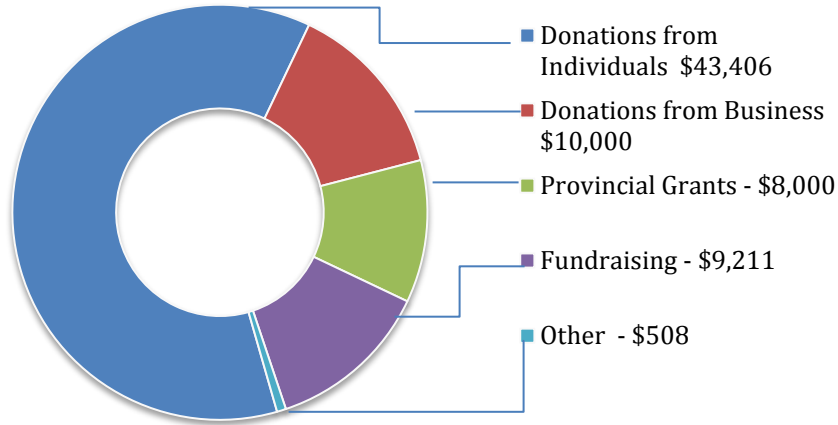


The Yurac Yacu Education Project provides programming for children and youth from 6 months of age into their twenties.

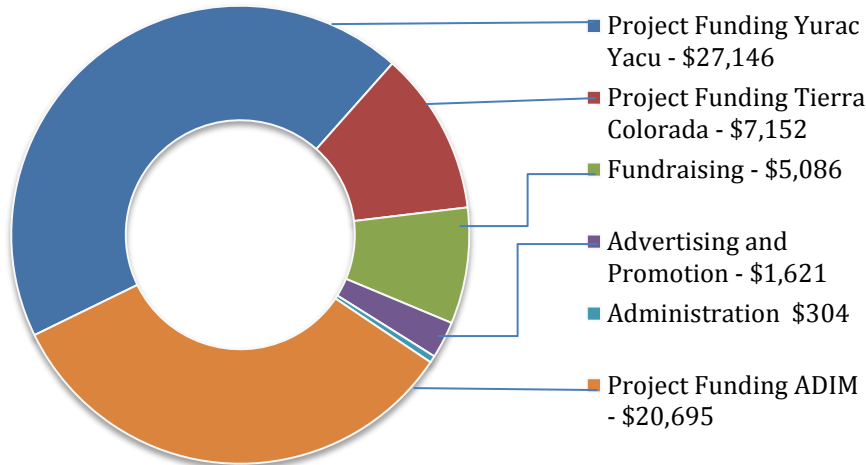
This year 60 local children took part in the early childhood programs and the summer school and summer day camp for primary school children. 15 Youth have been involved in music lessons, English classes summer day camp and our youth leadership program.

Financial Reporting

Revenues 2013-14



Expenditures 2013-14



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