Stewardship 2004

Sponsorship of children, youth, and the elderly remains the highest priority of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. Through the continued generosity of our sponsors and donors, CFCA has been blessed with 9.0% growth during 2004. For the full year, total sponsored children and aging increased to 297,669 and Total Public Support surpassed $73 million. Funding to Mission Projects included 83.8% of available sponsorship income and 100% of donations for Christmas, birthday, scholarship and special needs. Together, this represented an annual funding percentage of 85.5% to our mission projects worldwide.

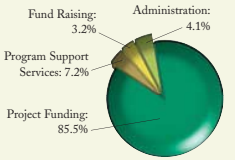
Other expense categories as a percentage of total costs include Program Support Services of 7.2%, Fund Raising of 3.2%, and Administration of 4.1%. CFCA continues to monitor its Board Designated Reserves – funds set aside for future growth and operating contingencies. As needed, this reserve provides scholarship assistance to our mission projects, development funding for CFCA's proprietary data management and information system (CASA), reserve funding for administrative and support services, and funding for capital equipment needs and office expansion. A major capital improvement project was recently completed in the spring of 2004 updating 6,000 square feet of office space within our headquarters building, a converted warehouse in Kansas City, Kan.

Statement of Activities

for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

SUPPORT		
Sponsorships	$64,628,016	
General Public	8,404,730	
Total Public Support	73,032,746	
Other Revenue	685,185	
Total Public Support and Revenue	$73,717,931	
EXPENSES		
Program		
Funding to Mission Projects	$61,000,357	(85.5%)
Program Support Services	5,176,022	(7.2%)
Total Program Services	66,176,379	(92.7%)
Fund Raising	2,276,415	(3.2%)
Administration	2,925,635	(4.1%)
Total Project Support & Operating Expenses	$71,378,429	(100%)
NET ASSET INCREASE	$ 2,339,502*	

Your dollars at work



Note: Each year the independent accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP conducts a comprehensive audit of CFCA financial statements and accounting practices. A copy of this audit report is available upon request.

*Designations/Restrictions of Net Asset Increase

Advance payments from sponsors received in 2004 for distribution in 2005	$ 2,403,027
Net additions to Board Designated Reserves, Property & Equipment	(63,525)
Total Designations/Restrictions of Net Asset Increase	$ 2,339,502

Mission Statement

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging is a lay Catholic organization serving the poor at mission sites around the world. Through sponsorship of children and aging, we build relationships of mutual respect and support while raising awareness in our own country of the needs and gifts of the poor and the mission outreach of the Church.

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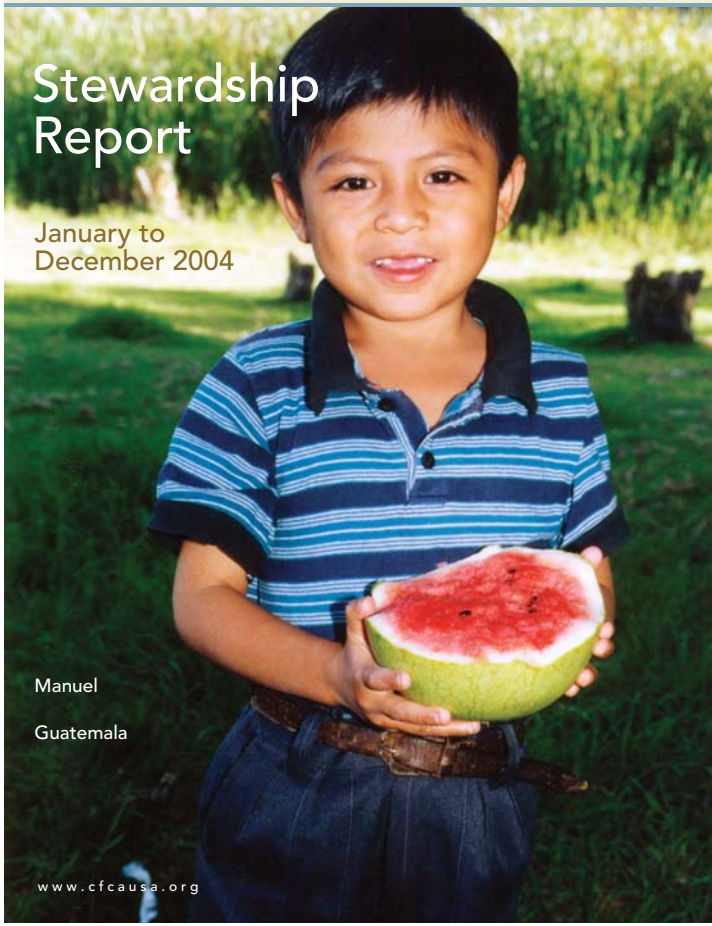
Stewardship Report

January to December 2004



Manuel

Guatemala

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Dear Friends,

Jesus came to bring freedom to the children of God. Yet, for many today, the future seems to hold little hope. Time moves on, yet their lives feel immobilized by the weight of poverty and insecurity.

At Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, we strive to work faithfully so that God's humble people will not just have more, but be more and live more freely. Sponsorship benefits respond to needs expressed by the community of sponsored persons, and extend beyond the material. Children have material needs, but they also need academic, emotional and spiritual formation – gifts of the heart. Sponsorship provides both. In the long term, the benefits can radically change the lives of those sponsored.

CFCA sponsorship is distinguished by personal attention and outreach to each sponsored person and family, and by our commitment to honoring the God-given dignity of each person. Helping those sponsored to live with dignity means to invite them to be authors of their own development and participate fully in their communities.

In living out the Gospel call to serve the poor, we are committed to operating an efficient and effective organization with integrity and accountability. As a result, CFCA assigns the most resources possible for the direct benefit of sponsored persons. I am pleased to report that in 2004, funding to our projects abroad represented 85.5 percent of our expenses, with 7.2 percent of expenses going for U.S.-based services to our sponsors and monitoring of our projects (program support services), 4.1 percent for administration and just 3.2 percent for inviting new sponsors (fund raising).

By the grace of God, I spend about 70 percent of my days and nights in the CFCA projects around the world. I am inspired by so many dedicated families taking excellent care of their children, despite great challenges. I am also inspired by the love of the sponsors, donors and project workers for the children, youth and aging. I am grateful to all those who make CFCA's personal outreach possible.

We work so that others might live more freely and in the process, we are set free ourselves.

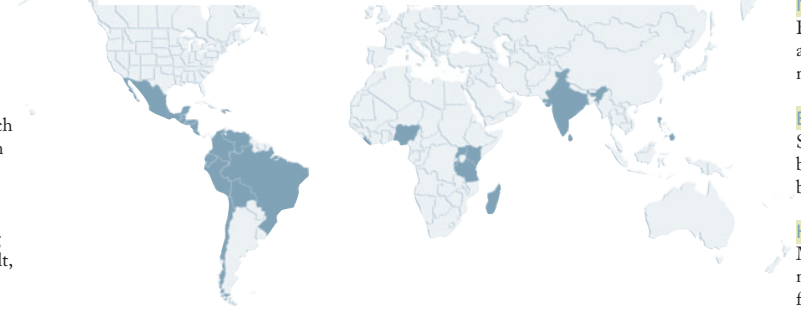
With gratitude,

Bob Hentzen

Bob Hentzen
President

CFCA stewardship in 26 countries

CFCA projects around the world are monitored for adherence to high standards of transparency, accountability and consistency with CFCA policy. We incorporate project visits, project financial monitoring and direct involvement in project staff selection and management in order to be responsible with the resources entrusted to us.



Africa

20,695 sponsored children, youth and aging

Burundi, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Liberia, Uganda, Madagascar

Asia

82,410 sponsored children, youth and aging

India, Philippines, Sri Lanka

Caribbean

8,583 sponsored children and aging persons

Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica

Mexico and Central America

143,553 sponsored children, youth and aging

Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua

South America

42,428 sponsored children, youth and aging

Bolivia, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, Colombia

297,669 total sponsored children, youth and aging as of December 31, 2004

Sponsor online at www.cfcausa.org

Benefits of sponsorship

Grounded in Catholic social teaching, CFCA sponsorship offers a way for all people of good will to participate personally in the call to live in solidarity as one human family and put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. CFCA's commitment is to connect an individual sponsor with an individual sponsored person. We honor and encourage the very real human relationships that are formed between sponsors and their sponsored friends, and we strive to deliver the maximum amount of benefits and quality programs for the holistic development of the sponsored children, youth and aging persons.

Nutrition

Breakfast and lunch programs, supplemental feeding programs for the malnourished and regular allotments of food staples are some of the ways CFCA projects address nutritional needs of sponsored children, youth and aging persons.

Education

Sponsorship supports education by helping students with tuition and school fees, books, school supplies, uniforms and other needs. A scholarship program supported by general donations provides assistance to students in vocational training or college.

Help to families

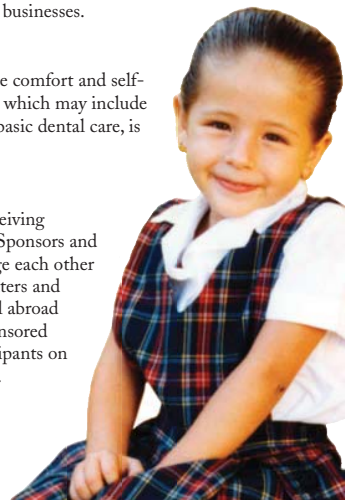
Many CFCA projects offer assistance to help families of sponsored children learn new skills and earn additional income, make housing repairs, secure farm animals or obtain loans to start small businesses.

Clothing and medical care

Shoes and basic clothing items enhance the comfort and self-esteem of sponsored friends. Medical care, which may include checkups, medicines, emergency care and basic dental care, is available in many areas.

Encouragement

An important benefit of sponsorship is receiving encouragement from someone who cares. Sponsors and sponsored friends learn from and encourage each other through friendships nurtured by prayer, letters and photographs. Sponsors are invited to travel abroad to visit CFCA projects and meet their sponsored friends. In 2004, CFCA hosted 434 participants on 22 mission awareness trips to 12 countries.



Please note: Sponsorship benefits vary by location according to needs, local resources and other factors.