

Annual Newsletter 2012

Year in Review

WOW- WHAT A GREAT YEAR WE HAVE HAD.

The big news this year is the coming together of CAFE with Learning for Hope, an organization working in the schools and local community in Durham.

As two small organizations sharing common objectives and vision and both working mainly in Latin America, we realized that together we are stronger and better able to respond to our project partner needs.

CAFE remains our official charity brand with funding and donations coming under CAFE's constitution and criteria. However, Learning for Hope will maintain its branding in the schools allowing students a sense of identity for their fundraising activities and projects.

Andrew McLaughlin, a teacher with the Durham Catholic School Board is the man behind Learning for Hope. We welcome him, our new board members and new projects to CAFE.

We would like to give a big thanks to all of our supporters for allowing us to continue to offer a hand up for people struggling to offer education opportunities in their communities. Whether you participated in an event, donated a prize, made a donation or volunteered your time, it's all important for CAFE to continue our work. You have helped to make a big difference

Some highlights of this year's events. The students of St. Mary's High School hosted a Zumba party in February. Over 200 students, teachers and friends exercised to music. It was a fun night for all!!

In March, LAFONTAINE hosted their annual fashion show in aid of CAFE, showing the latest styles for 2012. Many thanks to the ladies at LAFONTAINE for



Getting Down at Zumba Night

their continuing support of CAFE and our partners.

And in May, we hosted our first ever golf tournament. Thanks to Joe and Lori Platt for all their hard work in coordinating the tournament and making it a great success. We couldn't have done it without them.



CAFE Golf Tourney. Four!

We also had two special donations this year that we want to acknowledge. The lunch program in Barahona had mentioned in their annual report that they needed a new computer. We sent out a request to you; our supporters and re-

ceived three laptops. Thanks to Bernie, Karan and John for your donations.

Two of the laptops went to Pedro Julio Beriguete, who has been a volunteer with the lunch program for many years. He looks after administration and preparing reports for the program. The laptops will help make his job much easier.

The other went to Wilfrido Susaña, a local pastor who works in the communities on the sugar plantations outside Barahona. He has just built a small library in the batey and is hoping to outfit it with computers and hire someone to teach the children computer skills.



Girls Soccer Team in Barahona

Finally, we want to thank Bill Sidsworth and Whitby Soccer Centre for a donation of more than 500 soccer jerseys. The jerseys went to the soccer league in Barahona, outfitting both boys and girls teams as well as a group of special need kids.

Read on to learn about our current projects and how your donations are helping to improve the lives of children. We thank you for your support and hope for your continued support as we look forward to another successful year helping children through education.

Artisan Program and Music Program in Peru

PARU PARU, CUSCO, PERU

In 2012, CAFE played a vital role in improving the educational experience provided at the school in Paru Paru, Peru.

Money and materials from CAFE supported the various artisan programs running at the school. With CAFE's support, students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 have learned how to crochet and make traditional bracelets, necklaces, belts and hats. This has helped the students to embrace their culture and their surroundings, since the designs for the products that they are learning to make are based on nature and every-day life in the Andean countryside.

Moreover, students have

learned the value of their new found skill, as they are often visited by tourists who purchase their creations, providing some economic benefits.



Children participating in artisan program

CANTA GALLO, LIMA, PERU

Since 2009, Learning for Hope has been working with the school in Canta Gallo, Lima. They successfully sup-

ported the construction and implementation of portables.

Since joining forces with CAFE, the focus has changed to helping support a music program at the school.

The program is run by a teacher named Victor Raul Melgar Vasquez. Under his tutelage, 37 students from Grades 1 to 4 have learned how to play a wide range of instruments, while at the same time learning the importance of values such as discipline, order, responsibility and group work.

The school band has flourished to the point that they were invited to participate in the Peruvian Independence Day parade.

