

2018 Annual Report



Our Kids, Our Accomplishments & Our Financials

The Tin Roof Foundation, Inc.

Our Mission Statement

The Tin Roof Foundation is dedicated to “Bringing Hope to Kids” by providing:

- Educational opportunities
- Meal programs
- Healthcare
- Community development

...to facilitate community-wide learning and economic development assistance for families, thereby enabling children to escape the spiral of poverty.

Our Focus

The Tin Roof Foundation is committed to providing effective programming to cultivate self-sufficiency in children and young people. We give individuals and families hope for a better future, so they *can* connect to their dreams and become productive, contributing members of their communities.

Poverty is a complex problem that can only be solved if we all work together. With God's guidance, we can help children, adolescents, families and communities to create positive and lasting change.

Civil Unrest

In 2018, Nicaragua was one small step away from a civil war. Protests erupted against the government in April and the country was sieged by violence and destruction for several months. More than 300 deaths and thousands of injuries resulted from violent clashes between police and protestors. Public and private sectors were destroyed and Nicaragua's economy, which had been growing steadily, began to spiral into a tailspin.

The country had boasted eight consecutive years of economic growth. With the social and political crisis of 2018, the economic growth last year was -4%. More than 120,000 jobs were lost, tourism, which had been key to Nicaragua's recent growth, declined substantially as public safety conditions became uncertain. Additionally, there was a massive exodus of young people leaving Nicaragua, partly because of political persecution and partly because of the worsening economic conditions. It's estimated that as many as 60,000 Nicaraguans migrated as a result of the crisis.

Now, over a year after the conflict began, Nicaragua's economy is still in recession. Many small businesses have had to close or lay off employees. There is an even greater need for health, education, food security and job training. We are working diligently to respond to the most pressing needs.

Our Programming

Equips children, young people and families with the self-sufficiency, confidence and knowledge to unlock their dreams



Education

- We provide **scholarships** to students from primary through university and trade school. Without our support, these students would not be able to afford their tuition or fees to attend or progress through school.
 - In exchange for 8 hours of **monthly community service**, high school scholarship recipients receive shoes, school uniform, supplies and a monthly transportation stipend.
 - Our **university students** study a wide range of areas, including business, sustainable tourism, political science and social work.
- We fund the purchase of **school supplies, educational programs, teacher training and workshops for parents** throughout impoverished Nicaragua.
- We help to improve access to **quality education programs** for more than 3,000 children and adolescents.
 - Primary students participate in **enrichment activities** to help them develop skills and abilities to improve their academic success.
- We spearhead reading comprehension efforts, working with schools to develop small libraries, reading clubs and community reading activities.
 - We provided **7,711 Spanish language children's books** to help build classroom libraries.
- Our ongoing work in Nuevo Amanecer and surrounding neighborhoods contributes to the growth and development of children and adolescents in Matagalpa, through integral education and health activities.

Healthcare

- Working with *Familias Especiales*, we help provide **health services** to 150 underserved **children with special needs**. We support two **physical therapists**—one dedicated solely to the horse therapy program—who serve 55 children with various physical and mental disabilities. We also support the **yogurt program** at this facility, which substantially helps to alleviate malnutrition in severely malnourished children and in at-risk pregnant women.
- We fund **healthcare services** to extremely poor families in the remote village of Mulukuku, including **medicines** and **transportation** to and from the hospital in Matagalpa, an 8-hour bus ride. We also provide specialized medical services to those with severe healthcare problems.
- Working with *Rayo de Sol*, we helped implement **community clinics** in response to growing demand in both urban and rural communities of Matagalpa, along with helping to provide any needed **special follow-up care and medicines**.

Nutrition

- The education centers we help support provide a **hot lunch** for more than 15,000 students—often the only nutritious meal the child will receive that day.
- We sponsor **educational workshops** for parents, students and teachers to learn about health and proper nutrition.
- We provide funding for **nutritional training** on the cultivation of **school gardens**, which provides fresh produce for our school lunch program and inspires many families to plant their own **home gardens**.

Community Development

- We provide funding for the **SAT (*Sistema Aprendizaje Tutorial*) program**, an alternative secondary education program that provides vocational training to rural youth. Without the SAT program, most of these young people would not have access to education and their job opportunities would be extremely limited.
- We help to provide skills training to individuals to start **micro businesses**, including the cultivation or production of honey, chia, coffee, pineapple and dragon fruit. We sent seven large boxes of donated fabric to support women's **sewing co-ops**, another type of successful micro business we support.
- We support **women's empowerment**, a pilot program developed to address the negative cultural impacts of *machismo* by giving women the technical, psychological and emotional tools necessary to lead a more fulfilling life.
- We support monthly **early education training workshops** for parents of primary and secondary children to teach them about violence prevention, communication and other critical parenting skills.

