



LEFT In this project, SHARE's partner organization sent an agriculture extension specialist to consult with the farmers whose land was too wet to produce in the usual growing season. Using an extensive grid of hand dug ditches the land is now irrigated in the dry season and very productive.

RIGHT SHARE funded dairy herds have lifted many cooperative groups of farm families out of abject poverty. Families not only have improved nutrition but also increase their income selling cheese and the bull calves.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF IMPACT

This year, in SHARE's 40th year of operation, we celebrate the incredible contributions of the SHARE founders, the dedicated donors, the leadership and the hard work of volunteers.

Thank you for accompanying SHARE on this worthy, exciting journey. SHARE has improved the lives of thousands of impoverished rural families. We think that the founders, a small group of farmers in Peel and Halton counties who took that incredible *leap of faith* forty years ago, would be proud of the work and achievements of SHARE.

For 40 years, SHARE has funded hundreds of small, sustainable projects that provided a *hand up* so rural families with very little could help themselves and improve their lives through their own efforts. SHARE has seen many times how a small hand up can be used as a building

block for further development. Recently, a group in Brazil and a cooperative of farmers in Honduras used the SHARE water project to not only water gardens and crops as planned but to implement their own new project, fish production.

Forty years ago, the founders were inspired to use the *pass on principle* to expand results in each project. Seeds, cuttings, small animals, skills or knowledge will be shared with neighbours. This pass on is being well used to expand a small dairy herd in Guatemala, the goat herds in Brazil and the ever expanding dairy herds in El Salvador. In a SHARE project, SHARE's partners also use their version of pass on, expanding their reach by using local promoters and farmer to farmer exchanges.

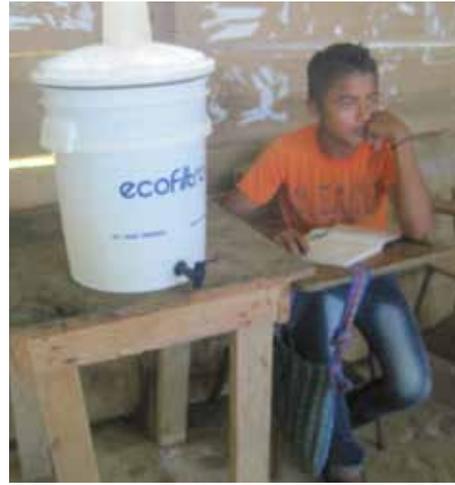
Through the 40 years, SHARE has worked for *sustainable results* in each

project. The offspring of the original dairy cattle shipped to Brazil are still producing milk for Sister Ellen's program for slum children. Each of the irrigation systems funded in the recent "Pumps for Food" initiative (funds raised by SHARE's honorary patron Mark Cullen and his friend Dr. Jim Clubine) are still effectively increasing food production and income for many cooperative groups.

For 40 years, SHARE has worked to be *effective and accountable*. SHARE has learned and grown along the way, inspired in the same way that SHARE's founders were, to reduce poverty and improve food security for rural communities.

When we reflect on the 40 years of SHARE's work, our hearts are filled with pride and gratitude!

Most of all, we thank YOU for the generous donations that keep SHARE's work going!



THE GIFT OF WATER

“We want to thank the donors. We are trying our best to look after the project.”

The women of El Rosario, a small community in Guatemala, put their babies on their back and walked over an hour to fetch water for their family each day. Children often missed school when they were sent to the stream to get a jug of water. With a small grant from SHARE and some local collaboration, the community now has the convenience of having water stations near their homes. This water project is one component of a community development program to improve food production and well-being in 13 small needy Mayan communities in the region.

First there was a vision for a better life and then planning with SHARE’s

local partner organization and the municipality. A spring was located near the village and the men dug there to create a shallow well. (The well will be dug deeper in the dry season.) They built a small pump house and buried the pipes in the ground. SHARE provided a pump, the storage tanks and 1.4 km of pipe. Water is pumped up the hill to fill 2 large tanks. Then water moves by gravity to taps in the village. The water is strained and put through water filters in the homes and the school. (Funds for water filters were donated by Rotary Clubs.)

“Having water is easy now. We are seeing with our own eyes what is needed in our village, not like before. We are working hand in hand together.”



MATCHED FUNDING

The water system described above is part of the project called the Central American Initiative. This initiative receives generous matched funding from the **Barrett Family Foundation** and **Willowool Foundation**. The initiative is managed by effective partners working to improve the lives of rural families in 3 countries in 70 communities with irrigation, ecological agricultural training, inputs and tools, youth skills training and interventions in health and well-being. This project focuses on youth to provide reasons to stay and work locally and be a positive part of their rural communities.



