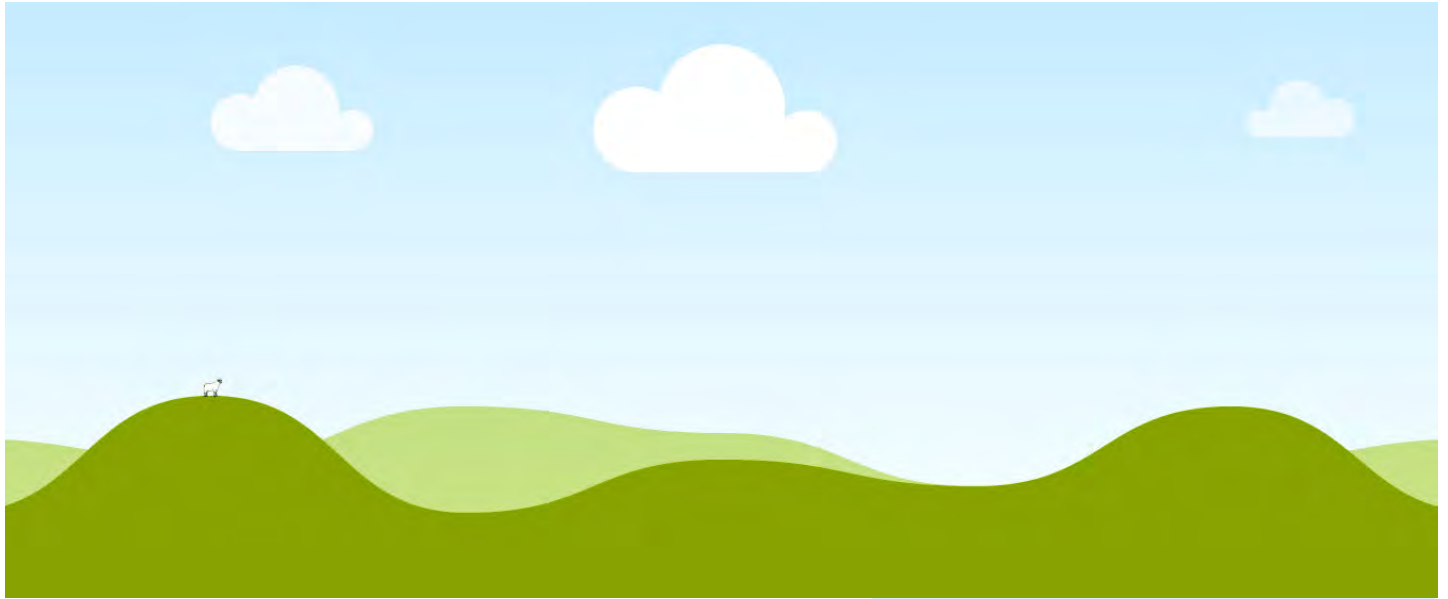




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S.H.A.R.E. Preparing for the Future

By Gary Shaw - Executive Director

The S.H.A.R.E. Board, Project Managers and Officers met in Norval on February 11, 2023 to map out a strategic plan for the future. The planning session was led by Gary Walker, to guide the participants through the process to develop a plan. It was a very productive day and the work done resulted in 14 actionable items to assist S.H.A.R.E. into a successful future. At the May board meeting, The Board, Project Managers and Officers stepped up to take on the various tasks and associated action plans to move forward. We see this as a process that needs to happen every few years so that S.H.A.R.E. can remain a healthy, relevant and growing charity making the best use of resources and making our much appreciated monetary donations get the best results to the impoverished communities we work in.