Victor Raul has also laid the foundation for his school of

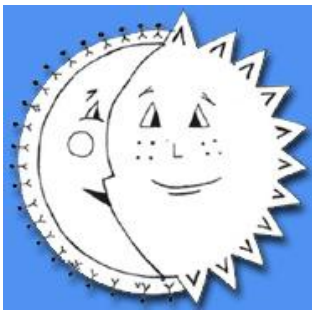
leadership, where students from the school with special talents are getting support from local athletes and celebrities. As a result, there is actually a waiting list to get into the school.

Maybe one day, a student from Canta Gallo will be the next big cumbia sensation.



Kids from music program performing in Peruvian Independence Day Parade

Learning for Hope



By Daniel Sanchez, a Learning for Hope student participant from St. Mary's

High School.

This testimonial is for Learning for Hope and the people who organized it.

When I first started helping I didn't realize how much I could help. The way I participated was by selling good and helping at events such as Zumba. I always heard how we have done so much but from only hearing of what we had accomplished it was difficult to understand. It wasn't till I went to Peru I found out how much Learning for Hope

had done. When going to both the orphanage and community I was truly overwhelmed at the support Learning for Hope had provided. Just this year the orphanage opened a green house; there they are able to produce their own vegetables. When it comes to the community everyone there is grateful when this year's group arrived they showed what they had and showed how Learning for Hope made them more independent. The people from both the community and or-

phanage were great, but to me those who were more influential were those who organize everything Andrew McLaughlin and Carmen Muñoz. Both are astounding people because both keep their words and promises and truly have great hearts because they care for others. This may seem small but it's something that is truly important for the organization and I truly respect them for everything they've done and what they will accomplish in the future.

Student Workshops in Concepcion

CONCEPCION, CHILE

Once again CAFE is partnering with Corporación servicio Evangélicopara el Desarrollo (SEPADE) in Chile.

SEPADE is offering a series of workshops to young men and women between 15 and 18 years of age attending a

trade school. These students are mostly from low income families and tend to be left out of additional educational opportunities.

The students will be offered training to develop interpersonal skills, team work, negotiation skills and conflict reso-

lution.

The focus will be on leadership and expressing ideas with respect. The request for this training has come from parent and community groups. The workshops are running from May-October, 2012.

JOIN US at our Annual General Meeting

November 14, 2012

7pm at St. Mary's Catholic High School

1918 White's Rd. Pickering

Lunch Program in Barahona

BARAHONA LUNCH PROGRAM

This program continues to provide a nutritious lunch for the children in Nuevo Amparo in the city of Barahona, Dominican Republic. 350 children are registered and the program feeds 250-280 children every weekday for 11 months of the year.

Because of this vital program, most of the children in this poor community now finish elementary school.

Many go on to attend high school. Also, malnutrition and hunger are much less of a problem in community.

Juana Balbuena, who established the program and continues to coordinate still strives to better the community.

Last year she learned of a single mom and her 2 children. Mom, Maria Estela suffered from epilepsy and she and her children were alone

and isolated from the community.

She and the children Carolina, 8 and Alejandro, 6 were malnourished and developmentally delayed. The children could not walk. Juana brought them to the lunch program. Mom helps with the lunch and all 3 are fed. The children are now walking and are learning social interaction with the other children. Maria Estela now has dignity and is no longer isolated. She is

proud of the development of her children.

It is essential that this program continues to make a difference in the lives of this community.



Maria Estela and her two children

Centro Anay Occupational Centre in Cusco

CENTRO ANAY, CUSCO, PERU

In July, students from Learning for Hope visited Peru and helped director Carmen Munoz Franco finalize the construction on the CENTRO ANAY.

The Centro Anay is an occupational centre for girls in Cusco. CAFE helped to fund the construction of the centre which will focus on professional training for "at risk"

girls from the surrounding orphanages and schools.

The students from Learning for Hope helped paint and clean up the centre to get it ready to open its doors.

The centre has two floors. The first floor is a salon, where the girls will receive training in aesthetics. The second floor is a computer lab, where girls will learn computer and secretarial skills.

