



2010 Annual Report



Dear Friends of SHARE,

Saludos and best wishes. We hope you are doing well.

2010 was a great year with lots of successes to celebrate. A historic law was passed to protect Salvadoran women from violence. SHARE continued to accompany the struggle against metallic mining in El Salvador by supporting the prosecution of the killers of anti-mining activist Marcelo Rivera. When Tropical Storm Agatha hit in May, SHARE supported affected communities with emergency relief and funds for rebuilding. With the faithful support of our grassroots sisters and partners in the US, we also continued our support of community development projects related to youth leadership and women's empowerment.



Another highlight in 2010 was the commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the assassination of Monseñor Romero. Our advocacy efforts as part of the Romero Coalition led to the President of El Salvador, Mauricio Funes, asking the people of El Salvador to pardon the government for the role it played in human rights violations during the civil war. This was an exciting step forward in healing the wounds of the war, but there is still more to be done.

Another exciting aspect of commemorating Romero was the over 40 person delegation that visited El Salvador with SHARE to celebrate his life in March. Inspiring community visits reminded delegates that much has been accomplished in the 30 years since Romero's death, but they also showed that many obstacles- like violence and poverty- remain.



In December, close to 50 delegates also visited El Salvador with SHARE to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Four US Churchwomen. We are grateful to the Leadership Conference of Religious Women and Pax Christi for cosponsoring this exciting journey.

Overall, we had a very good year in 2010. With your support, we accomplished so much. Our work this past year has both created lasting change in many communities and inspired delegates to share their stories and invite others to join in solidarity.

After such a successful year, there is much to look forward to in 2011. In recent years the Salvadoran community in the US has approached SHARE to ask for our solidarity. In addition to celebrating SHARE's 30th Anniversary, 2011 will mark our first efforts to bring our model of accompaniment to this group.



As we move forward in 2011, we invite you to continue walking with us. Thank you for your support.

En solidaridad,

José Artiga
Executive Director

Nicolas Avelar
Board Chair

Advocacy efforts pay off!

After six years of advocacy work with ORMUSA, a counterpart in El Salvador, SHARE celebrated the passage of the **"Life Free of Violence for Women" law** on November 25, 2010. In recent years violence against women has escalated in El Salvador. In 2010, a woman was murdered every 13 hours.

In this context, this law is truly groundbreaking. It will strengthen the legal system's ability to prosecute and lengthen jail times of perpetrators of violence. The law also improves violence prevention programs and provides more resources- including shelters and follow-up teams- to women who are victims of violence.

SHARE congratulates ORMUSA, the Salvadoran legislature, and all of the women that accompanied this law through the legislative process. **This is a huge step forward for the women of El Salvador!**



Delegation celebrated legacy of 4 US Churchwomen

Over 45 people accompanied SHARE on an inspiring and successful week long delegation commemorating the 4 US Churchwomen who were killed in El Salvador in 1980. In addition to attending commemorative activities, the delegation explored the challenges, from lack of economic opportunity to violence, facing women in El Salvador today.

Through visits to SHARE counterparts and plenty of time for thoughtful discussion and sharing, the delegation was an incredibly moving experience. On the final day of the journey, one delegate described the week as **"profound, heartwarming, hopeful and life giving"**.

In another memorable moment, Madre Guadalupe, founder of CODEFAM (Committee of the Families of the Disappeared), reminded the delegation that the legacy of the churchwomen and the importance of fighting for social justice continues today. **"Yes, I knew [the Churchwomen]...", she said, "Their bodies were killed, but their spirits are in each of us... as we continue the struggle."**

In Appreciation

Without the loyal support of individuals, foundations, religious orders, grassroots partners, and so many more, SHARE's work in El Salvador would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who walked in solidarity with SHARE and the people of El Salvador in 2010.

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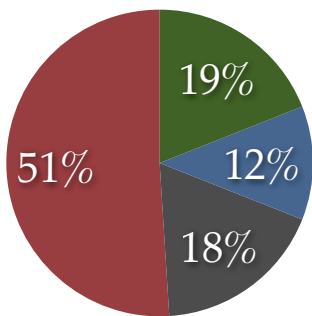
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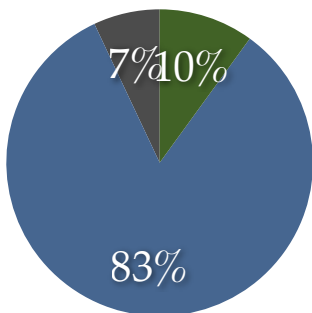


Though they are not all listed here, we are deeply grateful for each and everyone of our supporters. Their commitment and generosity makes our work possible.

Financial Report



- Delegation Revenue
- Grassroots Partners
- Foundations and Religious Orders
- Individuals



- Supporting Services
- Programs
- Fundraising

*"This is my ninth delegation. I continue to come because it grounds me in the greater world."
 - 2010 Visitation Parish Delegate*

SHARE 2010 Income and Expenditures

Income

Foundations and Religious Orders	\$89,786
Individuals	\$252,425
Grassroots Partners	\$59,187
Delegation Revenue	\$94,850
Miscellaneous	\$2,873
Total Income	\$499,121

Expenditures

Programs	\$395,862
Supporting Services	\$45,795
Fundraising	\$35,355
Total Expenditure	\$477,012

"My perspective of the world has changed dramatically... I plan on advocating for social justice back at home by creating a sense of awareness about issues in El Salvador and educating myself." - 2010 Eastern Michigan University Delegate

SHARE's 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.

The following core values guide our work:

- Women's Empowerment
- Citizen Participation
- Leadership Development
- Environmental Sustainability

Have questions? Want to learn more? We would love to hear from you.

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Community gardens strengthen food security and women's leadership skills

The women of Dimas Rodriguez wowed SHARE's Board of Directors when they visited the small town near El Paisnal in October 2010. Through a project with UCRES, a SHARE counterpart, the Women's Committee in this tiny town learned organic gardening techniques and other skills needed to maintain a communal garden.

Besides providing their families with food and potentially providing some income when there are extra vegetables to sell, **the women cited working together and the solidarity amongst the group as a primary benefit to the project.** The enthusiasm of the group was contagious.



One member of the group, Yesenia, explained her eagerness: "I am new to the group and this has really been a beautiful experience because we are all learning together... I wanted to join because I was interested in the idea of planting our own vegetables and the dedication that was needed to do that."

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