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2019-20 Annual Project Report & Budget Request for 2020-21

Previous Fiscal Year	2019-20
Name of Project	SPEECH AND SIGNING THERAPY PROJECT
Project Manager	Sandra Thomson
Approved Budget	96,000 pesos (approx. \$5,760 Can.)
Actual Expenditures	19,000 pesos (approx. \$1,140 Can.)
Comments	
<p>In this project, CANFRO engages the services of trained speech and sign language therapists to offer programs for hearing-impaired children and their parents at the Oaxacan Centre for the Rehabilitation of Hearing and Speech (CORAL) in the city of Oaxaca.</p> <p>This was the third fiscal year that CANFRO supported this project. In the first year, 2017-18, we spent 80,000 pesos (8,000 pesos per month x 10 months). Unfortunately, in 2018-19, there were no new donors and no unallocated gifts assigned to this project, so it was necessary for us to cut our support to only 30,000 pesos during the 2018-19 fiscal year. There were even fewer donations to this project in 2019-20 and payments totalled \$19,000 pesos.</p> <p>Our payments to the therapists this year were as follows: September 2019 \$6,000 pesos February 2020 \$13,000 pesos.</p> <p>The 19,000 pesos spent covered approximately 180 hours of work by the two therapists we fund. Until March 12 the services provided services to children and their parents were in person. Once the COVID-19 pandemic forced CORAL to close its facility, the services continued to be provided on-line by Facebook and email and by telephone and WhatsApp. Our partner agency CORAL continues to increase fundraising efforts in the US and is working to raise its profile with an increased presence on Facebook.</p>	



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Requested Budget	96,000 pesos (approx. \$5,760 Can.)
Comments	
<p>Ideally, the two therapists whose services we employ part-time in this project, Victoriana and Gisela, would each be receiving \$4,000 pesos per month x 12 months, for a total cost of \$96,000 pesos.</p> <p>If this project is to remain viable, we need to continue raising its profile with our current and prospective donors. In addition, if there are any unallocated gifts to CANFRO during this coming fiscal year, I respectfully request that a portion of them be allocated to this very effective project. The two therapists are highly qualified and there is no shortage of young children who need to develop their speech and signing capabilities. . In future years it would be wonderful to add an additional \$48,000 pesos (approx. \$2,880 Can.) per year to employ the part-time services of a psychologist/counsellor who can help the parents understand and support the emotional needs of their deaf/hard of hearing children.</p>	