



PARTNERING FOR RESULTS



FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS SHARE WILL PARTNER WITH CIDA ON 2 NEW PROJECTS.

CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) will multiply funds raised by SHARE with 3 to 1 matched funding for work in these projects.



In the CIDA/SHARE funded project, Marcos Freitas (on the right), a SHARE agriculture technician, will train many farmers in Brazil to manage small agricultural enterprises such as this bee keeping business.

In El Salvador, these teens and adults have not attended school due to lack of access to education, displacement, and poverty. The SHARE/CIDA project will provide education accreditation that is vital for employment opportunities. SHARE director Murray Brownridge (on the left) and project manager Les Frayne visited this literacy circle.

SHARE Announces New CIDA Funding for Brazil

SHARE is pleased to announce that our foundation has been awarded 3 to 1 matched funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a 3 year agricultural project in Brazil. This project will focus on helping rural families improve agricultural skills to grow food to become self-sufficient.

SHARE will support agriculture technicians in 3 states of Brazil who will provide agricultural training for peasant farmers. The project will: provide training and information exchange at an annual SHARE-initiated organic growers' conference, assist in training and organic certification for groups farming cashews, provide training in agricultural marketing, training to set up and manage micro credit funds and funds to improve existing agricultural research facilities for native plants and bio diversity.

Indirectly over 22,000 rural people in Brazil will benefit from the work of SHARE and CIDA on this project.

Second CIDA Funded Project for SHARE in El Salvador

SHARE will partner with CIDA for a 3-year project in El Salvador. The focus of this project is teen and adult literacy and agricultural training in 40 disadvantaged rural communities. Over 800 men and women will learn to read and write and receive credits in a curriculum that includes life and employment entry skills approved by the Salvadoran Ministry of Education. The agriculture training will give over 400 men and women skills to produce food for their families and for sales in small local markets.

In total over 12,000 impoverished men, women and children will directly benefit from this project. SHARE will monitor the project and work with a respected national farm workers' organization in El Salvador to accomplish the project goals.

MORE PARTNERING FOR RESULTS

SHARE has actively sought help from partners to accomplish a variety of goals that we could not have achieved on our own. This partnering in the past year has had many successful results, accomplishing great things for needy southern communities.



The Retired Teachers of Ontario's Service to Others donation was given to SHARE for adult and teen literacy circles in El Salvador. These funds are paying for supplies and for 2 teachers' salaries for one year at Comunidad SHARE, a new community of 135 families displaced by a volcanic eruption.



The Women's Interchurch Council of Canada donated funds for an industrial machine, training and supplies for the sewing centre in Comunidad SHARE. Five women are sewing and ten women are selling the children's clothes, aprons and bed sheets produced for family income.



Several women's groups throughout SHARE's reach have donated useful sewing supplies for transport to the women in Central America. SHARE plans to raise funds to purchase 40 sewing machines needed for women's groups in rural communities in El Salvador.



Agri-Skills Abroad, supported by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, again donated funds for SHARE's stove project in El Salvador. These stoves use half the wood of the traditional raised open fires and protect the eye and lung health of the women cooking and the children in their care. The SHARE stove, a gift of health, is built for \$100. There is a long list of rural women waiting for a stove.



SHARE sourced funds for this well-built building at Comunidad SHARE that will be used as a school, day care, hurricane shelter, and community centre and will soon house a small library. SHARE is hoping to find partners to fund a new small libraries project for communities where children, teens and adults lack basic education and access to information.



A small NGO in the U.S. took 20 computers by ship container to ANTA, SHARE's southern partner in El Salvador. The NGO's youth contingent was on hand to celebrate a computer lab's opening with balloons and speeches and help the Salvadoran teens on the new computers. A local church in Ontario donated funds to pay for the salary of the computer teacher for six months. This project builds on the literacy work done in the last 4 years in rural El Salvador and provides youth with employment skills and opportunities for further education.

SHARE thanks all of our donors and each of our partner organizations for their generous support.



Agriculture Technicians Link to Self-Sufficiency

In the dry areas of northeast Brazil, sisal plants are grown for binder twine and sisal rugs. After the drying process, fibers are further separated out and can be made into rope. The remaining outer leaf covering was thought to be waste and was thrown away, but now farmers are trained by SHARE agriculture technicians to use the residue as nutritious silage for livestock.

