

SEEDS OF LEARNING 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



87
Scholarships Given to
Nicaraguan Students

"Although my family was committed to help me to study my technical degree on Business Management, it was really hard to cover all the expenses. There are many costs associated with the classes themselves, like traveling to other towns to meet other students, the production of research papers and other works that required more investment. My family support was not enough and I had to make some additional income, which distracted me and reduced my capacity to focus on my studies. The SOL Education Advancement Program was a relief financial wise, but also it was an opportunity to develop other skills, that I have found relevant for my future career. I was very shy and insecure and feared a lot to speak to a group. Working in the Learning Resource Center in my community has helped me a lot to discover my strengths, potential and my capacity to help myself while helping others. I enjoy working with children and young people. Besides, I have at hand resources that are vital for my studies, like Internet, computers, books and other materials. I feel really confident that will be able to achieve my goals with success!" - Yoseling Ozorno, EAP student and volunteer in Villa Japon LRC.

795
Total Students Enrolled in
LRC Classes

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping me to learn and develop in this life. I hope that you will continue to give your support to those people with few resources, yet who pursue their dreams. Thank you for putting your grain of sand and support for the educational development of each child who desires to get ahead in life." Lisseth de Jesus Torres Torres, EAP University student and Dario LRC volunteer.

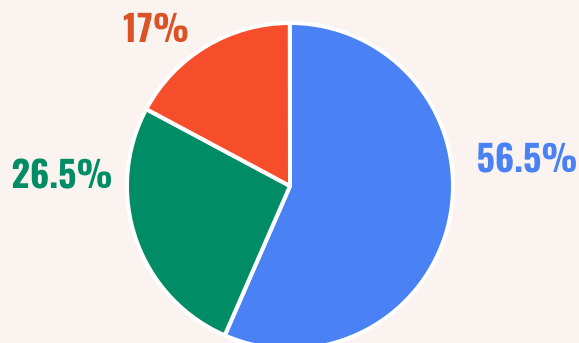
71
International Volunteers who
traveled to Puerto Rico & Nicaragua

233
Active Participants in the
Reading Campaign

16
Travel Scholarships Awarded to
Volunteers from the US

9
Construction/Repair Projects
Completed

75,348
Total User Visits to SOL
Learning Resource Centers

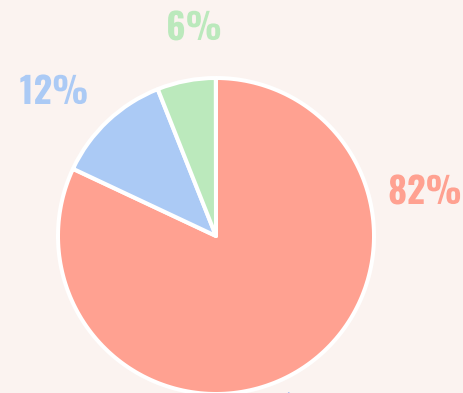


2019 Overall Income - \$475,878

- Individuals and organizations - \$268,680
- Fee income from work group volunteers - \$126,043
- Fundraising events and other - \$81,156

"Traveling to Puerto Rico with the 2019 Spring Service Group completely changed my perspective. Through interacting with locals and learning about the history of Puerto Rico and the culture of the people, I truly realized how impactful every aspect of a place is. I was given the opportunity to see how different lifestyles affect each other on a greater scale; learning how the decisions people make truly do create waves of all different kinds in the lives of others. I have learned how important it is to be conscious of the choices you make; no matter how big or small, because they will have an effect on the world around you." - 2019 Seeds of Learning Puerto Rico Work Group Volunteer, Elsa Winter.

"Working with Seeds of Learning and with the three work groups from the United States and Canada in rebuilding our school has been a wonderful experience full of lessons, satisfaction and love. The process itself was an educational experience through which our community members learned about their own potential and their capacity to give and share. Many also learned new building skills too. The final result has been also amazing: our school was falling down and now we have a beautiful, safe and comfortable space not only for the students, but also for the community. The change is of 180 degrees and now whoever is passing by the school cannot ignore how amazing our school looks. Kids now feel happy to come to school; attendance rates are the highest we have had in years and enrollment has almost doubled. We are thankful not only for a renovated and improved school building, but also for the good memories and great friends we made among the groups of volunteers that gave their love and effort to make this dream come true." Rita Benedit, San Santiago School Manager, Cayman Island, Nicaragua



2019 Overall Expenses \$488,348

- Program - \$401,799
- Fundraising - \$58,581
- Administration - \$27,968