



Sombrilla

International Development
Society



Annual Report 2018-2019

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Development Society

ABOUT US

Sombrilla is an Alberta-based, independent, non-governmental organization, founded in 1985 as a registered charity to facilitate projects supporting sustainable development, social justice, gender equity and human rights.

OUR MISSION

Sombrilla partners with communities in Latin America to empower them to assert their democratic, economic, cultural, and social rights.

OUR MANDATE

Sombrilla's mandate is to walk in solidarity with our partners in the global south towards effective social change for all.

OUR PARTNERS

Sombrilla develops partnerships with Latin American community-based organizations that share our mission in order to assist them in reaching their goals.

2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PETER SCHALK, **CHAIR**

DELMY GARCIA-HOYT

CHARLIE PEARSON, **VICE CHAIR**

PATSY HO

NATASHA MAHZABIN, **TREASURER**

NANCY TRAN

ASHLEY HUANG, **SECRETARY**

VINCENT HUYNH

KATRIN HOFFMANN

MUNTASIR HASAN



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As you flip through our annual report you will learn a bit more about what we were up to in 2018-19. As per usual, Sombrilla punched above its weight as a small, completely volunteer-run international development organization.

Our most notable activities in 2018-19 include:

- continued support to the Tierra Colorada school in Guatemala;
- coordinating a final service trip to improve access to urogynecological services in the highlands of Peru;
- another year of supporting the Jose Garcia Scholarship Fund for post-secondary students and community activists in El Salvador;
- completing our food security project in Peru constructing green houses to improve the food security of families; and
- starting a new major project creating economic opportunities for youth in Honduras in order to encourage them to remain in their communities instead of seeking refuge abroad.



We also wish to thank an anonymous donor who came to Sombrilla with a desire to work with our partner in Honduras to improve food and nutritional security with Mayan Chorti families with this project beginning in 2018-19.

2018-19 was also a year of renewal for our board of directors. This year we welcomed five new board members who are all sharing their talents to support Sombrilla's mandate and partnerships in Latin America. Unfortunately, Abyad Rahman and Nancy Tran both had to step away from our board in 2018-19 but we are grateful for the time and energy they dedicated to our organization.

To all of those that contributed to Sombrilla – whether as a donor, volunteer or attending one of our events – thank you for being a part of the journey in 2018-19. I am looking forward to working with you in 2020, which will no doubt be another promising year for Sombrilla.

-Peter Schalk
President and Board Chair, 2019-20



NOTABLE EVENTS

THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER 2019

On April 6 2019, Sombrilla hosted its annual International Dinner at Edmonton's Strathcona Performing Arts Center. It featured Sebastian Barrera's live music, a live auction, silent auction, and catered dinner. We watched a presentation by "Los Tres Amigos", Charlie Pearson, Michael Hoyt, and Kevin Swallow. We heard about the board's trip to El Salvador where they met with community leaders and collaborated to develop new projects. The International Dinner raised \$18000 in revenue, which is allocated toward development of these new projects.

EL SALVADOR TRIP

Michael Hoyt, Charlie Pearson, Katrin Hoffman, and Kevin Swallow visited ongoing projects in El Salvador. They met with community leaders and local participants of the Scholarship and Physiotherapy Projects. Through discussions with community members, Sombrilla helped the community to develop a plan for a second phase of the project, which has since been completed. Residents also expressed interest in building a community center, which has now developed into the Community Learning Center project. This project supports local programming at the center in Yurac Yacu, such as early childhood education and a library.



PROJECTS THIS YEAR

COMPLETED:

Physiotherapy - Phase 1, El Salvador (Feb 2019)

Addressing long-term health issues of women in rural areas through targeted physiotherapy treatment by local professional and preventing future issues with education and training.

Partnered with CEBES-Perquin with a budget of \$3,500.

Physiotherapy Project - Phase 2, El Salvador (May 2019 - Aug 2019)

Continuation of Part 1 of the Physiotherapy Project. Part 2 involved a local professional bringing services to women in more remote regions than in Part 1, with a budget of \$5,000

Guatemala - Tierra Colorada School Project

Supplementing salaries for 12 teachers at the Tierra Colorada School, allowing approximately 100 students to attend secondary school (grade 7-9). Recently, the Guatemalan government has started to provide funding and is expected to replace Sombrilla's support in the long term.

