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Annual Report -- 2024

We are very pleased to say that 2024 was a very good year for Shoulder to Shoulder. All of our programs had a successful year. We had a few staffing changes, and a few program changes. But, the core of our work stayed the same: providing quality education, nutrition, and community development programs to the people of Intibuca, Honduras. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of your Board of Directors and staff. Below are the Board Officers:



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Administrative Staff:



Laura Manship
Executive Director



Minsis Ramos
Assistant Director



Brittany Canfield
Brigade Administrator

Laura Manship has been the Executive Director since 2015 (volunteer basis).

Minsis Ramos has been the Assistant Director since June 2022. Prior to that, she worked in our Scholarship, Education, and Brigades programs.

Brittany Canfield, RN, DNP, has been with Shoulder to Shoulder since November 2023 (volunteer basis). She is the Brigade Administrator and is responsible for all brigade logistics.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

2024 PROGRAM COSTS	
	Budget:
Brigades & Community Development	125,000
Nutrition	60,000
Bilingual Education	30,000
CREE (Centro Regional de Excelencia en Educacion)	100,000
Robotics/STEM Center	10,000
Dental	9,000
Scholarships	35,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$369,000

2024 REVENUE SOURCES				
			Revenue:	
Brigades & Community Development			125,000	
Nutrition Donations			60,000	
Bilingual Education Donations			30,000	
CREE (Centro Regional de Excelencia en Educacion) Grants			100,000	
Robotics/STEM Center			5,000	
Dental Donations			5,000	
Scholarship Donations			40,000	
Loading software on tablets			5,000	
TOTAL REVENUE:			\$370,000	
StS Contributions Toward Health Care				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Medication brought into Honduras by Brigades	1,000	8,000	10000	10,000
Nutrition:				
*** Provide Eggs (Hens Hatching Hope)	25,000	26,250	25,000	25,000
*** Provide 12,000 bags of Chispuditos		25,000	12,500	0
Food distribution in San Marcos & Guachipilincito	15,000	15,000	15,000	18,000
Dental Services	10,000	7,000	8,000	9,000
Funds Given to the Healthcare Program:				
Purchase medications	7,500		5000	5000
Laboratory equipment		15,000	0	0
Purchase/repair medical equipment	7,500		20,000	2,000
Families in Need	3,000	2,000	6,400	6,000
TOTAL:	\$62,000	\$98,250	\$101,900	\$75,000

PROGRAM SUMMARIES:

Nutrition

“Hens Hatching Hope: Un Huevo Cada Dia” was started in 2021. We continue to work with Dr. Ana Palacios (formerly employed by Mathile Institute; now a professor at Georgia Southern University). 25 women are raising eggs in 25 communities. StS purchases their eggs, and provides them to 450 children between the ages of 6 months and 2 years of age; 200 children are in a control group, not receiving eggs.

Sandra Diaz



Gisela Ramos



Ana Palacios (standing in truck) leading the Nutrition brigade

Bilingual School:

Community Advisor: Iris Villanueva

The school is a public school, operated by the Honduran Dept of Education, from Kindergarten to 6th grade. Unfortunately, the Dept of Education only provides 4 teachers for the school; StS and the Parents Association pay for 3 additional teachers.



Shoulder to Shoulder provides an annual budget of \$25,000 to support teaching and infrastructure at the school. Funding is provided by monthly Child Sponsorships.

SCHOLARSHIPS:



Board member Fidelina Gehner



Staff: Nelly Milla

There are 130 students receiving scholarships which help them to remain in school from 7th to 12th grade. Without this program, these students would leave school upon the completion of 6th grade. Fide does all the fund-raising for this program, and has successfully kept the program going for the past 15+ years.

Brigades:

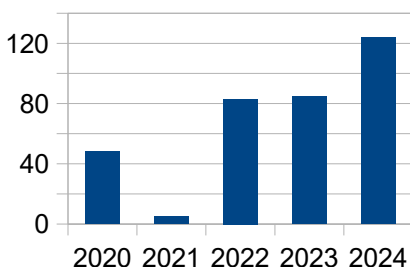
Brigade Coordinator Gustavo Meza



Community Development Iris Giron



Brigades are slowly returning, after a 2+ year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic:



Boardmember Carrie Griffith, Pharm D.

Revenue sources are Brigade Fees and University payments for the Community Development program. In years past, extra Brigade revenue was used to cover deficits in other programs.

Centro Regional de Excelencia en Educacion – CREE



Edel Andino



Alex Reyes



Erick Herrera



Jatniel Cerritos



Board member Richard Buten over sees the programs

This past year, 2024, has been a year of remarkable achievements for our students. Notable successes include a 95% improvement in Spanish and mathematics, first-place wins in local and national math olympiads, victories in reading contests, and obtaining a record of books read. Along with this, enhanced reading and writing skills, improved reading comprehension, increased student inclusion, reduced school dropouts, and heightened parental involvement in student homework, both at home and at the school.

Programs: Kolibri -- Reading Contests -- STEM Center -- Robotics – School Readiness

Objective I: Improve School Readiness and Chances of Success for Marginalized Children

Objective II: Solidify and Expand Digital Model for Primary and Secondary Education

Objective III: Improve Frontera Literacy and Create a Community Love of Reading

Objective IV: Build a Better Future – One Pair of Hands at a Time



Dental:



Board members Larry & Jan Tepe, DDS



Idalia Ramos, DDS

Dentists Larry and Jan Tepe over-see this program. The program provides the funds to Dentist Idalia Ramos which allows her to provide free dental services to the children in underserved communities in Concepcion and San Marcos.