



2015

A LOOK BACK

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BILINGUAL EDUCATION FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

A photograph of a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a light blue cardigan over a dark patterned dress and sandals, hugging a line of young school children. The children are wearing light blue shirts and dark trousers. They are standing in a line, facing away from the camera, with their arms around each other's shoulders. The background shows a brick wall and a wooden door. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

OUR MISSION



*Everyone deserves access to high-quality education,
and educating a child is the most sustainable vehicle for establishing
thriving economies and flourishing communities*

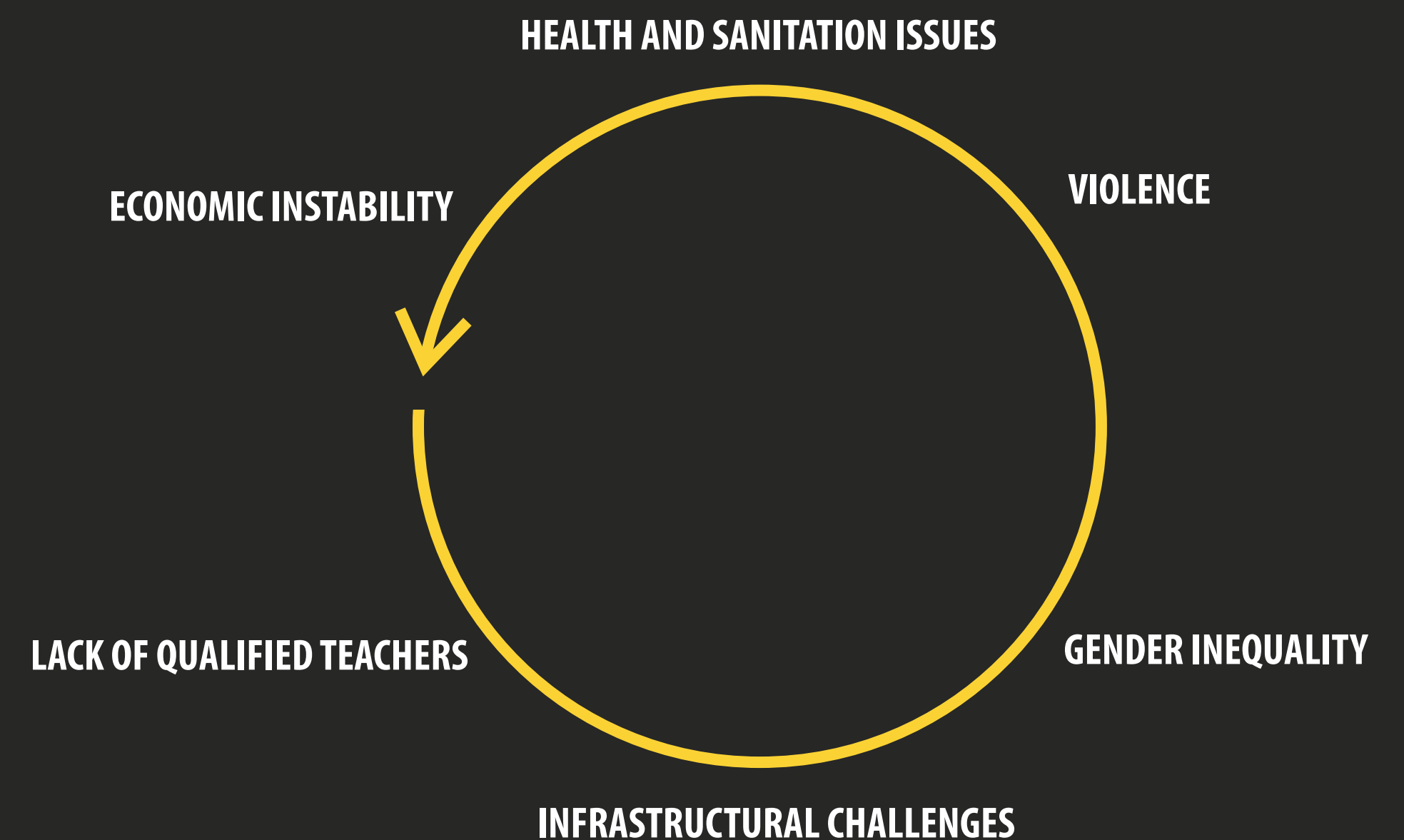
*Our mission is to provide access to high-quality
bilingual education to children throughout Central America
by building sustainable partnerships, establishing community-led
volunteer-driven schools, and promoting cultural exchange.*

Our Challenge

75 PERCENT

OF HONDURAN CHILDREN WILL NOT GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

A lack of quality education leads to:



TOGETHER WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE

KEY PROGRAMS

Bilingual Education for Central America is a learning organization focused on quality education. We train and recruit international volunteer teachers who implement a dynamic, comprehensive approach to education. We partner with local communities to develop schools that will graduate students who champion learning and literacy, challenge the status quo, and who embody a service-minded attitude to become persistent advocates for change.