ONGOING:

Peru - Yurac Yacu Food Security Project (March 2018 - Feb 2020)

Improving access to healthy and sustainable food by supporting residents to build greenhouses or family gardens, and providing workshops in food production and vegetable cooking.



Yurac Yacu Community Center

Funded by an anonymous donor, supports early childhood education, a library, and community space at the community center. The center also hosts a café, guiding office and knitting cooperative with a goal that eventually these businesses will fund the center's programs.

Scholarship Project, El Salvador

Provides scholarships for young adults from rural communities to complete their post-secondary education. Partnering with CEBES-Perquin with a budget of approximately \$5,000/ year

NEW PROJECTS:

Maya Chorti Food Security, Honduras (Aug 2019 - July 2020)

Improve food security and nutritional intake for approximately 180 community members (30 families) by installing greenhouses and family gardens and providing training to the families.

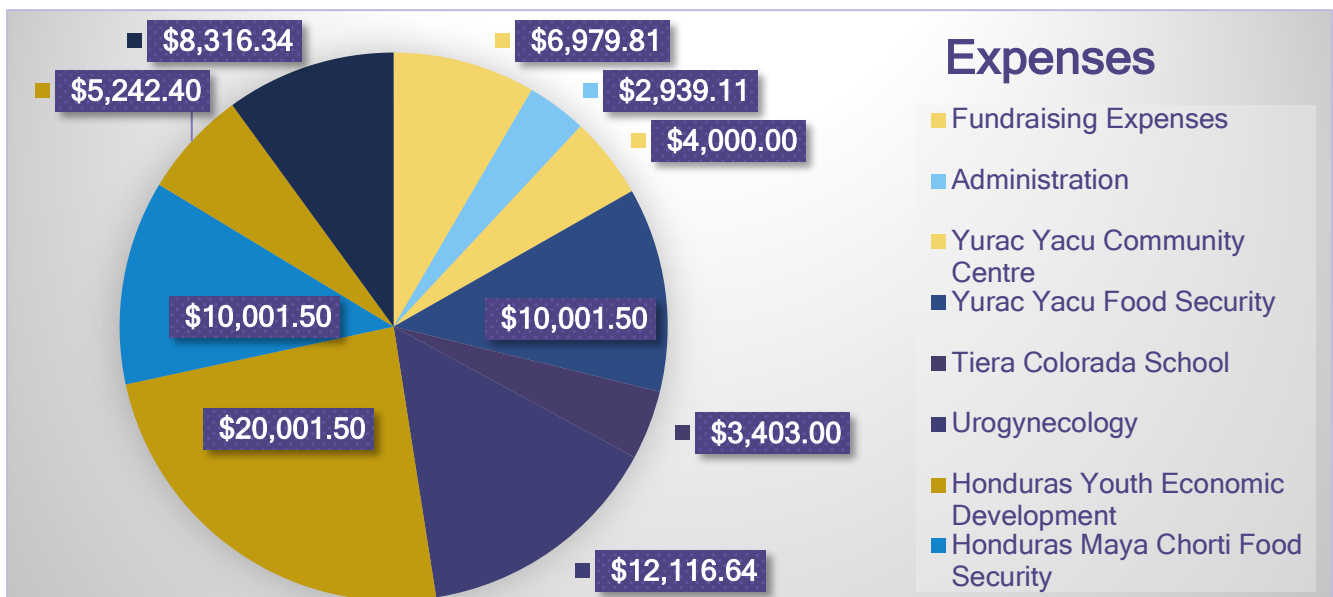
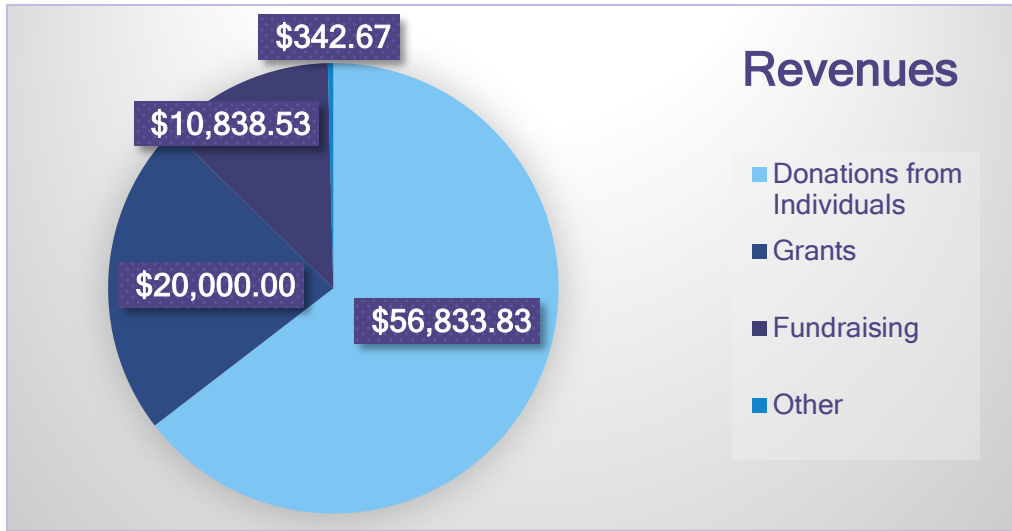
Partnering with OCDIH with a budget of \$20,000

