

SchoolBOX Annual Report 2010

Letter From Tom

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful to be able to present you with SchoolBOX' 2010 Annual Report. It is full of good news. Whether you look at the new classrooms, see the smiles on the faces of our volunteers or learn about how we have touched individual lives in Central America, I believe that this report will impact you.

In 2006, a small group of people from Almonte, Ontario set out to ***Make Education Possible*** for children in Central America. Five years later and against all the odds we are doing just that. Thousands of people from across Canada have joined us in our mission to *Support the Right of Every child in Central America to a Basic Education*. Together we are now empowering over 10,200 students and teachers in 46 communities in Nicaragua.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful dream,



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Tools 4 Schools Program

Provide basic infrastructure for our partner schools.

Highlights:

- 3 new classrooms and 3 new washrooms at the Rueben Dario school in Leon
- 55 desks and chairs for schools in Telica
- A well for the Simeón Pereira school in El Sauce
- 2 new classrooms and 3 new washrooms for the Sagrado Corzaon de Jesus School in Telica
- 60 meters of a cement block perimeter wall for the Antenor Sandino School in Leon
- Year rental of a building to house the Jezreel School in Managua
- 1 new soccer pitch / sports area at the Rueben Dario school in Leon



3 new classrooms & a new soccer court for the Rueben Dario School in Leon, Nicaragua

Soccer Dreams Program

Motivate children to attend school by providing soccer equipment / hosting tournaments.

- Two soccer tournaments for partner schools
- 10 Partner schools from Leon, Telica and Managua participating



The Champions! Rueben Dario School team members celebrate their win with Sarah Kerr, SchoolBOX Program Manager; Tom Affleck, SchoolBOX President; Ronald Chavarria Arauz, SchoolBOX Director of Operations

Big Smiles Program

Make it possible for students to brush their teeth daily at school.

- 1019 students in 8 schools participating in the program (4 in El Sauce, 2 in Managua, 2 in Leon)

School	District	Number of Students
Chaparral	Sauce	48
Las Pilas	Sauce	57
Ruben Dario	Sauce	227
Simeon Pereria	Sauce	313
Juntos Contigo	Managua	66
Jezreel	Managua	171
Los Pocitos	Leon	87
La Pintora	Leon	50
TOTAL		1019



Students showing off their new toothbrushes outside Chaparral School in Sauce

Supplies 4 Success Program

Give students and teachers the basic school supplies that they need to Make Education Possible (notebooks, pencils and so much more)

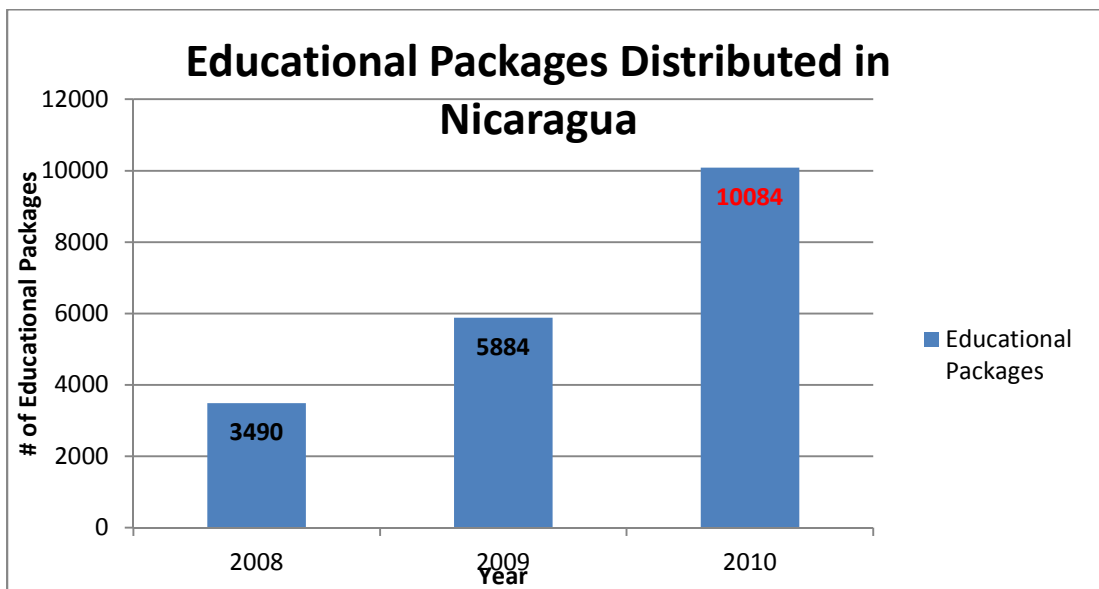
- 10,084 educational packages provided to students and teachers in 45 schools



Happy students displaying their educational packages.

Distribution of Educational Packages in 2010

District	# of Schools	# Students Pre-School	# Students GRADES 1 - 3	# Students GRADES 4-6	# of Teachers	Total
Sauce	7	205	488	402	55	1150
Managua	7	333	1496	1304	101	3234
Leon	8	333	1009	901	89	2332
Telica	5	100	222	134	22	478
Ometepe	11	358	709	699	95	1861
Caribbean	7	83	474	413	59	1029
Total	45	1412	4398	3853	421	10084



Since 2008, SchoolBOX has almost tripled the distribution of Educational Packages in Nicaragua.

Volunteer / Intern Program in Nicaragua

Provide an opportunity for our supporters to work on SchoolBOX projects in Central America.