The hope of this centre is that when the girls are done with their training, they will have useful skills to improve their ability to make a decent living when they have to leave the state institutions.

Plans are already underway to offer karate classes, Quechua classes and other community building activities.

CAFE hopes to continue supporting this occupational

centre as it grows to serve the girls of Cusco.



Learning for Hope students helping at the centre in Cusco

Collaborating with Teacher Mentors Abroad

SANTIAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Elementary school teachers in Dominican Republic have a difficult time. Training for teachers is very basic and they are not paid well. Working in schools with too many students and not enough resources, they are challenged every day. As well, the opportunities for upgrading their skills and learning new techniques are very rare and expensive.

Teacher Mentors Abroad

(TMA), a Canadian organization is working to change that by offering workshops to elementary school teachers, identifying leaders among the Dominican teachers and teaching them to share new skills and techniques with their colleagues.

The workshops offered to Dominican teachers take place during a week in July in the capital city of Santo Domingo. The workshops are free for the Dominican teachers, but if they travel from outside the city, they must

pay their room and board.

This year CAFE sponsored two teachers from the Santiago area to attend the TMA workshops.

Identified by a volunteer group of educators and professionals, Juan Isidro Cabrera and Carlos Martinez attended the workshops from July 9-12, 2012. Both found the workshops excellent and are already incorporating the strategies learned into their classrooms this year. They are also joining the volunteer

group in Santiago working to bring workshops and opportunities to the teachers in Santiago.



Juan Isidro Cabrera and Carlos Martinez

Mobile Library in Arequipa



Children showing off their creations



Young student reading at the mobile library

AREQUIPA, PERU

The mobile library supported by CAFE since 2006, is a very important community program which serves the children in the shanty towns around Arequipa, Peru.

This library team sets up a tent where children from 5 to 15 years attending initial, primary and secondary schools, do activities such as arts and crafts, writing and grammar. Remedial help in math and reading are also provided and also very important, the mobile library provides access to learning resources otherwise not available in the communities. The children participating in the mobile library are encouraged in their school work and in building appreciation for learning by working together.

The recent report received this year indicates that the mobile library project has been very successful. Because the number of children attending the program has increased, it was necessary to acquire another tent in order to accommodate all the children. There was also a request from the children participating in the program, that the services be offered for a longer period of time. However at this time the staff have not been able to increase the service. As well, the team realized that learning is better on a full stomach and they provide fruit and drinks twice during the day. The program runs from 8 AM-5 PM on consecutive Saturdays.

CAFE would like to acknowledge and thank the

many community participants and volunteers who contribute to the success of this vital program: the coordinating team-Jaime Almanza, Cristina Arapa and Gladys Ramirez; the theatre group-Katy Valdivia and Randy Condori; the Craft team- headed by Miriam Almanza Huayhua; Transportation-Cristobal Coronel; and Church support, P. Joel Chipana Palomino, pastor of Cristo Obrero parish.

And to all of the community volunteers who arrange for the use of community facilities and storage space for the library equipment and material.

This is truly a community project working for a better future for their children.

CAFE Board Members

- Betty Anne Platt
- Juan Pablo Liriano
- Andrew McLaughlin
- Clara Gomes
- David Mazumdar
- Scott Clerk
- Maurice Laramee
- Mary Lou Laramee
- Shedia Fredericks
- Mark Lacy
- Kasia Bodurka
- Peter Liriano

Financial Snapshot

For the financial period of 2011, CAFE received \$15,817.00 in donations.

Expenditures for 2011 totaled \$10,600.00. 81% of expenditures (\$8561) were used for program grants for the

mobile library in Peru, the lunch program in the Dominican Republic, and the student program in Chile.

CAFE continues to be dedicated to ensuring that we keep our expenses down and utilize

your donations to the maximum extent for the programs we support.

Financial statements available upon request at info@canadianaidforeducation.n.ca

