



# SewHope

Health ■ Opportunity ■ Education



## 2019 Annual Report

*Dear Friends,*


In this season of social isolation, we invite you to pause and enjoy a moment of human connectedness.

It's mid-2020 as I write this, and most of us have been practicing varying forms of self-quarantine and social distancing for nearly half a year, on account of the novel coronavirus pandemic. The reality in Guatemala is even harsher: communities that struggle in normal times are buckling under the weight of job loss and pandemic restrictions. Public programs are shut down, available work is scarce, and families are starving. In the face of community needs, SewHope abruptly shifted gears to provide emergency food aid to the most vulnerable in our community.

But the Spirit prevails – both human and Holy. In the pages of our annual report you will find nostalgia, anticipation, and humanity. We look back, wistfully, at the successes of our pre-pandemic projects; we look forward, with hope, to restarting our programs and finishing our **NEW SCHOOL BUILDING** (see the centerfold!); and in the midst of it all, we hold on to each other.

The secret to SewHope's success and resiliency is our staff. I'm sure that all organizations say this, but for SewHope it's true: **we have the best staff in the world.** So we've given a bit of extra space to the members of our team, so that they can tell you a little about why they do what they do. I hope you'll take a moment to read their words, look at their faces, and pray for them: even as the world falters and poverty threatens to overwhelm their community, these are the men and women who stand and fight. It is through them, and people like them, that the Love of God will conquer all things.

*Warmly & truly yours,*

  
Rachel Easley  
Director (U.S.)

*"Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony... And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Colossians 3:14, 17

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# Staff Leadership



*Mayra Martinez*

*Director (Guatemala), Nurse & Cytotech*

"I like everything I do. I feel satisfied, happy and blessed to work and be part of SewHope and fulfill our mission that God has entrusted us to care for, serve, and teach. For me it is satisfying to see satisfied and grateful faces because of our work."

*Rachel Easley*

*Director (U.S.)*

"The best part of my job is working with the staff team in Guatemala. To see the passion and determination each staff member brings to work each day – that's the highlight of working for SewHope."



# Women's Health



## Silvia Castellanos

*Nurse & Teaching Assistant*

"As a child I always wanted to be in a place where I could help out and share my abilities. Today I am honored to say that SewHope has given me the opportunity to continue my path. Being a nurse here is the best thing ever, especially when I get the pap results of hundreds of women. No one else can feel what I am feeling when I am about to give an abnormal result... That is when I know that I am stronger than ever."



## 2019: BY THE NUMBERS

- **1,390** women were screened for cervical cancer
- Over **88** women were treated for pre-cancerous lesions
- **3** medical mission trips brought U.S. doctors and medical students to northern Guatemala
- **5** training events were held with local nurses to improve pap smear techniques
- **2** cytotechs from the U.S. visited to train local cytotechs in preparing and reading pap smear slides



# Education



## Seiner Lopez

Education Director

"A long time ago I discovered that I was completely in love with my work. Today I can say that it is one of the best things that has happened to me in life; my profession is a very important part of everyday life and I like it more every day. Working for my students fills me with satisfaction; creating and looking for ways of learning for them is the best. As the person in charge of Education, I like to give the students the best of myself, in knowledge, in spirituality, and in leaving with them an indelible mark that will last for all their lives."





## Singly Can

Teacher

"I identify with the famous phrase by Pythagoras: 'Teach children, and it will not be necessary to punish men.'

In my little quote I describe the word \*EDUCAR\* [to educate]:

- \*E\*xcitement to see smiles on my kids,
- \*D\*edicating time to homework and listening to their anecdotes,
- \*U\*niting values so that my children are an example of good actions,
- \*C\*ommitted to my work, because I love to teach,
- \*A\*mor [love] unconditionally in every way,
- \*R\*espect each process of teaching in order to achieve the best academic outcomes."

## 2019:

### BY THE NUMBERS

- **111** children attended our supplementary education program
- **1** new fiber optic internet line was installed
- **12** local partner schools received supplemental school meals through our partnership with Kids Against Hunger
- **>40** area children were seen by American pediatrician Dr. Jacob Snow in November



# We're building

2 SECTION: CLASSROOM  
1:100

SECTION: OFFICE & RESTROOM  
1:100



Our current classrooms are past capacity... and were never designed to be classrooms!

In March 2019, a generous donor gave seed money to start building our school.

In September 2019, architect Jonathan (left) and contractor Camilo (right) met on-site to plan the building project.



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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



# a school!



Construction began in Summer 2020 – not even a global pandemic can stop us! SewHope is committed to our local Guatemalan community, and in the midst of job losses and financial insecurity caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic, our school construction project is providing local jobs and affirming our dedication to providing quality education in the region.