San Jeronimo Bilingual School opened its doors in September of 2004 and has since grown to serve over 260 students with a staff of 14 BECA volunteers and 9 Hondurans. SJBS is owned and operated by a nonprofit group of democratically elected parents known as ASPAPRO who form BECA's partner in the community of Cofradia. SJBS is defined by a unique scholarship program and alternative tuition model, which allows all members of the community the right, and ability, to access this quality, bilingual education.



Santa Monica Bilingual School opened their doors in September of 2011 and has since grown to serve over 170 students with a staff of 9 BECA volunteers and 5 Hondurans. SMBS is owned and operated by La Hermandad de San Agustin, an order of nuns who operate various social projects, including SMBS, in the town of Vida Nueva, Honduras. SMBS is defined by its unique 100% student scholarship model. Under this alternative tuition model, parents utilize the level of scholarship needed to meet their financial needs.



Amigos de Jesus Bilingual School opened their doors in September of 2013 and has since grown to serve over 120 students with a staff of 7 BECA volunteers, 5 Honduran staff, and many other local and international volunteers. BECA entered into this joint venture with Amigos de Jesus, a U.S. and Honduran based organization operating a children's home for over 85 children who have been victims of abuse or neglect in some form. The home is located outside of Maquelizo, Santa Barbara, Honduras.

KEY PROGRAMS



TEACHER TRAINING

A high quality education begins with high quality teachers. BECA volunteers begin their year with an intense and 6-week, summer training that prepares them for the duties and challenges they will face once the school year starts.

The training institute, run by veteran teachers and teacher trainers, is an important first step in the BECA experience. After completion of the 6-week summer training program volunteers are equipped with the basic tools necessary to succeed in a BECA classroom. **Ongoing professional development ensures they have the support they need to hone their teaching skills.**



SCHOLARSHIPS

BECA's signature Alternative Tuition Model allows all members of a community, independent of socio-economic standing, to access our schools. Through the Alternative Tuition Model families apply yearly for scholarships (or a "beca") that covers a portion or all of the monthly tuition. In return for these scholarships, families donate time to the school proportional to their scholarships. In this way every member of the school community is involved, either through monthly tuition payments or through contributions of their time and talent at the school.

Supplementary Programs



BECA Bachillerato Program Scholarship

Awarded each year to an outstanding graduating student of SJBS. The scholarship provides the student with the means to earn a diploma from a bilingual high school - an extremely valuable commodity in Honduras.



LIBROS Y FAMILIA

Libros y Familia brings together parents and students to promote a meaningful dialogue, and enjoy a day of reading and activities.

A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms playing on a swing set outdoors. The girl in the foreground is smiling broadly, while the girl behind her is looking down. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "OUR IMPACT" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

OUR IMPACT

A LOOK BACK AT 2015

FEBRUARY

Participated in World Read Aloud Day with a Dr. Seuss themed event

APRIL

Held our 7th annual Vino Y Chocolate event in New York City with the help of our generous friends at Wine & Spirits Magazine and Maribel Chocolates

MAY

Libros Y Familia brought together hundreds of students and their families to celebrate a day of literacy

SEPTEMBER

Launched our annual Back to School campaign. This year's theme: ABCD's of BECA

DECEMBER

Our most successful holiday giving season brought in \$19,128!

