



## President's Report to the Annual Meeting September 6, 2016

This is the end of our second full year of operations as a registered charity, and the end of my term as President. I offer this report outlining some key events of another successful year:

1. 5 of our 7 approved projects continue to operate very successfully:
  - The *Food Project* (CEI)
  - The *School Sponsorship Project* (CEI)
  - The *Book Project* (LpP)
  - The *Tutor Project* (IIAC/TOLC)
  - The *High School Project for Girls* (FONDO) The name of this project with our partner NGO FONDO has been changed from *The Women's Project*. The new name better reflects the ages of the young people it benefits.
2. A sixth project, *The Hearing Aid Project* (CORAL), is not yet implemented. Since we established the project, the focus of our partner NGO CORAL has shifted. We may wish to take advantage of their new emphasis and shift the focus of our project.
3. The *Advanced Education Project* (TOLC), remains on hold until we can find a way to both support the students, and comply with CRA reporting requirements.
4. We welcomed Sandra Thomson to the board as a director and Project Manager for *The High School Project for Girls* and *The Hearing Aid Project*.
5. We established a CANFRO Facebook page and welcomed a wonderful volunteer Jo-Anne Vandierendonck who had been managing the page for us. She reports that there have been 168 'likes' to date.
6. Our dedicated volunteer webmaster Kim ([www.keyboardandcoffee.ca](http://www.keyboardandcoffee.ca)) has made a number of changes to the website. She added a secure section, accessible by board members only where we can store and share confidential information. Kim also assisted in modifications to our donation form and upgrades to our *Donate* page.
7. We have introduced 2 new donation options: Interac e-transfer, CanadaHelps. Both have been quite popular with our donors.
8. We have added information about legacy giving to the *Donate* section of the website. More to come on that.

Thank you to board members, our partner NGO organizations in Oaxaca, volunteers and donors for helping CANFRO fund and implement projects that help Oaxacan people in need live better lives. Thank you as well to those who have supported me<sup>3</sup> in many ways throughout my time as President.