LEFT Groups of rural youth in Honduras, trained in the project in blacksmithing and tin work now have income from their small enterprise. RIGHT Several youth are part of this farmer cooperative that received an irrigation system and training to make low cost fertilizer.

CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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- 1 Plantings of fruit trees and moringa for improved nutrition in Guatemala
- 2 Edible cactus, a trial project to provide livestock fodder during drought in Bolivia
- 3 Household water filters in Mayan communities in Guatemala
- 4 Supporting 12 agriculture students in Brazil
- 5 Biodigesters, using manure for fuel savings, Brazil
- 6 Supplies for small enterprises for women in Brazil and Guatemala
- 7 Scholarships for 37 high school students in Belize



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- 8 Nursery plantings of guava (igna edulis), using agroforestry to improve soils in Guatemalan corn fields



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- 9 Wells in Haiti, Brazil and Cambodia for food security and income



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- 10 Local stoves – a low cost stove made of mud and stone for improved family health in Guatemala

- 11 “Pumps for Food” - irrigation systems for cooperative groups of farmers in El Salvador and Honduras

- 12 Goats for farmers in Haiti and Brazil
- 13 Chicken enterprise for 500 residential students in Guatemala

- 14 Eco stoves to improve health and save wood in Guatemala and Chiapas



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40 YEARS... CONTINUING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Can You Help Sustain SHARE's Important Work?

BY USING VOLUNTEER EFFORTS, "PASS ON", EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND WITH GENEROUS MATCHED FUNDING, SHARE WORKS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFT.

- Give regularly to provide ongoing support
- Give a legacy gift to sustain SHARE's work into the future
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ONGOING PROGRAM AND PROJECT NEEDS

Ag training - \$100

Eco stove - \$200

Local stove - \$50

Water filters - \$50-200

Trees/orchard - \$35 - \$400

Seeds and tools - \$50 - \$100

Irrigation system - to \$1,200

Goat - \$150

Chickens - \$35 - \$100

Youth skills training - \$100

Literacy - \$100

Teen scholarship - \$350

Micro credit - to \$400

Tool kits for youth enterprise - \$100

Cattle - \$900

ALL SHARE EVENTS FOR 2017

Sat. March 26, 2016, 1:15pm - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Mayfield United Church, 12496 Dixie Rd. Caledon ON. North of Mayfield Rd.

March 26 - Wacky Card Afternoon, Caledon Village Place, 18313, Highway 10, Caledon, 1:00 p.m., Cost: \$20

April 20 - Copetown Annual Charity Banquet for SHARE, Copetown Community Centre, 1950 Governors Road (east of Hwy 52), Doors open 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Cost: \$50, Contact Peter Findlayson 519-647-0647

May 27 & 28 - Upcoming Annual Plant Sale, Cheltenham General Store, 9 am - 1 pm. 14386 Creditview Road, Cheltenham. Contact Joe @ 1-905-838-0897 or 1-888-337-4273

July 17 - SHARE Annual Golf Tournament, Caledon Golf and Country Club, 2121 Olde Base Road, Caledon. Cost: \$150.00 with \$50.00 tax receipt - \$165.00 after July 8th. Call Joe 1-905-838-0897 or 1-888-337-4273 or info@shareagfoundation.org

Sept. 10 - Annual Corn Roast for Scholarship Fund, 3 - 7 pm, Raefield Farm, 5231 County Road #27 (between Rockwood and Brucedale). Music, farm walks, swimming, hayride. Bring a lawn chair. Call Ellen Thomson 519-856-9953.

Nov. 4 - Dinner & Auction, *NEW VENUE* Embassy Grand Convention Centre 8800 The Gore Road, Brampton, 5.30 pm Cost: \$90.00 with \$40 tax receipt. Contact Joe @ 1-905-838-0897 or 1-888-337 for tickets or to sponsor a table.

Do you have ideas for fundraising? Do you have contacts with funding organizations, foundations, churches or clubs who might assist SHARE?

DONATE

Online at: www.shareagfoundation.org

Or by mail: S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation, 14110 Kennedy Road, Caledon ON, L7C 2G3



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- To the BARRETT FAMILY FOUNDATION AND WILLOWOOL FOUNDATION for their transformational donation for matched funding supporting SHARE's work in 3 countries.
- The BEATY FAMILY FOUNDATION (funds held within Oakville Community Foundation)
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