MARCH

For the first time all BECA teachers attended the annual Teachers Teaching Teachers conference in San Pedro Sula

MAY

Hannah Bryant joined the BECA family as our In-Country Director

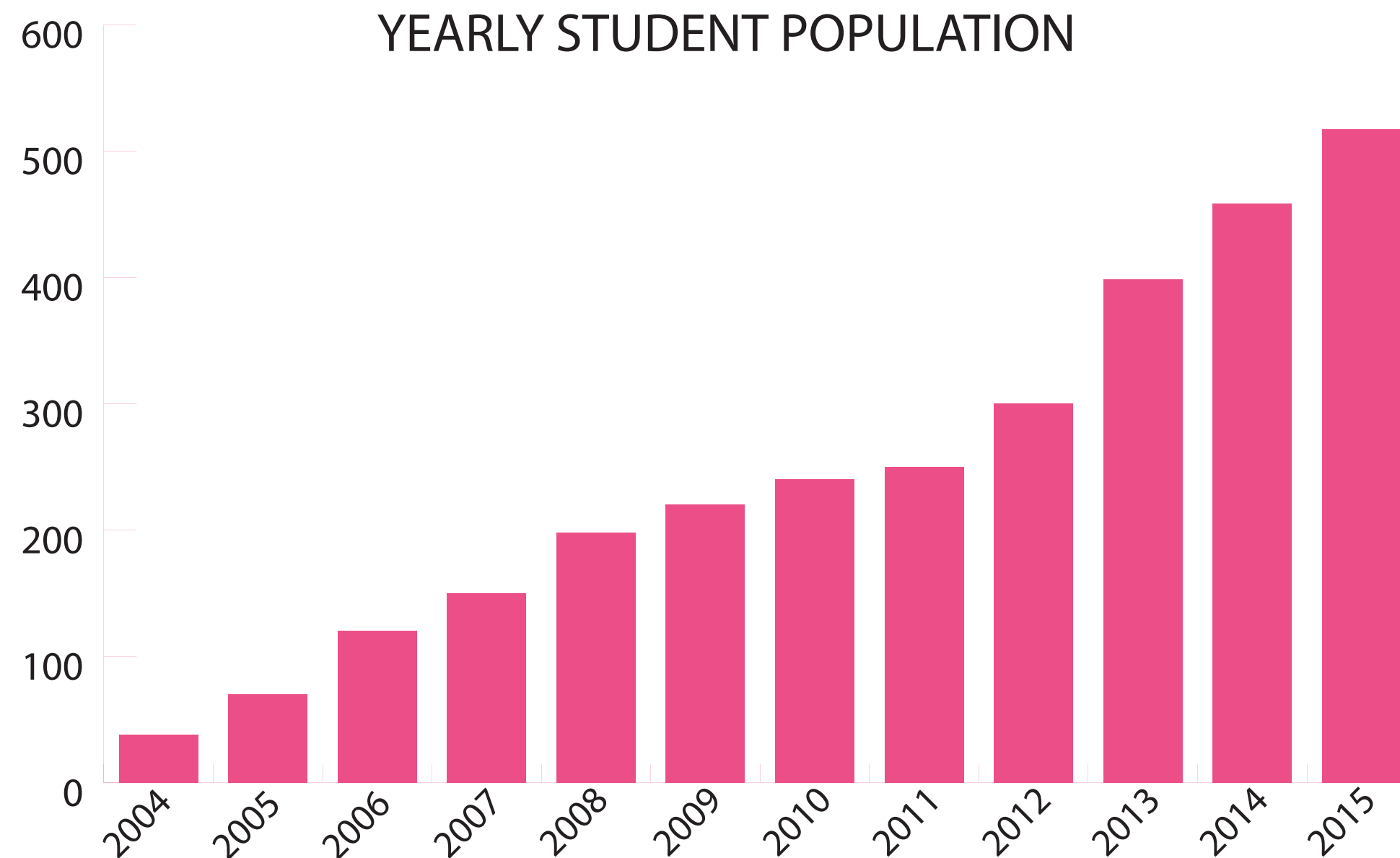
JULY

Our largest group of Summer Camp volunteers ran a great 3-week camp

OCTOBER

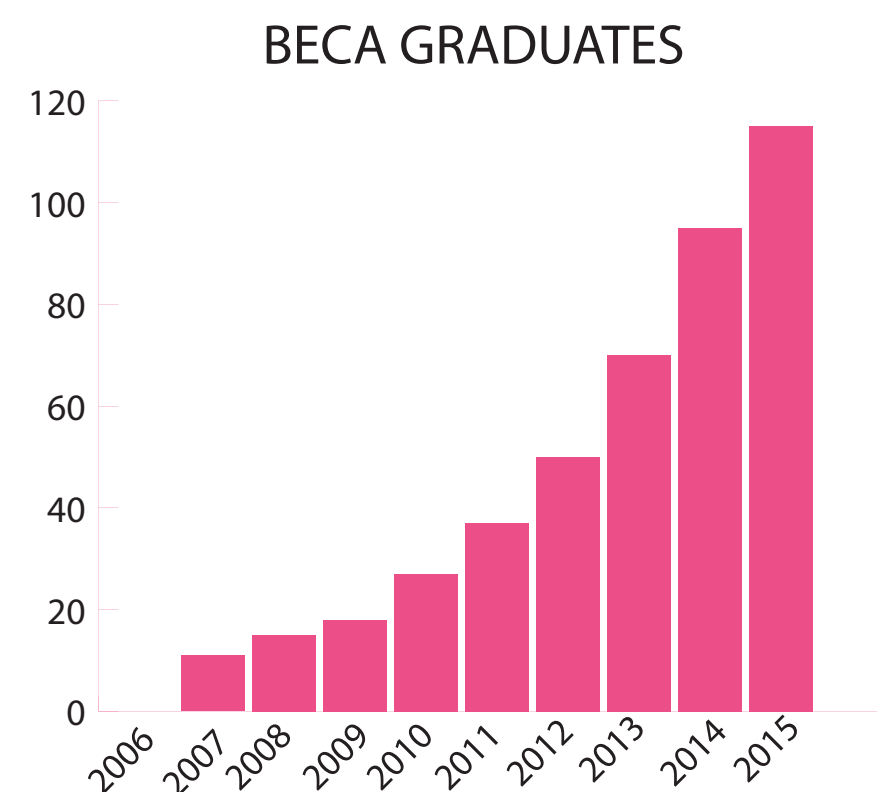
Presented at the Sustainable Honduras Conference on Equity and Empowerment through Education

METRICS



We're growing! Each year, through the generosity of our donors, we welcome two new classes to our partner schools, ADJ and SMBS. This past year we will have seen those schools grow by 45 students!

98.2%
high school
enrollment



INNOVATIONS

PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Founded in the principles of task-based language learning, BECA's new Professional Pathways Program is a continuing education option offered to graduates of BECA schools. It emphasizes authentic, communication-driven tasks that simultaneously promote language acquisition and prepare students to use their linguistic skills in meaningful interactions outside the classroom.



SCIENCE CURRICULUM UPGRADE

Thanks to former BECA volunteer, Katie MacDiarmid, our Science Curriculum received a substantial update. The new curriculum emphasizes scientific fundamentals and explores the use of critical thinking to solve real-world problems.

COMPUTER LABS

Thanks to generous donations, BECA's schools have fully equipped computer labs. The computers give BECA students a technological edge in the emerging Honduran workforce.



BECA BY THE NUMBERS

200+
BECA volunteers

3 community
partner
schools

98%
high school
enrollment

yearly student
growth **11%**

115
graduates

73%
university
enrollment

613 total
students
educated

A young girl with dark hair tied in a ponytail is seen from the back, her right hand raised. She is in a classroom setting, with a whiteboard and other students visible in the background. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The text "OUR PARTNERS" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

