



ACCESO INTERNATIONAL

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

THE CIRCLE AND CYCLE OF SOLIDARITY

ACCESO International thrives as a meaningful solidarity through relations of parity, collegiality and unity among its students, partners, volunteers, members, founders, directors, and donors. This circle of solidarity contributes to an inclusive, attainable and essential vision where all participants, both givers and receivers, believe collectively and share equally in the common pursuit of life, peace, dignity, justice, freedom and equality. Our circle includes students and partners who persevere resourcefully and optimistically against incredible odds. Inspired by this dedication and resilience, our volunteers, members, directors and founders accompany our students and project partners on their life-changing educational journeys. As an integral part of the circle, our donors also thoughtfully affirm and generously sustain our mutually supportive relations.

Over the years, our circle of solidarity has evolved into a life-giving cycle with multiplying effects. Many of our graduates have become community leaders who inspire and motivate future generations to work towards greater social change. Through our emphasis on open dialogue, many of our project partners in various countries have begun to support each other by sharing about their common struggles, programs and lessons learned. Similarly, our volunteers and human rights workshop participants have exchanged letters of encouragement in celebration of our common quests for progress; these dialogues are extraordinarily empowering and affirming.

Our circle of solidarity is transforming lives. The corresponding cycle reflects the process through which other necessary webs of solidarity are spun. As a result, our example of solidarity through education is generating sustained and shared action among our volunteers, partners, students and donors. We will continue to gently, harmoniously and persistently work together to transform the world that we are all entitled to share.

The following quotations from students, volunteers and donors convey the significance of our circle of solidarity:

Women from the human rights workshop in Honduras: "THANK YOU for helping us to grow, for believing in us and for coming into our lives like the sun at dawn. Thank you for this gesture of support. We assure you that we will do the same for other women."

University Student in the Dominican Republic: "I appreciate the noble gesture that you have shown me. I thank you because the existence of people like you allows people like me to excel and become a role model for my society and the people who surround me. You have been a big part of my motivation for the future that awaits me. Thank you!"

"My Volunteer experience has shown me that I can be one of many hands working together all over the world to achieve the same goals - peace, friendship, understanding, equality."

"I am the one who benefits because being involved with ACCESO International brings me a sense of fulfillment. The fact that there are a lot of children who can accomplish a better education and a brighter future motivates me and fills me with energy to keep doing my best for a better tomorrow for the people who are not forgotten, at least not by us."

"Thanks to Christine and her ever-growing team of volunteers, one person's drive for dignity and equality is creating miracles, not only in Latin America and the Caribbean, but within the hearts of those who work toward that same goal."

"Donating to ACCESO International allows our family to support education that brings dignity and justice to children and families in need. Knowing that all of our donations go directly to the students brings us closer to the people we want to help."



ACCESO INTERNATIONAL IS ...

An incorporated, not-for-profit, non-political, non-denominational and non-governmental Canadian charitable organization that is completely volunteer - operated. It promotes greater access to all levels of education in Latin America and the Caribbean. ACCESO International was founded in 1996 by Dr. Christine Gervais who sought to address the disparity between her own educational opportunities and those of students in developing countries. She is now joined by over thirty volunteers who share her vision of educational equality. Together, they work with locally-based organizations to provide support for marginalized children, youth and women so that they may study in their own country, culture and language. By giving learning materials and bursaries, ACCESO International provides the means through which people can gain greater control over their lives and maintain hope for a brighter future for themselves, their families, their local communities and our shared world.

ACCESO International was conceived not only as a charity but also as a meaningful solidarity. It functions in a non-hierarchical way by focusing on equality, consensus building and collegiality among its volunteers, counterparts and beneficiaries. ACCESO International's founding principles of solidarity, equality, human rights, peace and social justice enable our students, partners and supporters to collaborate in very appropriate, relevant, meaningful and successful ways.