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|The Heart of Guatemala - My Experience on the March 2023 Monitoring Trip

By Samantha Fancher, Communication Officer

I was fortunate enough to join our Project Manager, Carl Fletcher, on a monitoring trip to Guatemala in March. As the boat sped across the water I was already mesmerized by the stunning landscape. The Sarstún region is near the Caribbean coast, where the dense jungle is penetrated by calm, meandering rivers. This area is primarily populated by the indigenous Mayan people who have faced many challenges in terms of access to education, employment opportunities, and resources. S.H.A.R.E. has been working with our partner organization APROSARSTUN for many years now. They are an extremely dedicated group of people who do the day-to-day work of managing the projects that S.H.A.R.E. plays a vital role in funding. As the week went by, visiting the rural villages and schools that have been supported by S.H.A.R.E., my respect for the people and feeling of commitment to this work only grew.

Travel to each of the villages generally took 1 to 3 hours by a combination of boat, truck, and hiking. We met with the village leaders at each location to discuss how the projects have been going and any challenges they have encountered. We then visited with men and women who have partaken in them. Such projects include more efficient cook stoves that significantly reduce the amount of wood needed to heat them, nixtamal mills which are used to grind the corn mixture needed to make tortillas, solar powered lights and chargers, family gardens and agroforestry projects to help diversify the diet of the villagers, and irrigation projects to pipe water into the villages. S.H.A.R.E. also funds the Ak'Tenemit school and we spent a day there discussing ongoing and future projects, mostly agricultural, which serve as training opportunities for the students. One of my favourite memories was visiting the women in their homes and talking to them about their new cookstoves as they made tortillas by hand.



In every village I was struck by the appreciation and generosity of the people. They still contend with many challenges, but truly seem to benefit from the resources that S.H.A.R.E. and APROSARSTUN provide. If anyone is interested in going on a monitoring trip please reach out. We believe it is a great way to see and promote the good work S.H.A.R.E. is doing firsthand!

Cambodia Wells

By Casey Willemse - Project Manager

For the past 12 years S.H.A.R.E. has been providing funds for field wells in Cambodia. Last year with financial assistance from The Gay Lea Foundation, S.H.A.R.E. provided 150 field wells to families in Cambodia. Each well enables 2 families to be lifted out of extreme poverty. The wells provide clean, safe, potable water. The clean water improves the family's health. No longer do they get ill from drinking contaminated water or have to walk long distances to get safe drinking water. The water enables families to grow three crops a year. Without the water they can only grow one crop of rice during the rainy season. The water will let them grow a variety of crops which provides them better nutrition. They are able to fetch a better price for their crops during the dry season as they are harder to find. On my monitoring trip I saw the water being used to grow at least twenty different kinds of vegetables. The water also allows them to raise ducks, chickens, fish and pigs to name a few. I even saw one farmer who was raising frogs to sell to restaurants in Siem Reap.

Thanks to the wells, the families are able to earn three to six times more than they did before. The extra income enables them to send their children to school and enables them to pay for medicine and build a safe home. The wells enable them to provide for their families a quality of life that is not possible without it. With the wells, families go from surviving to thriving. It makes that much of a difference!

It is such a joy to meet these families. They are so excited to show you what they are doing with the water that the wells provide. Many of us do not give clean water a second thought. It is very humbling to meet these families and see the joy and gratitude in their faces. For only \$400 CA you can change the lives of 2 families forever. If you decide you want to provide a well for families, please note it on your donation.



| Presentation to S.H.A.R.E.

By Carl Fletcher - Project Manager



Solomon Carlos, an ANTA youth worker volunteer pictured above, presented the painting to S.H.A.R.E Project Manager Carl Fletcher and made the following comments:

“We want to tell you that we have never felt alone, we have always been aware of S.H.A.R.E’s support and it is something that is priceless.

We say thank you to all the people who directly, indirectly, or anonymously work so that all the tools, seeds, supplies reach us.

Words escape me to thank you but I only ask you one thing this day, never leave us despite the circumstances of life or what will happen, never abandon the project and much less the young people who, today, are the ones who most need people like you with a noble heart and with a vision of the future. That the only thing that brings peace and tranquillity is attained through teamwork and agricultural production.

Thank you so much.”



ANTA requested David Ramirez Henriquez (right), a youth member, to paint this original oil painting (left) to thank S.H.A.R.E. Orphaned at 12, Francisco turned to painting to help support himself and his two younger brothers.

