



DEAR SHARE FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

The three-year Central America Initiative operating in 3 countries has officially and successfully come to a close.

SHARE can take great pride in the results achieved over the past three years.

The operational management of the three partners during the project was excellent. Despite many challenges, SHARE and partners were able to work diligently to achieve the project's goals.

SHARE wishes to express our special thanks to the **Barrett Family Foundation, Willowool Foundation,** and to all the donors, supporters and volunteers that made this project possible.

Your support has expanded our work and inspired us to continue to offer hope and opportunity to rural and marginalized families in developing countries.

The project impacted 5,000 people in practical and meaningful ways. The project worked to improve food security and nutrition with diversified agriculture production and irrigation, to improve income with small enterprises and to improve families' health with clean water and improved stoves. Rural youth were supported with skills training, enterprises and anti-violence programmes.

As we begin the new three-year "**Families and Land**" program, SHARE and our four southern partners in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Haiti will build on our successes with your support.

**WITH GRATITUDE,
SHARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



SHARE's new three-year program called "**Families and Land**" will support food production for family nutrition and income by supplying agriculture extension support, seeds, trees, irrigation and training.



SHARE's new project will also provide skills training for rural youth in trades and artisanship to create income generating opportunities for families who are also growing their basic food crops.



The "Families and Land" program uses an integrated approach to promote family health and well-being with youth leadership skills, anti-violence programs and household improvements such as water filters and improved stoves.

**There is much generosity and kindness in the world – the work of SHARE is proof of that.
As individuals we are able to change a small slice of the world for the better.**

SHARE'S VALUED SUPPORT

An Alternative to Migration, Poverty, Gangs and Drought

In the last few years, small scale farmers in Central America where SHARE is working have watched helplessly as drought withered their corn, their principle crop. Last year, El Salvador suffered the most severe drought in 76 years. Some rural areas in Honduras have suffered drought for five years in a row. Main crops such as coffee that once provided seasonal labour for these families were also devastated by drought and pests.

With nothing to sell and no food supplies, families have no reserves. These lower income countries cannot offer subsidies or government help. Food distribution programs may not reach these rural areas.

First families cut back on food. Then

they are forced to leave, often migrating first to the cities. Often it is the teens and young adults who leave first, sneaking away at night, hoping to send money back to their families. These youth are very vulnerable to exploitation, crime and gang activity both in the cities and on the migration trails.

The photos of large caravans, people crossing rivers and the long lines at the borders show that people are willing to risk everything, including their lives, to find a better life for their families.

SHARE's projects provide alternatives in these challenging conditions.

SHARE has funded training that provides rural youth with motivation and skills to have a small business making and selling tools, pails or grain storage silos.

SHARE's projects work to build resilience for farm families by teaching farmers to diversify production, use small scale irrigation systems and improve their farm soil by using low cost ecological methods.

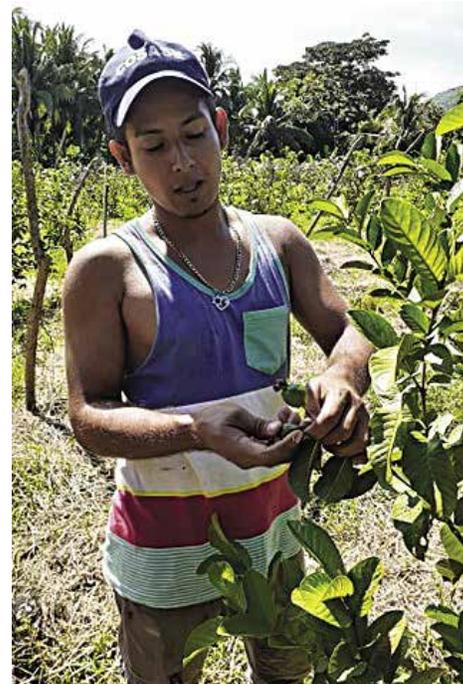
For those who wish to help themselves, SHARE's project provides families support, a little hope and a glimmer of opportunity.



SHARE supports workshops and seminars for youth learning food production.



Youth are eager to develop a skill and create a small enterprise in their community.



SHARE's project supports youth who will work at agriculture and small enterprises in their rural communities. The project provides an alternative to migration.

CHANGING THE WORLD WITH SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

THESE SUPPORTERS OF SHARE ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH THEIR HEAD AND HEART. THEY ARE GOING TO WORK AND DOING GOOD. THESE DONORS AND MANY OTHERS KNOW THAT EVERY DONATION TO SHARE IS APPRECIATED.