OUR PARTNERS

PARTNERSHIPS

BECA does not own and operate the schools with whom we work. Instead, we collaborate with local partners who bring community knowledge and investments to the project. Our partners are responsible for hiring Honduran teachers, managing school finances, reporting to the Ministry of Education, and assisting BECA in support of the foreign teachers. Our equal-footing partnerships result in close, long-lasting relationships between BECA teachers and community members.

PARTNER LED PROJECTS 2015

San Jeronimo Bilingual School

MURALS -- The students in 4th - 9th grade painted murals around the auditorium displaying values that we strive towards as BECA students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL -- Our first automated bell was installed to help our middle school students change classes

IN WITH THE NEW -- SJBS library received new books and to make space donated older books to local schools.

VOLLEYBALL -- SJBS once again has a volleyball net, one more fun outlet for BECA students.

Santa Monica Bilingual School

CLASSROOM DESIGN -- A finalized design was approved by Pro Honduras and our partners at SMBS for the upcoming Middle School building.

STUDENT BATHROOMS -- A new set of bathrooms was completed.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM -- No longer will the playground flood on rainy days.

Amigos de Jesus

NEW CLASSROOMS -- Construction has begun on new classrooms that will house the ever growing ADJ student community.

TEACHER VISITS -- BECA teachers are conducting two weekly visits to the children's home dormitories to work with caregivers on supporting the children with homework.

SOCCER GAMES -- Monthly soccer matches have begun bringing all of the teachers together in a fun, team-bonding activity.