ANTA is supporting Francisco in an internship project in which he seeks to encourage more young people to learn to paint thus keeping these 130 young people away from the violence that affects our country.



Conveying Thanks to You -Our S.H.A.R.E. Donors, Sponsors and Volunteers

By Carl Fletcher, Project Manager

In this article I will try, as a Project Manager, to relay from the project participants their sincere gratitude to everyone involved with S.H.A.R.E.

In January I travelled to El Salvador to meet with our Partner -the National Association of Farm Workers (ANTA), an association of small-farm farmers. The ANTA Board thanked S.H.A.R.E for the many years of support and emphasized that, "S.H.A.R.E.'s projects make a real difference in improving the lives of many people. Many people have their own homes because of the history of S.H.A.R.E. projects providing opportunities. Having met with the ANTA board, it was on to seeing results of the Promoting Sustainable Agroecological Production and the Right of Rural Women to Live without Violence project. 542 women, men and youth (434 females and 108 males) took part in this S.H.A.R.E funded project in 2022.

The number of people in the following agroecological projects were:

meat and egg chickens (50 people), pigs (40 people), lorocho seedlings (35), chili seedlings (70), tomato seedlings (58), beehives and accessories (10), compost (15), 9 agroecological demonstration plots established, 6 sprinkler irrigation systems in 2 communities.



Lea Bonilla grows tomatoes for the fresh market. She can sell \$100 US worth of tomatoes a year.



Marilyn Beatrice Gonzales shows her second tomato crop grown in a year.



Anna Sylvia Marrocuine Gonzales shows eggs collected from her 25 hens provided by SHARE.

Agricultural training is provided on fruit, vegetable, grains, greenhouse and nursery crops, soil management, beekeeping, and agricultural equipment management.

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New Volunteers

Ada Seminova

Communications Assistant



I joined S.H.A.R.E in 2022 as a communications assistant. As a young immigrant from an underserved community, I wanted to find a charity in order to give back to the world. I believe empowering communities is imperative to effective charitable work. Therefore, the organization's "hand-up" approach and array of impactful projects inspired me to get involved. I am excited to be part of such a storied team and contribute to a meaningful cause.

Stephen Okulaja

Communications Media Specialist



Stephen is a skilled and dedicated individual with a diploma in Multimedia Design and Development. Passionate about making a positive impact, he brings expertise in digital marketing, visual storytelling, and multimedia development to his volunteer role at S.H.A.R.E. With project management and SCRUM Master skills, Stephen efficiently executes campaigns. Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite and multimedia tools, he creates captivating content. Committed to volunteerism, Stephen's creativity, technical knowledge, and project management abilities contribute to S.H.A.R.E.'s impactful initiatives.

Riyaz Baghadiya

Social Media Consultant

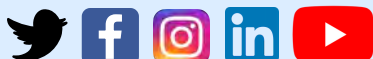


I am excited to be a part of S.H.A.R.E. as a Social Media Consultant to contribute to their mission of empowering underserved communities. As a results-driven enthusiast, I am passionate about using digital marketing to make a positive impact. S.H.A.R.E.'s "hand-up" approach and history of impactful projects have inspired me to get involved and use my skills to make a meaningful difference.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

S.H.A.R.E. ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Annual Golf Tournament Monday July 10, 2023 at Guelph Lakes Golf & Country Club. Shotgun start at 12:30. 7874 Wellington Road 124, Guelph N1H 6H7
<http://guelphlakesgolf.ca/>

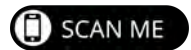
RACE NIGHT

Race Night Friday Sept. 15, 2023 at Grand River Raceway. A great evening of food, fun and racing! 7445 Wellington Road 21, Elora N0B1S0
<https://grandriverraceway.com>

S.H.A.R.E. GALA

S.H.A.R.E.'s Gala Sat. Nov. 4, 2023 at, The Embassy Grand. 8800 the Gore Road, Brampton, L6P 0B1
<http://embassygrand.ca>

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