



S.H.A.R.E.'s goal is to continue to fund projects for youth in Bolivia, Honduras, El Salvador, Brazil, Belize and Guatemala. Providing opportunities for youth is essential to alleviating rural poverty in developing countries, stemming migration and providing an alternative to gang membership.

PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR S.H.A.R.E.'S FUTURE

TRISH MURPHY,
President of SHARE Board of Directors

S.H.A.R.E. is planning for a future without matched funding from the Canadian government, funding that expanded our work by three times in the past. Since 2011, the government has not included further funding opportunities for small not-for-profits like SHARE in their international development strategy. Government funding is presently going to larger charities. Now, the successful 3 year SHARE project that was funded at that time is nearing its end. After a site visit by government officials, this project was granted an additional 4th year of funding based on its merits and the ongoing great need.

Now SHARE must find ways to continue our valuable work. SHARE is reaching out to you, our valued and loyal

donors to help us continue to accomplish great things. The volunteers of SHARE are working even more diligently to seek funding for our projects in many ways - by speaking at events, holding fundraisers and writing proposals to granting organizations. We encourage friends and family, churches, and clubs to contribute to SHARE's work in any way they can. We are increasing our own donations and commitments to SHARE and publicizing ways to give - regular donations, gifts on special occasions or to special projects, legacy gifts or gifts of property or valuables. Would you join us?

SHARE faces a daunting challenge to continue to support projects that reach into impoverished rural communities. Our southern partners have done an excellent job implementing SHARE's past projects that have improved food security and the quality of life for thousands of needy rural

families in low income countries.

SHARE's recent work on governance and operational guidelines within our organization will continue to ensure the efficient use of all donated funds for project work. Remember, that the work of SHARE in Canada is done primarily through devoted volunteers who donate thousands of hours and their own resources.

Many families in Central and South America have been lifted out of abject poverty with SHARE projects, but there is much more to be done with your help. SHARE is encouraged by our dedicated donors who help provide 'hope and opportunity' to the most needy.

Contact SHARE: 905-838-0897 or 888-337-4273 or email info@shareagfoundation.org to discuss how you can help sustain and expand SHARE's work.

"ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE GROUP WE APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THE PROJECT WORKING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE." – SHARE BENEFICIARY



HEARTFELT THANKS

“We want to thank you, but we have nothing to give you,” said the woman in the literacy circle in El Salvador. She was speaking on behalf of the larger group who had come out to meet the SHARE visitors and to thank SHARE for funding their literacy circle. Each adult spoke of their pride in having learned to read and write. For each person, the fact that they could sign their name instead of using an “X” was a source of great joy. They hoped that SHARE would fund Level 2 for them next year.

“WE THANK GOD FOR YOUR HELP.”
“I WANT TO GIVE MY MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE HELP AND THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE GIVEN.”
“THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE PROJECT HERE.”

It is very humbling to hear these simple sincere words of appreciation when we can see that these families have very little. Families thank SHARE for opportunities provided to train their

SHARE wishes we could convey all the words of gratitude that we hear from groups like the literacy circle in El Salvador (left), the farm community in Bolivia and the women’s group in Guatemala (right).

youth, for the small agriculture projects that assist them to provide food for their family and for an irrigation system for year round production.

To a poor family even a goat or some chickens, a stove or a water filter is gift of hope. You, our generous SHARE donors, are making permanent change happen in places where other supports are not available.

SHARE beneficiaries always give their heartfelt thanks; SHARE passes their gratitude along to you.

GETTING TO THE POOREST AND MOST ISOLATED RURAL COMMUNITIES

SHARE’s projects are often “at the end of the road”. Other organizations are not willing or able to take on the challenges that our competent partners undertake in tackling rural development. It is common in Bolivia or Honduras for 4 wheel drive trucks to drive through several streams or to climb through steep, rugged terrain to get to a SHARE community. In Brazil, it is not unheard of for the project manager to get stuck on his way to a project.

The trails into remote communities in eastern Guatemala are an equal challenge! Reaching the most marginalized in remote places is costly and takes special dedication. Consequently, SHARE’s partners need adequate support to manage SHARE’s projects to ensure sustainability.

SHARE and our partners have the dedication to work in rural areas where so many families live and the needs are

very great. The founders of SHARE had a vision of helping “impoverished rural communities”, to do development work in “the poorest and sometimes the most isolated communities where projects will have a great impact”. In many low income countries where SHARE works, over half the population live in rural areas (unlike in Canada). The majority of these families live in poverty and rely on agriculture to feed their families.

SHARE seeks to work with partners who are able to reach into the rural areas of their countries to implement projects that bring transformational change to those who need it most.

SHARE’s partners work in rural communities that are often difficult to reach. SHARE’s partners must have special commitment, capacity and financial support to reach these areas.



“NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS KIND OF HELP, WE ARE MORE EXCITED ABOUT OUR FUTURE. WE ARE ALREADY LEARNING IN THE PROJECT.” – SHARE BENEFICIARY

LEVERAGING RESULTS



LEFT Following the meeting with SHARE, the Ministry granted all permits and advanced funds to complete a project for 650 shrimp producers, an example of how SHARE's work is leveraged.