2007 VOLUNTEER COLLECTIVE

Natalia Amiel, Pablo Ayala, Paulette Beauchamp,
Juliana Bravo, Devora Cascante, Olga Chavez,
Susan Dolan, Jocelyne Dubois, Millie Duval, Rosa Frias,
Pamela Groh, Alana Henry, Odette Langlais,
Lynne Leblanc, Flor Lopez, Brandy McDevitt, Rob Myers,
Kim Paradis, Denisia Pereira, Lisa Perry, Kathleen Pratt,
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ACCESO INTERNATIONAL'S AMIGOS CLUB

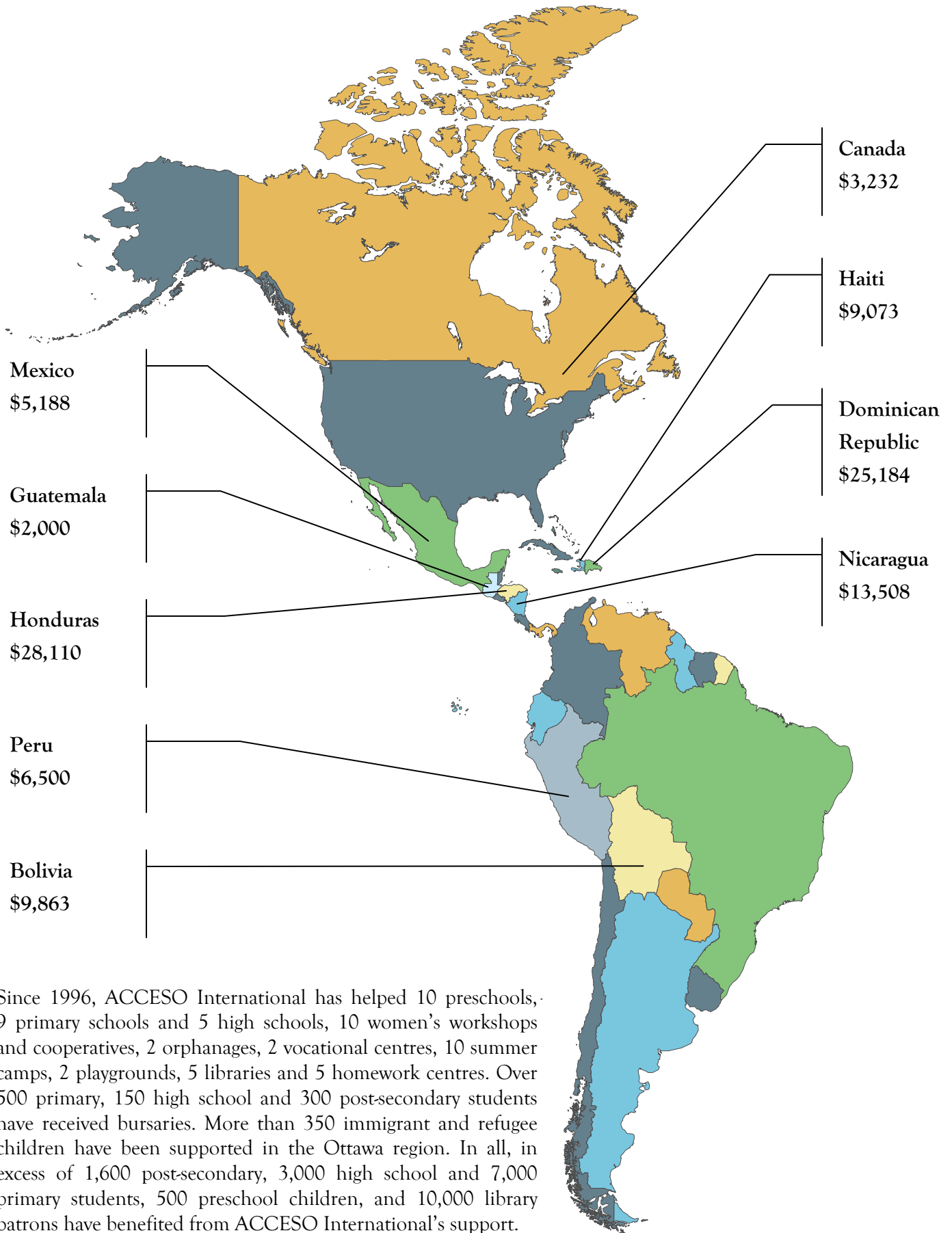
ACCESO International's AMIGOS Club educates Canadian children, aged 4-12, about the cultures and conditions of children throughout the world, and especially in Latin America and the Caribbean. All children are welcome to join the AMIGOS Club to enjoy an atmosphere of international friendship, education and fun; events are held in community centres in Ottawa. Activities include crafts, music, art, dancing, Spanish lessons, games, story-telling, snacks, colouring, circles of friendship and the preparation and sampling of ethnic food & drinks. Additional educational benefits include lessons in geography, language and cultural history. AMIGOS Club members learn to become informed contributors to their global community.



