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## Annual Project Report/Budget

<b>Previous Fiscal Year</b>	2016/2017
<b>Name of Project</b>	The High School Project for Girls
<b>Project Manager</b>	Sandra Thomson
<b>Budgeted Cash Outflow</b>	\$96,000 MXN
<b>Actual Cash Outflow</b>	\$96,000 pesos stipends + \$2509.15 pesos admin.
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>Four high school girls were recipients of the \$2,000 peso monthly stipend from CANFRO for room and board expenses for 12 months during 2016/17. Our partner agency FONDO GUADALUPE MUSALEM celebrated 20 years of operations in December, 2016. I was able to attend their anniversary Fiesta with two potential new donors. Lynda Wilde was also there, representing CANFRO. The 22 scholarship students wrote and performed a classic Mexican folk tale about the creation of the world. Large puppets, hilarious costumes and many antics were followed by a feast and music. The agency's honorary patron, singer Lila Downs, was in attendance, along with many graduates and donors. Communication with the agency is very good. Thanks to a major Mexican donor, FGM was able to purchase a house in a good neighbourhood, close to major transit routes in Colonia Las Flores. The 22 high school girls come into the city of Oaxaca from their small villages once per month and stay in the house for a weekend. Tutoring, mentoring and special courses are offered over the two days, as well as peer support and counseling or therapy, if needed. Administration costs remain reasonable and the organization is well managed. Last year a new donor began contributions for two girls and two donors continued their pledges. A CANFRO supported student named Deysi successfully completed high school and has now enrolled in University for a business degree. The project is making a difference.</p>	

<b>Current Fiscal Year</b>	2017/2018
<b>Estimated Cash Outflow</b>	\$130,000 pesos (\$120,000 stipends/\$10,000 admin)
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>This coming year, the number of scholarship students supported by CANFRO will increase from 4 to 5 thanks to donors continuing their pledges and two new donors jointly sponsoring a new girl. 17 year old Esther has one more year and will graduate high school in 2018. Sydney and Maria are now starting grade 11 and will graduate in 2019. Ana and Karen are new to the project in 2017 and will graduate in 2020. Each girl must remain in High School and retain a high grade point average of 9 out of 10. They receive \$2,000 pesos per month to cover room and board expenses so their families will allow them to continue in school instead of making the girls get married or get a job. The Banamex account is now charging monthly chequing fees and a contribution towards administrative expenses for the agency has been included in this year's budget. The highlight, this summer, was the news that two girls selected by Fondo Guadalupe Musalem were able to travel to Mexico City to meet Malala Yousafzia for a forum on the importance of education for girls around the world. What a life changing experience that was for these young women.</p>	