BELOW The Salvadoran Minister of Agriculture and Livestock (in white jacket), met with SHARE visitors. To the left is Les Frayne (SHARE); from the right - Ben Cullen, Craig Frayne and then Mark Cullen (SHARE's patron). The 2 Salvadoran men are leaders from SHARE's partner organization. As a result of the meeting, SHARE's partner has secured new support for the small scale farmers that they represent.



S.H.A.R.E. is a small organization accomplishing big things. SHARE pays great attention to sustainability and to “pass on” in order to leverage the funds invested to gain the greatest impact. This happens in many ways.

When the successful Organic Growers' Conference in Brazil was started 16 years ago, it was funded first with SHARE's funds, then with assistance from CIDA and then jointly by SHARE and several local organizations. This year SHARE celebrates the fact that this conference will be funded totally by Brazilian organizations. This conference, conceived by SHARE, continues to foster significant exchange of innovative agriculture techniques.

In Bolivia, projects are a collaboration between SHARE, SHARE's partner organization on the ground, other funders, and the local municipality.

SHARE donates only a portion of the costs for education to students in Belize

and Brazil. This means that families must also contribute as well. This has resulted in the youth valuing the support from SHARE.

SHARE's long term partner in El Salvador has been able to use SHARE's projects to leverage support to benefit their members who have not been included in government programs before. In fact, SHARE's work there has been supported recently by the Salvadoran government who agreed to fund eco stoves (which reduce wood usage) in 3 communities and to dig 8 ponds in support of SHARE's “Pumps for Food” project. Each of these projects address critical food insecurity and climate change issues.

SHARE invested funds to assist in the development of shrimp production for 650 small scale producers in several cooperatives in El Salvador. There were set backs along the way, including

getting permits from the government, which seemed to take a long time. After SHARE's visit to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock office last February, the Ministry has granted all permits and advanced funds to finish the shrimp project! “This is an historic advancement for us,” stated SHARE's partner. “We are ensuring that those who have been left out are now included”.

It is very rewarding to have SHARE's initiatives result in expanded results. SHARE's efforts and funds are successfully being leveraged to ensure long term results and an expanded impact!

BELOW Leveraging to expand results is accomplished using the “pass on principal” in goat projects in Brazil and cattle projects in Guatemala and El Salvador. Managed by SHARE's partners, the “pass on” ensures that results keep growing exponentially.



“THANK YOU TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE. THIS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES.” – SHARE BENEFICIARY

The IMPACT OF SHARE'S WORK in the past year:

OVER
25,000
ASSISTED

10,000 people
in 7 countries
supported by S.H.A.R.E.

15,000 people
in 2 countries
supported by S.H.A.R.E.
& Global Affairs Canada

**VALUE OF LEVERAGING RESULTS, CAPACITY BUILDING,
PROVIDING HOPE & OPPORTUNITY... PRICELESS!**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Increase your donations to SHARE to help maintain funding levels after the end of government matched funding.
- Give regularly to provide ongoing support.
- Give a legacy gift that will provide funds into the future.



ALL SHARE EVENTS FOR 2016

Sat. March 19, 2016, 1:15pm – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
Mayfield United Church, 12496 Dixie Rd. Caledon.ON. North of Mayfield Rd.

April 3 – Wacky Card Afternoon, Caledon Village Place, 18313, Highway 10,
Caledon, 1:00 p.m., Cost: \$20

April 14 – Copetown Annual Charity Banquet for SHARE, Copetown
Community Centre, 1950 Governors Rd (east of Hwy 52), Doors open 5:30pm,
Dinner at 6:00pm, Cost: \$50, Contact Peter Findlayson 519-647-0647

May 28 & 29 – Annual Plant Sale, Cheltenham General Store, 9am – 1pm
14386 Creditview Road, Cheltenham

July 18 – SHARE Annual Golf Tournament, Caledon Golf and Country Club,
2121 Olde Base Road, Caledon. Call Craig at 1-905-866-2964 or
Joe 1-905-838-0897 or 1-888-337-4273

Sept. 11 – Annual Corn Roast for Scholarship Fund, Raefield Farm, 3 – 7pm,
5231 County Road #27 (between Rockwood and Brucedale). Music, farm
walks, swimming, hayride. Bring a lawn chair. Call Ellen Thomson 519-856-
9953.

Nov. 5 – Dinner & Auction, Speranza Banquet Hall, Brampton, 5:30pm
Cost: \$80 with a \$40 tax receipt 5:30pm. Call 905-838-0897 or 888-337-
4273 for tickets or to sponsor a table.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO: Dr. Jim Clubine and Mark Cullen for the “Pumps for Food” fundraiser (*left photo*), to Copetown Lions Club (*middle photo*), the SHARE dinner committee led by Peter Findlayson and to Matt and Frank Reagan for directing the Copetown Lions special donation. Thank you Palgrave Rotary for the clean water project (*right photo*).

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