Only if we work together with respect, honesty, integrity, and equality, do we believe we will accomplish our goal of achieving a sustainable educational and economic transformation.

OUR CAMPAIGNS



BACK TO SCHOOL

Investing in education is the single most effective way to reduce poverty. At BECA, students in communities across Honduras are given the tools necessary to become leaders in their home country.

As students were stepping into classrooms, people all over North America rallied together to send 113 BECA kids to school.

\$16,887

DOLLARS RAISED

113

STUDENTS FUNDED

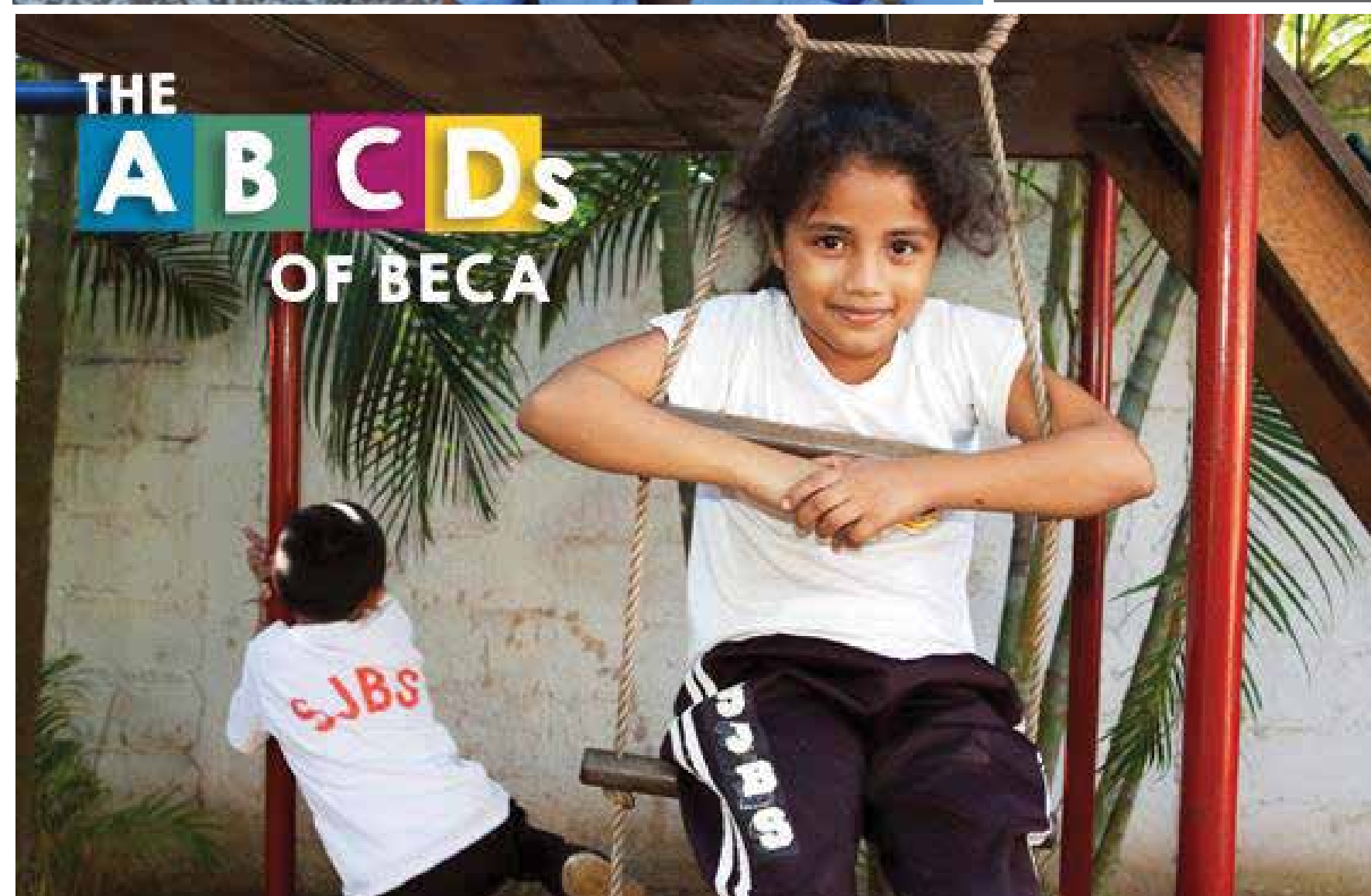


FACEBOOK
STATS

4,177
ENGAGEMENT

64,815
REACH

62
NEW PAGE LIKES



GIVING STATS

TOTAL
RAISED **\$16,887**

AVERAGE
DONATION **\$123**

NUMBER
OF DONORS **137**

LARGEST
DONATION **\$5,000**

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

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HOLIDAY GIVING

Over the holiday season our goal was to fund 5 classrooms. Without BECA, most of the students in these classrooms, would find themselves in overcrowded public school classrooms where many school days are canceled in any given year.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we surpassed our goals and funded six BECA classrooms for 2016!