This silage can be safely stored in pits in the ground for as long as 2 years and then fed to sheep, goats and cattle during periods of drought. An added bonus in this dry area is that the silage is 66% moisture, reducing the animals' need

for water. The ag techs test the silage for protein and nutrient value.

Use of the knowledge and techniques taught by the 5 SHARE agriculture technicians for the next 3 years in the SHARE/CIDA project will help make many small farming enterprises self-sufficient in this and other areas of Brazil.

In El Salvador the part time ag techs working in the CIDA project are themselves farmers who will train families in their communities to grow a variety of plants to improve family nutrition and help establish small agricultural enterprises for markets to improve income.

LEFT In Brazil, SHARE's ag techs train farmers to make silage for livestock feed out of the waste sisal material, an added value process.

RIGHT The director of women's programs at the Santa Luz Sindicato in northeast Brazil uses the separator to demonstrate how to make nutritious feed for livestock. Using this process will allow farmers in this area become self-sufficient.

The SHARE ag techs' role includes: identifying would-be entrepreneurs for SHARE's micro loan funds, working in co-operation with other community resource people to identify needs, making applications for programs and loans, providing training and consulting in animal care and crops.

On a visit to El Salvador to inspect SHARE projects, Mark Cullen, SHARE's honorary patron, met a kindred spirit, an avid gardener, who lives on a coffee plantation high on a volcano's slope. The local school is not readily accessible to members of this community as it is located more than a 2-hour walk down the volcano. The adults and children of this community pick coffee beans for meager wages. Along with teens and other adults of the community, this Salvadoran gardener is learning to read and write on the porch of her home, the site of the SHARE community literacy circle.

"I am a great fan of the work that SHARE does in Central and South America. This organization has an impact on a tremendous number of lives, increases the benefits through the "pass-on" principle, and isn't burdened with large administration costs. This is a volunteer-driven registered charity, in the purest sense of it."

– Quoted from Mark's book, *Sandbox of a Different Kind. Personal Reflections on the Canadian Gardening Experience.*



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For the people on your gift-giving list who already have everything, consider buying a gift from SHARE's list. Your gift will be a 'Hand Up' to someone who has very little, multiply many times over with SHARE's 'Pass on Principle' and will help needy families become self sufficient.

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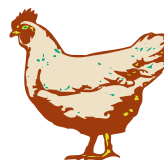
- **HEALTHY, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY STOVE – \$100**

- **GARDEN INPUTS: SEEDS, FRUIT TREES, PLANTS & TOOLS – \$75 - \$150**



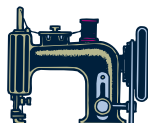
- **GOAT OR SHEEP – \$150**

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- **AGRICULTURAL TRAINING – \$100**

- **LITERACY LESSONS & BOOKS: ONE PERSON FOR ONE YEAR – \$100**



- **SEWING MACHINE FOR A COMMUNITY – \$125-\$300**



- **COW FOR A COMMUNITY HERD: INCOME, MILK & CHEESE – \$700**



- **TEEN COMPUTER CENTER: TRAINING FOR ONE TEEN FOR ONE SESSION – \$60**

- **SUPPLIES FOR: BAKERY, APIARY, RABBIT ENTERPRISE, ETC. – \$45**



- **BOOKS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY – \$30**

- **MICRO LOAN FUND: ONE LOAN FOR A START UP AGRICULTURAL PROJECT – \$200-\$300**

- **SHARE SCHOLARSHIP FOR BELIZE – \$400**



SHARE would like to thank Isabelle (*on the right*), Al Harmer, and their whole family for hosting the 10th annual SHARE Scholarship Corn Roast on the Harmer farm in Burlington. This event raised over \$14,000 this year for the Belize scholarship fund. A big thank you also to Isabelle and Al's daughter, singer Sarah Harmer (*on the left*), for entertaining and bringing other musical friends to entertain the crowd. Isabelle initiated the scholarship program ten years ago and is proud that this program now provides funds for 58 needy rural students to attend high school in Belize. This scholarship program also provides intercultural education in Mayan communities in Guatemala partnering with Horizons of Friendship.



The Harmers and SHARE would like to thank all who have donated to the scholarship program this year and for the last 10 years. We could not do this without your support.

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