Thank you David, Matthew, Claire and Ian Hood for your donations to SHARE from your sales at the farm gate and at the Aberfoyle Farmers' Market from your market garden business "Garden of Puslinch Farm".



Thank you Ben Cullen of Cullen's Foods for donating a percentage of sales to SHARE. To find Cullen's Food products near you and to read about how the products are traced to the farmer, visit www.cullensfood.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our passionate team of volunteers and make a difference in our world! SHARE is looking for two volunteers, a treasurer and a secretary to the SHARE Board. SHARE's board meets in Norval, Ontario. Please contact chair of the board, Paul McLellan (mclellanpaul@hotmail.com) for details.

SHARE'S NEW WEB SITE

SHARE's web site has a new look and lots of new information! Donating online is easier than ever. Visit www.shareagfoundation.org



SHARE'S EDUCATION FUND

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

SHARE's Education Fund supports teens to achieve a high school education. Parents value education but may not have funds for the school tuition fees, books and supplies charged in developing countries. Teens in remote rural communities face additional costs and challenges.

Supporting youth in Central America is even more critical than ever before because of the entrenched rural poverty, the growth of gangs, crime and migration.

Education alleviates poverty, opens up opportunities for employment, stems migration, builds confidence and

leadership skills, fosters hope and gender equality.

The annual Corn Roast (first hosted by the Harmer family and then by the Thomson family) and strong donations year round have helped raise funds for the Education Fund for over 20 years! This fund will continue to support teens in Belize and will expand to assist teens in the area of Guatemala where SHARE's project is already working in remote impoverished Mayan communities.

From SHARE's monitoring and tracking, we know that former SHARE scholarship students are now successful teachers, office workers, tour guides,

farmers, electricians, trades persons, as well as wonderful parents and community leaders. For these students and their families, the SHARE scholarship has added a life time of improved income, influenced the development of their character and values and provided them with opportunities they would not have had if they had not received this education.

"If it wasn't for your help and support I wouldn't have been able to reach this far." - Joell

"My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like you. Thank you for this opportunity!" - Christian

SHARE FUNDS SHALLOW FIELD WELLS

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." ~ Margaret Mead

"Water is so important for poor farming families. It means the difference between surviving and making a living that offers hope for the future". Project Manager, Casey Willemse

For several years, S.H.A.R.E. has funded shallow field wells for poor families in Cambodia. With a field well, families can grow a diversity of crops in the dry season providing extra income for their children's education, medicine and perhaps a bicycle. The well provides clean water- no more drinking dirty water from stale ponds. As a "pass on", families share

water from their well with a neighbour. A field well enables a family to rise above poverty into the middle class and to dream of a better future that includes having an improved home. These field wells have a huge impact on the families who receive them!



Families rent or purchase a pump and flood the rice fields. The shallow well provides water in the dry season.



Families might use the extra funds they have for medicine, a bicycle or for education.



Water from the new well is used to flood fields prior to planting and for household use.

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SHARE MAXIMIZES YOUR GIFT BY USING VOLUNTEER EFFORTS, "PASS ON", EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM FOUNDATIONS



Business package – to \$250



Tree, seeds, tools – \$25 - \$100



Goat – \$100



Water filter – \$50



Pumps, irrigation – to \$1,200



Agriculture training – \$100



Youth education – to \$400



Improved stove – \$50



Youth skills training – to \$200



Animal care – \$100



Chickens – \$20



Youth programs – to \$50

In the new three year Families and Land program, for each \$100 that SHARE raises the sponsoring family foundations have pledged \$175 for these project components: healthy stoves, seeds, tools, plants and trees, chickens, water filters, community corn mill, agriculture and youth skills training, start up business package, goats, irrigation, animal care and technician services.

SHARE'S Heartfelt Gratitude To:

All who attended events or donated. Special thanks to the Thomson family for again hosting the Corn Roast for Education, to the Beaty Family Foundation (funds held within the Oakville Community Foundation), Willowool Foundation and Barrett Family Foundation for generously expanding SHARE's work and to **Platinum Sponsor**, Green Tractors Inc. Barb and Karl Davis, and to our **Gold Sponsor**, RBC Dominion Securities (Steve Robinson & Assoc.), and to our **Silver Sponsor**, Egan Funeral Home Inc. – the Egan Family.

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GIVE a SHARE gift for the holiday season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. March 28, 2020 @ 1:15pm - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
Mayfield United Church, 12496 Dixie Rd. Caledon. ON.
North of Mayfield Rd.

Please check SHARE's website www.shareagfoundation.org for upcoming events in 2020.

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