\$20,364

DOLLARS RAISED

136

STUDENTS FUNDED



GIVING STATS

TOTAL RAISED **\$20,364**

NUMBER OF DONORS **76**

AVERAGE DONATION **\$268**

LARGEST DONATION **\$5,000**

VINO Y CHOCOLATE

Our seventh annual Vino Y Chocolate event, hosted in New York City, celebrated BECA's partners and students alike. The event was attended by staff, alumni, donors, friends and family.

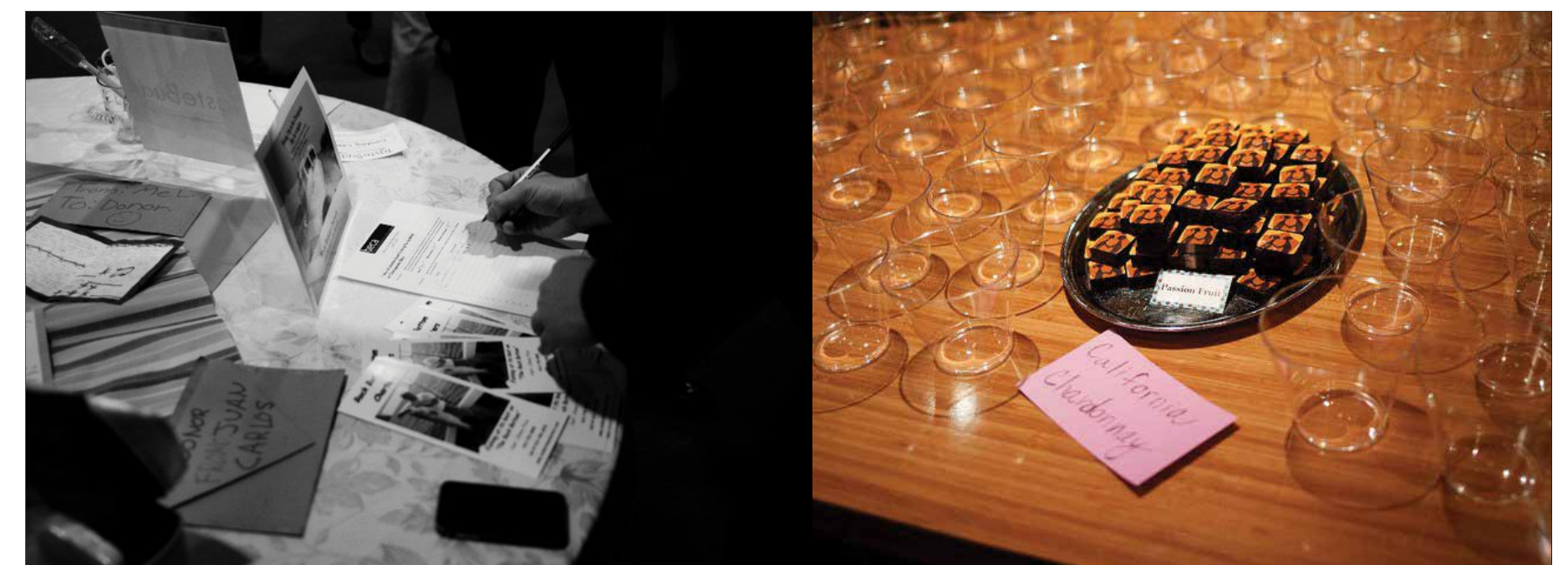
Every child deserves a high quality education, and as the event demonstrated, there are hundreds working alongside BECA to make this a reality.

\$21,020

DOLLARS RAISED

140

STUDENTS FUNDED



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OUR REACH

A teal-tinted photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a person is riding a bicycle from right to left. The street is lined with trees and buildings. A traffic light is visible on the left side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is urban and active.