Youth Employment Project, Honduras (April 2019 - Oct 2020)

Improving opportunities for young people in Honduras to find a job or start a business, decreasing the need for young Honduras to migrate to the US. Partnering with Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH) with a budget of \$60,000



FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Detailed financial statements can be provided upon request.



AGENDA

**SOMBRILLA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2020, 19:00
Upper Crust (10909 86 Ave NW), Edmonton, AB**

1. Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Notice and Quorum
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes – 2019 Annual General Meeting
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
 - Membership approval of 2018-19 (unaudited) financial statements
 - Appointment of reviewers for 2019-20 financial statements
7. Board of Directors Election
8. Members Comments from the Floor/Other Business
9. Adjournment

Meeting followed by Presentation from Professor Jaymie Heilman, University of Alberta

SOMBRILLA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting
Upper Crust Cafe,
10909 - 88 ave NW, Edmonton
Thursday, January 24, 2019

1. Annual General Meeting called to order by Nancy Tran at 7:30 pm.
2. Quorum established. 23 people in attendance.
3. Moved by Charlie Pearson, seconded by Patsy Ho, that the agenda be approved.
Passed.
4. Moved by Patsy Ho, seconded by Muntasir. That the previous AGM minutes be approved. Passed
1. Annual report presented by Nancy Tran
 - Sombrilla continued to support marginalized communities in Latin America. We are proud of the accomplishments and initiatives that Sombrilla and our supporters have made possible. Our newest initiative is to provide physiotherapy and rehabilitation to elderly women in El Salvador.
 - Thank you to:
 - Sarah Cashmore and Jeff Golding for their long term commitment to Sombrilla and we wish them well in Bogota.
 - all other board members who are currently serving on the board and to those that stepped down in the past year.
 - Vincent Huygn, our board intern
 - Public Engagement activities: Little Night Market 07/18; Just One World 11/18; Just in Time 12/18; International Dinner 02/18; 100 Mile House Concert 06/18.
 - Development Project Highlights:
 - Working on the second phase of the Food Security Project in Peru (Yurac Yacu).
 - Continue to provide scholarships in El Salvador (CEBES PERQUIN).
 - Physiotherapy Project for mostly older women in El Salvador who suffer from work-related problems.
 - Promotion of sustainable agriculture practises in Honduras.
 - Training of health care professionals in the conservative management of the pelvic floor in Peru.
 - Funding for teacher salary at Tierra Colorado School in Guatemala.
6. Peter presented the financial statements for 2018. (as per the report). Moved by Peter, Schalk seconded by Kate Reynolds, that we accept the financial statements as submitted.
Passed.
7. Moved by Muntasir Hasan, seconded by Nancy Tran, that all 11 nominations for Board of Directors be accepted to serve for the year 2019. Passed.

The Board of Directors for 2019:

Abyad Rahman, Ashley Huang, Charlie Pearson, Delmy Garcia-Hoyt, Katrin Hoffmann, Muntasir Hasan, Nancy Tran, Natasha Mazahbin, Patsy Ho, Peter Schalk, Vincent Huynh.

8. Moved by Nancy Tran, seconded by Patsy Ho, that the meeting be adjourned. Passed.
7:43 pm.