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Sisters of Charity of Halifax deliver a historical water project in Chalatenango

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

39 YEARS OF
ACCOMPANIMENT IN
EL SALVADOR AND 10
YEARS IN HONDURAS

VISION

To transform society, SHARE increases the capacity of organized communities and their partners through our model of mutual accompaniment.

MISSION:

SHARE Strengthens solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and the United States in the struggle for economic sustainability, justice and human and civil rights.

PROGRAMS:

- Community Development
- Advocacy
- Grassroots

Dear friends of SHARE,

On the eve of our 40th anniversary we want to say thank you for walking with us in solidarity with the people of El Salvador and Honduras as we continue our vital work supporting community development, the empowerment of women, the defense of clean water, and accompaniment. Gracias.

In 1980, our first executive director Eileen Purcell visited the community of Las Minas in Chalatenango to document a massacre in 1980. Last December, 39 years later, 800 people from Las Minas turned water on in their homes thanks to your ongoing solidarity. This successful water project was a great collaboration led by SHARE with the local community, the local mayor, CRIPDES, Solidarity Switzerland, and the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Together we overcame one hundred obstacles to demonstrate that water is a human right.

SHARE supports PROVIDA and the Foro del Agua, a large national coalition working to pass La Ley del Agua - a water law that will protect and make water a human right. Their slogan is “*EL AGUA NO SE VENDE, SE CUIDA Y SE DEFIENDE*” – “*Water is not for sale, we protect and defend water.*”

Now, in the face of the COVID-19 sweeping the globe, these communities face the threat of hunger. More than ever, they need water to forestall the threat of the virus and to plant food. Do you remember our SEEDS OF HOPE campaign that planted beans, corn and squash (the three sacred native sisters) with the Salvadoran refugees returning from Honduras towards the end of the Civil War? This rainy season - May to November – you are invited to join in another Seeds of Hope campaign to plant food.

United we continue in solidarity.

Jose Artiga,
Executive Director



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HELPING COMMUNITIES GAIN ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER.



Introduction of drinking water to the rural communities of Las Minas, El Caulote and Los Alas de Chalatenango- El Salvador, which benefits 800 people.



The Municipal Committee for the Defense of the Common Assets of Tocoa-Honduras in support of the Guapinol water defenders and defending the non-privatization of water as a public right.

**26% of the Salvadoran population
and 20% of the Honduran
population do not have access to
drinking water.**

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

CAMPAIGN FOR NON-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



CRIPDES participated in a national march against violence and regional and local events were also organized with the aim of raising awareness of the violence suffered by women and girls.



130 families benefitted from training and seeds for planting organic home gardens



270 women trained in violence prevention and advocacy.



ACCOMPANIMENT

HONDURAS ROOT CAUSES PILGRIMAGE



In collaboration with the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and the Sisters of Mercy, SHARE organized 75 faith leaders to go to Honduras.

Guided by Radio Progreso/ERIC we visited communities in Tocoa in northeastern Honduras who are defending the Guapinol River from the threat of contamination from the mining company.

A national and international campaign was launched to secure the freedom of eight of their leaders who were detained by the Honduran military as part of growing, state-sponsored repression. As part of that campaign the Institute for Policies Studies (IPS) presented their famous, annual Letelier Moffitt Environmental Human Rights Award to the community of Guapinol.

After the award presentation in Washington DC, SHARE hosted 4 of the Guapinol leaders on a National Tour across the United States to raise awareness and solidarity. SHARE joined together with IPS, Mercy Sisters and the Unitarian Universalist

(UUSC) to organize a delegation to then present the Letelier Moffitt award in Tocoa, Honduras



in a national event. As of today, the Guapinol-8 are still in jail, and we continue demanding their freedom.



As part of the solidarity support to the Salvadoran people, a delegation was organized by SHARE to observe the Presidential elections of February 3, 2019.

GRASSROOTS PARTNERS



Delegations are a key part of SHARE's accompaniment model for Grassroots Partnerships. Delegates learn first-hand about El Salvador's history, current struggles, and hopes for the future. They build relationships with people and communities while learning about issues affecting El Salvador and the work being done to bring about change. As an important part of an ongoing relationship with the

Salvadoran people, delegates visit their sister organizations and do an overnight homestay in a rural community. This year SHARE hosted the visit of Good Shepherd and Drew University who enjoyed a rich exchange with the communities and became familiar with the concerns of the young people.



SUPPORTING YOUTH THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



19 Scholarships for university studies, 13 for high school and 5 for technical studies

HUMAN RIGHTS

Tutela Legal, MJH, has continued defending the human rights of the Salvadoran people and supports the ongoing investigations of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and El Mozote and Sumpul River massacres.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



This year we reached our 42,501 fruit tree planted. This is a collaboration of SHARE with the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation and cooperatives of CONFRAS and the active participation of thousands of students.

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO EACH OF OUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFE-GIVING DONATIONS. YOU MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE.

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