BECA IN THE PRESS



“ BECA is a truly inspiring organization, operating a unique model where decision making and responsibility are shared with its local community partners. These equal-footing partnerships have proven to be highly successful.

- Pocket Robin

VICE NEWS

“ The objective of the [BECA] school is to give low-income Hondurans the skills they need to be successful in their own country. And, their approach seems to be working.

- VICE News



DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT IN 2015

Increase in Social Media Followers **591**

262,622 Social Media Reach

Social Media Followers **3,259**

12,714
Facebook Engagement

341 Social Media Posts

A romantic couple is shown from behind, embracing on a sandy beach. The man is wearing a light-colored shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark top. They are standing close together, with the woman's arms around the man's neck. The background is a soft-focus view of the ocean and a sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent yellow filter. The text "OUR FAMILY" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

OUR FAMILY

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Special thanks to our members who went on to new things in 2015.



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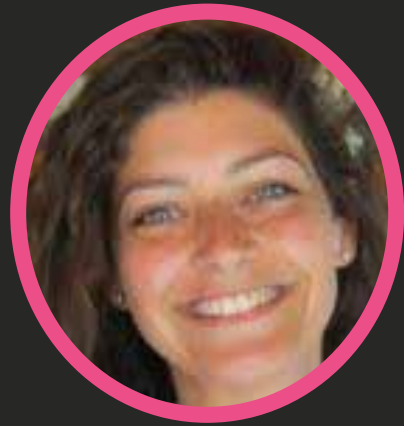