- 42 Canadians participated in 2010
- SchoolBOX hosted 2 interns in Nicaragua in 2010



March 2010 Volunteer Group: Adventura Nica, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Almonte

Quotes from some 2010 Volunteers

Emily Clapperton, "It was an absolutely awesome trip, and I can't stop thinking about it. I really hope we impacted the people there as much as they impacted us."

Stuart Douglas, "What SchoolBOX is doing down there is awesome, to say the least. Thanks everybody for the trip of a lifetime. Incredible."

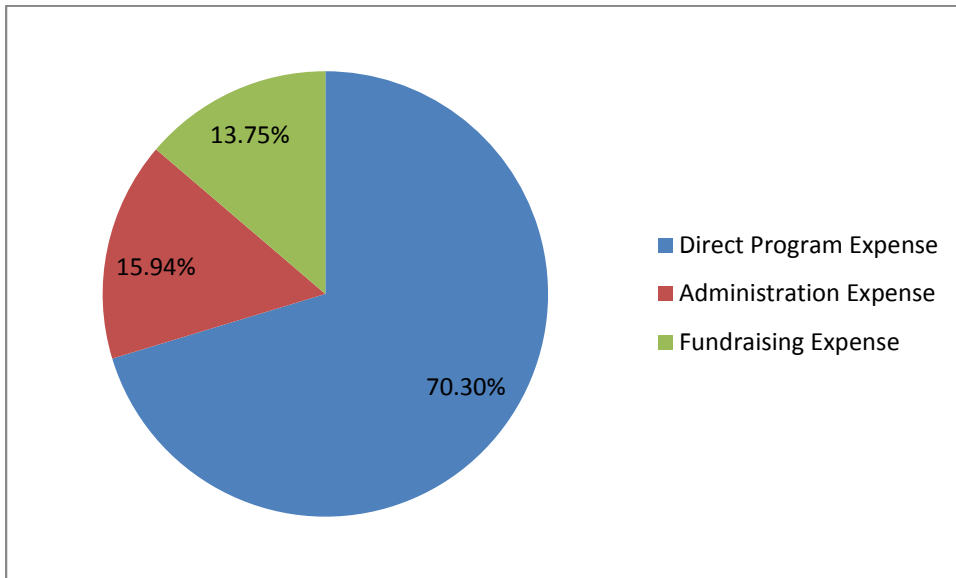
Alison Aldred, "Really AMAZING trip I can't even begin to describe how much of an impact it has made on me."

Rachael Gardiner, "Nicaragua is fantastic! SchoolBOX is a miracle!"

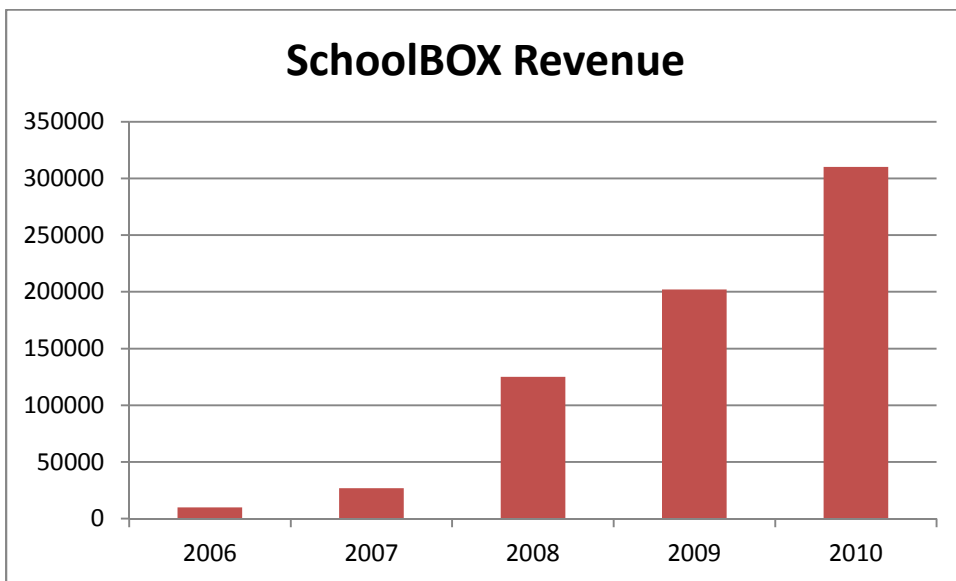
Stephanie Rudyk, "It was extremely humbling to see so many children... all eager to learn and so excited to get their new educational packages."

Financial Breakdown

Total 2010 Expenses: Total: \$187,533.44



Direct Program Expense: 70.3%, 15.94% on Administration, 13.75% on Fundraising



Revenue for SchoolBOX has steadily increased since 2006 – Revenue in CDN\$

SchoolBOX Voices

Tania Balladares Hernández: 17 years old, Graduated in November from Grade 6 at the Rueben Dario School in Leon.

“Before I knew them (SchoolBOX community) I didn’t want to study... I feel that I have changed a lot after knowing them (SchoolBOX community). I am really excited to get ahead and get a degree. I want to realize my dream of becoming a doctor and be someone in life and help many people...”



Tania is shown here in her new uniform purchased by past SchoolBOX volunteers. All of her friends in this photo also receive encouragement and support from SchoolBOX.

Mayra Martínez Tercero: 54 years old, Single mother with 10 children; Mother of Melvin Francisco Martínez Tercero (student, Rueben Dario School Leon)

**“Thank God and all of you (SchoolBOX community) for getting my children excited to study...
Honestly, I do not have words to express my thanks.”**



Mayra is shown here with SchoolBOX Director Ronald Anastacio Chavarria (left) and her son Melvin (right). They are holding gifts of rice, beans & sugar given to them by past SchoolBOX volunteers.