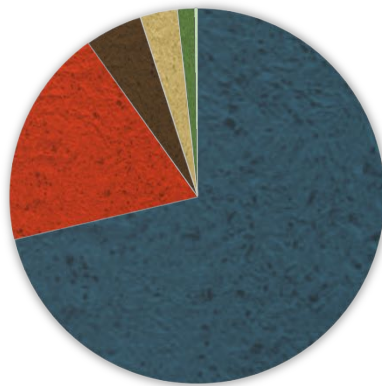
Construction

- We helped to fund Phase II of a **rain harvesting water project** in two communities, Las Lomas and Cerro de Piedra, where water sources are very limited. We worked with community members to design a **functional but low cost system for capturing, storing, and purifying rain water**.
 - This project was implemented for **an additional 31 families**. The systems have a capacity of **660 gallons**, which will be a great help for these families during the annual six-month dry season.
 - Prior to this project, individuals were adversely affected with chronic skin infections, urinary infections, diarrhea, and other ailments.

Our 2018 Financials

Total Revenue

\$225,025.03



- General Contributions
- Grants/Foundation Gifts
- Administrative
- Travel
- Profit from Sale of Stock
- Interest/Dividends

Total Expenses

\$258,912.36

Scholarships & Educational Supplies	\$112,368.15
Healthcare	54,000.00
Nutritional Meal Program	45,342.00
Community Development	27,400.00
Construction	9,500.00
Fundraising	420.01
Administrative	9,882.20

Total Expense Breakdown



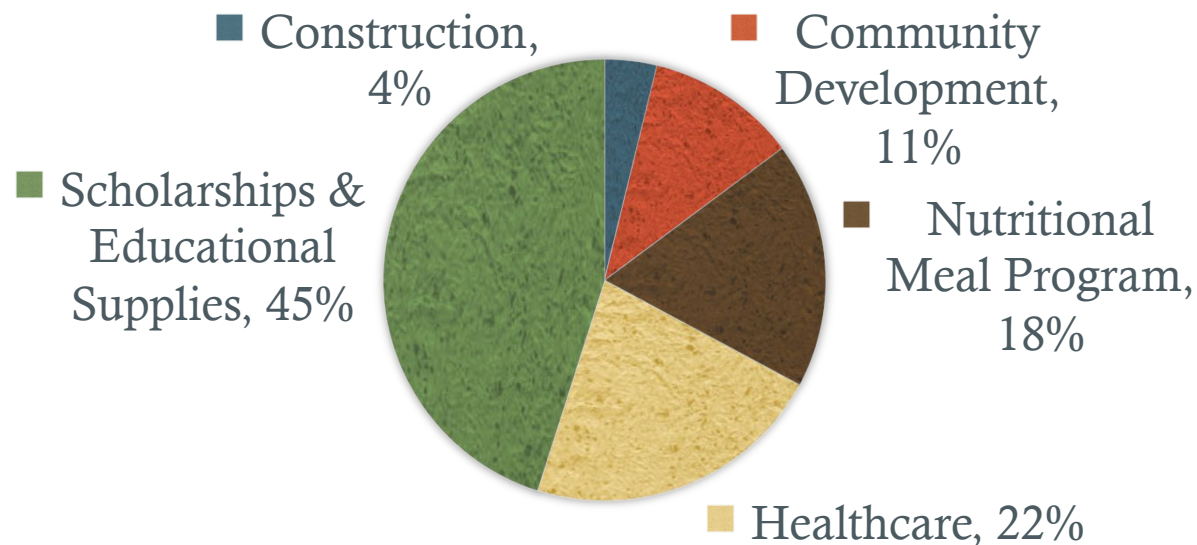
■ Programs*

■ Administrative

■ Fundraising

**See next slide for additional details*

Program Expense Breakdown



Together, we can make a difference.

For many in Nicaragua, 2018 was about resilience. In the midst of a dramatically changed socio-economic environment, parents, teachers, and students made exceptional sacrifice to continue making progress toward advancing education in the most underserved communities, even during the most difficult days.

To review 2018 is to honor the Nicaraguan people and their ability to keep moving forward amidst adversity. Having witnessed their incredible resilience, I have no doubt Nicaragua will bloom again like a spring flower and thrive.

Kevin Marinacci, Chief Executive Officer | La Familia Fabretto

*Together, we are making a difference.
Thanks for making it possible.*



*Thank you for your
support in 2018!*

All of our accomplishments would not have been possible without your support. You are the reason we were able to continue “bringing hope to kids” this past year.