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1st Grade, ADJ
First Year



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2nd Grade, ADJ
First Year



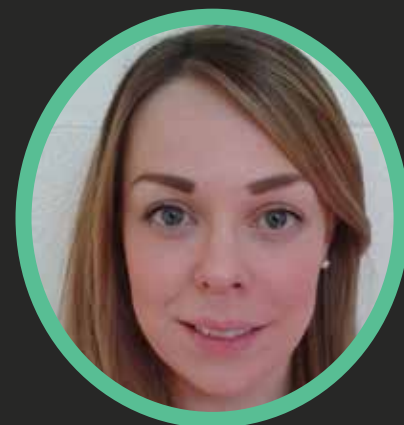
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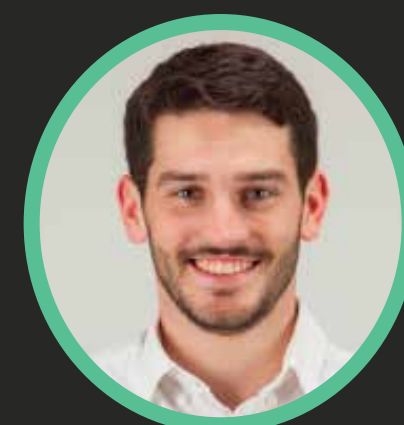
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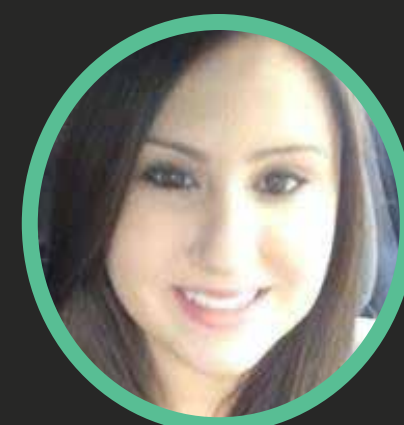
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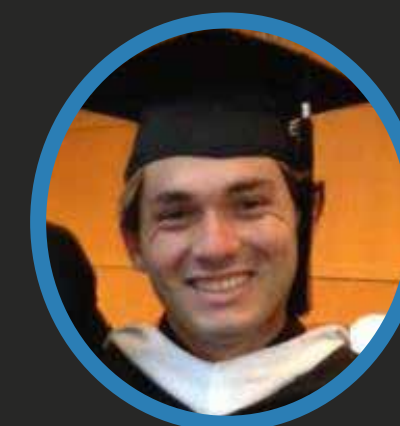
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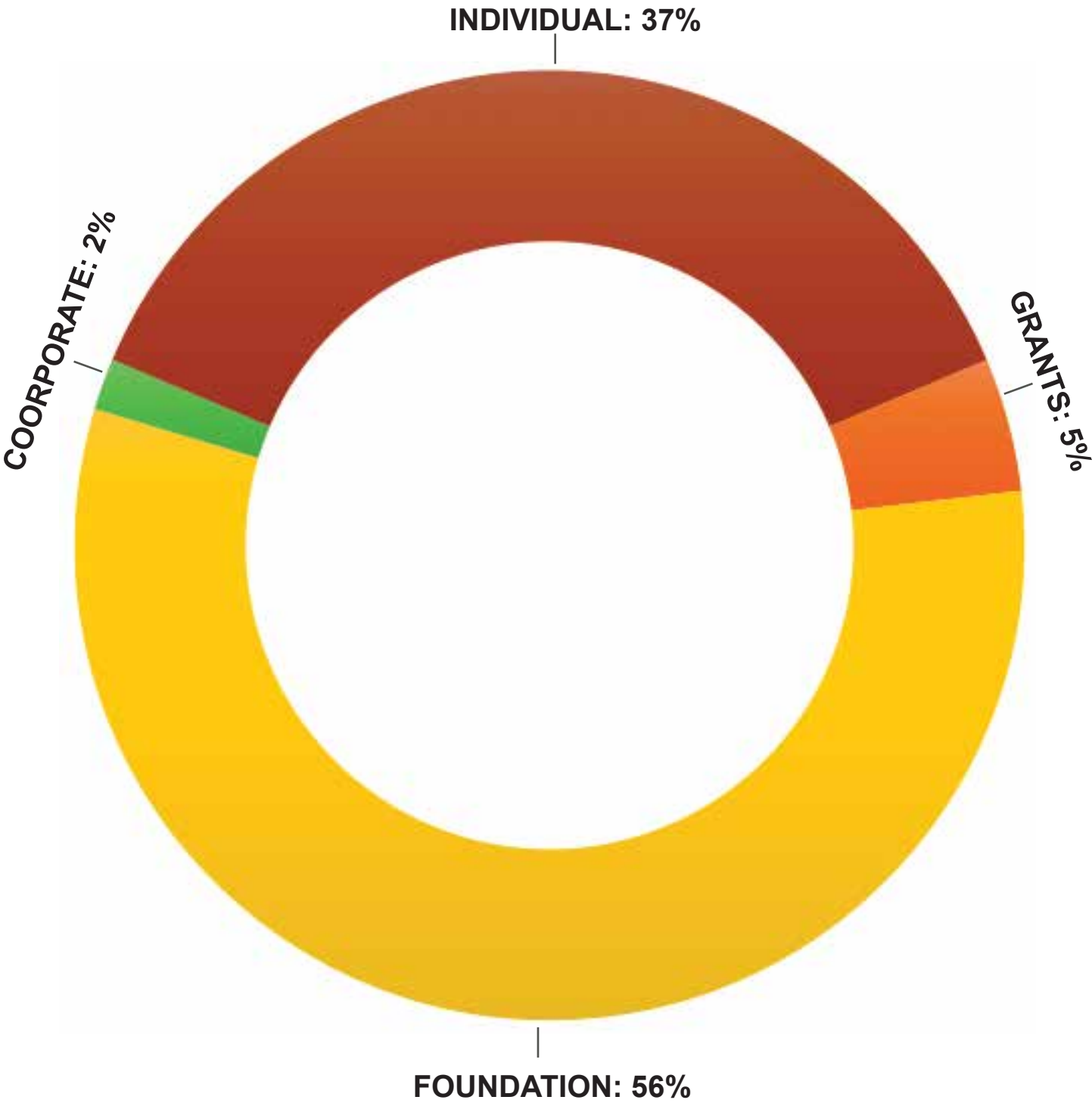
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A group of students in school uniforms are walking outdoors. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The text "OUR FINANCIALS" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. In the background, a student is wearing a white shirt with "SJS" on the back. Another student in the foreground has a circular logo on their shirt. The background shows a building and some trees.

OUR FINANCIALS

SUPPORT INCOME



TOTAL SUPPORT INCOME: \$131,695

<div></div>	Foundations	\$74,375	56%
<div></div>	Individuals	\$49,011	37%
<div></div>	Grants	\$6,000	5%
<div></div>	Corporate	\$2,308	2%



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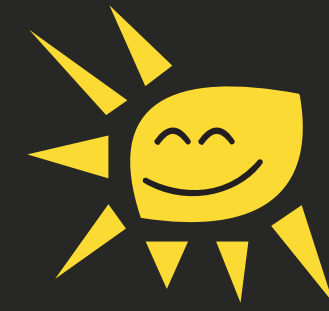
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