On Sunday November 18, 2007, over 25 children gathered at The Amigos Club to learn more about the rights of all children in recognition of Universal Children's Day. The children explored the theme "Tengo Derecho" - meaning "I have the right" - through games, stories and songs, in both English and Spanish. They had great fun creating the sound of rain with indigenous percussion instruments to symbolize the right to clean water. The children enjoyed putting together their snack of alfajores, a popular South American treat, and were refreshed by mango punch. The children donated and decorated pencils with dried maple leaves to be given to children in need of school supplies. They also made two banners that will be displayed at future ACCESO International events.

The next Amigos Club Gathering is scheduled for Fall 2008.

ACCESO INTERNATIONAL'S 2007 CONTRIBUTIONS



Since 1996, ACCESO International has helped 10 preschools, 9 primary schools and 5 high schools, 10 women's workshops and cooperatives, 2 orphanages, 2 vocational centres, 10 summer camps, 2 playgrounds, 5 libraries and 5 homework centres. Over 500 primary, 150 high school and 300 post-secondary students have received bursaries. More than 350 immigrant and refugee children have been supported in the Ottawa region. In all, in excess of 1,600 post-secondary, 3,000 high school and 7,000 primary students, 500 preschool children, and 10,000 library patrons have benefited from ACCESO International's support.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2007

In 2007, ACCESO International operated in nine countries supporting various projects from pre-school to post-secondary education.

In Bolivia, we supported the library, homework centre, day care and post-secondary bursaries at Centro Integral WARMI in Cochabamba. We also continued the workshops on human rights and gender equality for 120 women and youth. The workshops emphasized the construction of citizenship in the exercise of human rights. This project educated and empowered underprivileged and displaced indigenous women and youth through services within their own language and culture. *“Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my experiences with other women and to learn from them.” - Workshop Participant*



In Canada, we maintained our project in Ottawa: “Solidarity with Students: Making Education More Accessible for New Canadians;” it offsets the expenses of school supplies for students from low-income families that have recently immigrated to Canada. This year, Ottawa area residents donated supplies through drop-off locations in Stittsville, Kanata, and Navan. School supplies and gift certificates for running shoes were distributed to 135 students in the Ottawa area. Families were identified through the South-East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community and Carlington Health Centre. Gifts of supplies and shoes allow students to attend school with greater dignity and confidence, and to experience greater social inclusion at school.

In the Dominican Republic, we completed the renovation and replenishment of three primary schools in the Yamasa area, two of which were located in the underserved Haitian bateys of Guasumita and Antonci. The major work included protecting the schools through the installation of iron doors and bars on the windows; new paint, desks, chalkboards, chairs and supplies were also provided. We continued our annual provision of educational materials and bursaries for three primary schools near Yamasa: Escuela Guasumita, Escuela Basica Buenos Aires and Escuela Resoli. We have also initiated support for pre-natal education in the Yamasa area. In San José de Ocoa, we supported the library, classrooms, playground and bursary program at Centro Educativo Padre Arturo. We helped to add a new swing set to the playground and a computer training program to the school. We also supported two young women and two young men with their post-secondary studies.