This project is a massive undertaking, and we are inexpressibly grateful to the donors, volunteers, staff, and contractors who are making our vision come true.

## Would you consider joining us?

See the insert for more information about supporting our school project.

# Agriculture & Public Health



*Elder Ojon*

*Agriculture Director*

“What I like most in my work with SewHope is the planting of gardens of all kinds of fruits and vegetables, because at the end of the harvest they are donated to the most vulnerable families in the Municipality of Santa Ana. That is what fills me with happiness and motivates me to continue working hard.”

## 2019: BY THE NUMBERS

- **>21** varieties of fruits and vegetables were grown on **1.5** acres of land
- **25** children and **7** women raised **400** chickens to sell and eat
- **8** safer, cleaner-burning stoves were installed in area homes
- **1** new community received a commercial-grade water filter; maintenance continued on previously-installed water filters in **5** nearby communities
- **2** new fish ponds provided a home for **several hundred** tilapia (which were eventually harvested and eaten)



## Marcelo Graves

Agriculture Assistant

For me the favorite part of my job that I do at SewHope is planting vegetables. I like it very much. I thank you very much for the opportunity you have given me to be able to work for SewHope.



# 2019 Financial Report

Net Assets, Beginning of 2019:	\$329,361
Net Assets, End of 2019:	\$396,627

## 2019 Revenue

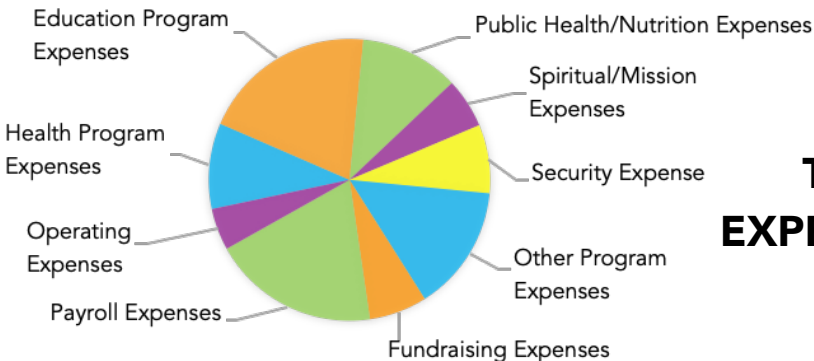
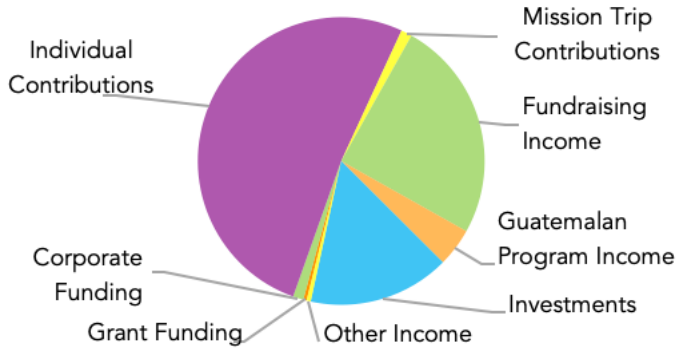
Grant Funding	\$1,000
Corporate Funding	\$3,127
Individual Contributions	\$135,992
Trip Contributions	\$3,280
Fundraising Income	\$65,970
Guatemalan Program Income	\$11,455
Investments	\$42,194
Other Income	\$1,248
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$264,266</b>

## 2019 Expenses

Health Program Expenses	\$19,386
Education Program Expenses	\$39,509
Public Health & Nutrition Program Expenses	\$22,399
Spiritual & Mission Expenses	\$11,244
Security Expenses	\$15,516
Other Program Expenses	\$28,510
Fundraising Expenses	\$13,095
Payroll Expenses	\$37,797
Operating Expenses	\$9,454
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$196,910</b>

Net Income: \$67,356

## 2019 TOTAL REVENUE



## 2019 TOTAL EXPENSES

# Thank you, donors!

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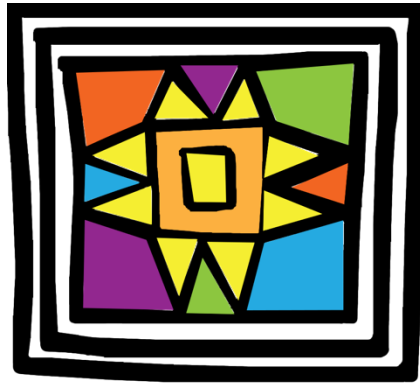
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