

CAFE REPORT 2020



CAFE's AGM will be held Nov. 5, 2020

At 7 pm Via ZOOM. To register call

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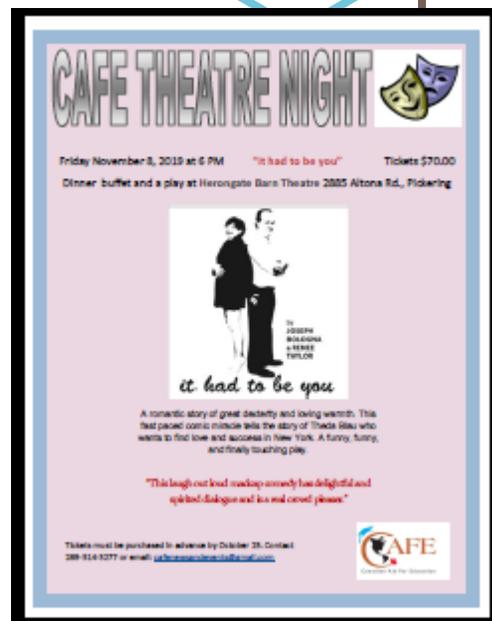
Message from the CAFE Board

We wish all our supporters good health during these unusual times. Our project partners have been struggling and some have had to close or suspend programs while others have pivoted to more urgent issues. During the pandemic, curfews have been imposed and travel within our partner countries has been limited.

But still, we were able to respond and accomplish much.

We ran a successful dinner theatre

evening at Herongate last November. Board members Juan Pablo and Carlos had a CAFE table at the Christmas Latin Fair in Pickering. And in February in Santiago, DR we participated in an educational symposium cosponsored by Teacher Mentors Abroad, CAFE and Centro Leon (a cultural centre and museum in Santiago). Board members Juan Pablo and Betty Anne also visited the DR projects in early March before the lockdown.



A big thank you to all of you who supported the "GIVING CHALLENGE" through Canada Helps in the month of June. It made a big difference in our ability to respond to our project partners this year!

In making our decisions this year, we were asked for help outside our usual mandate. The group in Barahona Dominican Republic (one of the poorest regions in DR) has been struggling to feed about 80 families in extreme circumstances. Their programs in adult education have been suspended and they have been working to support these families most in need. CAFE made the decision to send them a grant to aid their efforts in this very vulnerable community.

Juan Pablo & Betty Anne visit the Barahona team March 2020





Padre Tomas with students. CAFE supplied the desks for this classroom in Santo Domingo in 2019.

We also visited our 2 other projects in Dominican Republic- the Bani orphanage and the Haitian community outside Santo Domingo supported by “Fundacion La Merced”. Both have adjusted their programs to meet the needs of their communities within the constraints of the pandemic. The orphanage in Bani offers girls a safe home environment and access to education as well as supporting their emotional development.

In Santo Domingo, they are developing on-line learning, supplying tablets to students and internet access. During our visit, we saw the new community Centre, which has classrooms, playground, sports facilities and a recycling project. CAFE’s support last year outfitted the classrooms for the centre. Hopefully the centre will soon be in use again.

SYMPOSIUM IN SANTIAGO FEBRUARY 2020

CAFE collaborated with Teacher Mentors Abroad and Centro Leon in Santiago, DR to bring together leaders in education in the Dominican community to take part in a symposium on ‘Excellence and Equity in Education’. Dr. Bev Freedman led the discussions and small groups were facilitated by the Santo Domingo and Santiago mentors. There were 100 participants in this very successful event.

Cusco Project

The Learning Centre in Cusco, Peru has been shut down due to the pandemic. Carmen Muñoz, project leader has been in quarantine in Arequipa where she has family. Peru has been hit hard by the pandemic and the restart of the project is uncertain at this time. Eight computers have been transferred to one of the orphanages the centre services. The girls are able to do online learning using these computers led by the computer teacher, Alex, from the centre.



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- Juan Pablo Liriano
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Financial Snapshot

		2019	2018
Revenues	Donations	\$ 17,541	12,734
	Events & Fundraising	<u>\$ 15,542</u>	<u>16,753</u>
	Totals	\$ 33,083	29,487
Expenditures	Grants	\$24,700	26,035
	Events costs	\$ 7,291	5,166
	Accounting	\$ 500	500
	Administration	<u>\$ 946</u>	<u>1,265</u>
	Totals	\$ 33,437	32,966

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