In Guatemala, the Early Intervention Centre near the dump in Guatemala City was opened in early February. Over 75 preschool children are enjoying the new daycare operated by Camino Seguro. Our support included all of the furniture (tables, chairs, learning centres, play structures, cupboards) and resource materials (paper, pencils, craft supplies, toys) for six classrooms and a multi-purpose room. Under the exceptional coordination of Oneness Through Mission, an Early Intervention and “learning through play” approach is guiding the daycare’s curriculum. This centre will ensure that the young children, who usually harvest the dump alongside their parents, will have a safe, clean and stimulating educational alternative. We also helped two pre-school classrooms in the remote mountain Mayan villages of Sacala and Tioxya.

In Haiti, we supported two education projects located in Verrettes and in Gonaïves. In Verrettes, we provided educational supplies for a homework centre at “Timoun Tèt Ansanm.” This project offers literacy support to at-risk, impoverished and orphaned children. This year, we helped to purchase camp shirts for over 275 child and youth participants. We also supported a photography and writing project through which the youth produced a community booklet to share with the residents of Verrettes. The youth learned about photography, interviewing, public speaking, writing and editing. In Gonaïves, we helped with educational materials and a meal program at a primary school, École Emmaus Centre St. Joseph, where children, youth and adults are educated.



In Honduras, we provided educational materials and bursary assistance for an orphanage, two homework centres and a high school in El Progreso, a primary school in Buen Ejemplo, and a high school in La Lima. The annual human rights workshops and skills training for women in El Progreso focused on labour rights, social security, self-esteem and community outreach strategies. We also assisted a daycare that the women from the El Progreso workshops established to support their education and employment endeavours. In Monte Verde (Intibuca), we provided bursaries for 16 young women to pursue junior high school and we funded workshops on crocheting, cooking, sewing, flower arranging and human rights for dozens of females (youth and adult) from various villages in the San Francisco de Opalaca region.

In Mexico, we supported summer academic enrichment programs in San Luis Potosi (SLP), Leon (Guanajuato) and in the rural village of Codorniz. Over 500 children, youth and women participated in the 3-week programs. In an environment of participatory learning through play, the children enhanced their reading, writing, communication and critical thinking skills. This year’s themes focused on gender equality, peace-building, conflict resolution, friendship and respect with a view to encouraging positive family and community life. *“If we all unite, we can defeat inequality in the world because men and women are equal. If we all put in a little help, the world will be a better place.”* - Child Participant in Summer Enrichment Program



In Nicaragua, we sponsored Fundación Escuela Para Todos (School for All) in Managua where computer training is given to individuals who are unemployed, physically challenged, single mothers and who are trying to exit the sex trade, street gangs and substance abuse. In 2007, 42 students received full bursaries in order to obtain diplomas in Computer Programming, Computer Operator and Cash Register Computer Skills; an additional 348 students benefited from reduced tuition costs. *“I thank you for your valuable cooperation with the school and with our students. Please know that your unconditional support is recognized with great respect from the community that you support. For our part, we keep fighting for the rights of our women and youth, and are always pursuing the progress of our society. I know that this would not be possible without your help.”*- Project Coordinator

In Peru, we sponsored five young women from Chinchá Alta who are studying at universities in Lima and Ica in the areas of nursing, education, engineering, business and science. Some of the 2007 bursary recipients have received awards for academic achievement. In the aftermath of the earthquake that struck the coast of Peru in August 2007, we assisted with emergency relief and we initiated the reconstruction of a primary school in Chinchá Alta. *“I owe an important part of my studies to the help that you are giving me, of which I am greatly appreciative because without it, it would impossible for me to study in my field at a university.”* - Female University Student



ACCESO INTERNATIONAL MEETS GLOBAL GOALS FOR EDUCATION

ACCESO International's initiatives in the Americas are part of a global movement made up of governments, organizations, communities and citizens committed to achieving access to quality education for all children, youth and adults of the world. Since 2000, efforts to improve access to, and quality of education have intensified through the pursuit of the United Nations' **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** and UNESCO's **Education for All (EFA)** goals from the World Education Forum in Dakar. ACCESO International is proud to be part of these global efforts to improve the educational and life journeys of children, youth and adults throughout the world by helping to attain all eight MDGs and all six EFA goals.



The Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria & other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

The Dakar Goals (Education For All)

1. Expand early childhood care and education.
2. Free and compulsory education of good quality by 2015.
3. Promote the acquisition of life-skills by adolescents and youth.
4. Expand adult literacy by 50 per cent by 2015.
5. Eliminate gender disparities by 2005 and achieve gender equality in education by 2015.
6. Enhance educational quality.

ACCESO International's Contribution

1. Educational opportunities that enhance employability; support of breakfast and lunch programs in schools.
2. Individual Bursaries & School Supplies.
3. Priority of female children, youth and adults for bursaries; support of human rights workshops on gender equality.
4. Pre-natal education in the Dominican Republic; workshops on children's rights in Bolivia, Honduras and Mexico.
5. Pre-natal classes; promotion of health rights for women.
6. Health education in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic and Honduras.
7. Promotion of environmental sustainability in education projects, workshops and summer camps in Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico & Nicaragua.
8. Direct, solidarity-oriented, non-governmental collaboration, with locally-based groups that share a common vision of equality, dignity and freedom, fosters meaningful and effective partnerships.

ACCESO International's Contribution

1. Support of daycares and preschools in Bolivia, Guatemala and Honduras.
2. Bursaries, school supplies, school renovations, clean water access and recreational facilities.
3. Secondary and post-secondary education and life skills training for youth in Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru.
4. Support of adult education (especially women's) in Bolivia, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.
5. Priority of female children, youth and adults for bursaries and support of human rights workshops on gender equality.
6. Help with homework centres, school reconstruction, renovations, repairs, clean water access, didactical resources and teachers' salaries in Latin America and the Caribbean.



On April 28th, 2007, ACCESO International presented its 5th Annual Sounds & Tastes of the Americas dinner, show and auction at the Ukrainian Hall in Ottawa. We welcomed over 300 guests and raised in excess of \$30,000. It was an evening filled with exciting entertainment by the Nepean Panharmonic Steelpan Band, the Heru Drummers and the Cultural Arts Studio of Afro-Caribbean Dance. Guests were treated to an abundance of delectable cultural dishes. The silent and live auctions showcased over 150 donated items. ACCESO is very grateful to all the sponsors, donors, guests, entertainers and volunteers who helped to make our fundraiser such a resounding success!

ACCESO INTERNATIONAL'S SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of ACCESO International

We have audited the statement of financial position of ACCESO International as at December 31, 2007 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, ACCESO International derives revenue from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of ACCESO International and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation and fundraising revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, current assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the donation and fundraising revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ACCESO International as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Canada Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, except for the change in method of accounting for financial instruments as explained in note 1 to the financial statements, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada
February 7, 2008

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Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	2007	2006
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 204,565	\$ 122,296
Amounts receivable	193	3,462
Prepaid expenses	371	364
	205,129	126,122
Long-term investment	11,945	11,795
	\$ 217,074	\$ 137,917

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,310
Deferred revenue (note 3)	128,682	69,118
	131,382	72,428
Net assets:		
Endowment (note 4)	10,000	10,000
Unrestricted	75,692	55,489
	85,692	\$ 65,489
Future accounting standards (note 6)		
	\$ 217,074	\$ 137,917

Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	2007	2006
Revenue:		
Donations	\$ 100,844	\$ 76,621
Fundraising	36,450	37,508
Interest	2,683	867
	139,977	114,996
Expenses:		
Projects and scholarships	102,662	91,619
Fundraising	10,920	9,707
Administration	6,192	6,034
	119,774	\$ 107,360
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 20,203	\$ 7,636

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total 2007	Total 2006
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 55,489	\$ 10,000	\$ 65,489	\$ 52,853
Excess of revenue over expenses	20,203	-	20,203	7,636
Endowment contribution	-	-	-	5,000
Balance, end of year	\$ 75,692	\$ 10,000	\$ 85,692	\$ 65,489

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	2007	2006
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 20,203	\$ 7,636
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Amounts receivable	3,269	(2,700)
Prepaid expenses	(7)	965
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(610)	1,310
Deferred revenue	59,564	24,588
	82,419	31,799
Investments:		
Increase in investments	(150)	(5,987)
Endowment contribution	-	5,000
	(150)	(987)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	82,269	30,812
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	122,296	91,484
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	\$ 204,565	\$ 122,296

ACCESO considers cash and cash equivalents to be cash and cashable guaranteed investment certificates. **See accompanying notes to financial statements.**

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Notes to Financial Statements
Year ended December 31, 2007

ACCESO International is a non-governmental charitable organization that promotes and enables greater access to education in Latin America and the Caribbean by providing bursary assistance to individuals, as well as supplies and books to schools, libraries and education centres. It was founded in 1996, and was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act effective March 21, 2003.

1. Adoption of new accounting standards:

(a) Financial instruments:

Effective January 1, 2007, ACCESO International adopted the new standards for Financial Instruments in accordance with various sections of the CICA Handbook including Section 3855 "Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement". In accordance with the transitional provisions of this Section, ACCESO International has prospectively adopted the recommendations, and therefore the 2006 comparative figures have not been restated. The impact of the implementation of these standards on these financial statements is described below.

ACCESO International has designated its cash equivalents and investments as held for trading, and as such, cash equivalents and investments are recorded at fair value on the statement of financial position. In prior years, cash equivalents and investments were recorded at cost plus accrued interest which approximated market value. Investments represent restricted endowment capital and related unrealized gains and losses are deferred until realized and expended on qualified expenditures. As a result, there has been a \$246 decrease to the opening balance of deferred revenue.

(b) Accounting changes:

Effective January 1, 2007, ACCESO International adopted the revised CICA Handbook Section 1506 "Accounting Changes" relating to changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors. Adoption of these recommendations had no effect on the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2007, except for the disclosure of accounting changes that have been issued by the CICA but have not yet been adopted by ACCESO International because they are not effective until a future date.

2. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Investments:

Investments are designated as held for trading and are recorded at fair value. Fair value is determined at quoted market prices. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded at the settlement date. Transaction costs related to the acquisition of investments are expensed.

(b) Revenue recognition:

Donation and fundraising revenue is recognized when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted donations and endowment interest is deferred and recognized in the year in which the related expense occurs.

(c) Endowment:

Endowment contributions are recorded as a direct increase in net assets when received.

(d) Contributed goods and services:

ACCESO receives an indeterminable number of volunteer hours and donors contribute goods and services each year to assist ACCESO in carrying out its charitable activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, these goods and services are not recognized in these financial statements.

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the year in which they become known.

3. Deferred revenue:

Deferred revenue represents externally restricted amounts received but unspent at year end. Deferred revenue is comprised of the following amounts:

	2007	2006
Luke 4	\$ 113,817	\$ 63,665
Roncalli	6,798	-
St. Stephen	4,222	3,000
Mary's Pence	3,696	2,246
JoAnna Townsend Endowment Fund	395	207
Market value adjustment of investments (note 1(a))	(246)	-
	\$ 128,682	\$ 69,118

Deferred revenue is designated for specific purposes in the countries as follows:

	2007	2006
Peru	\$ 58,236	\$ -
Bolivia	17,384	11,086
Honduras	14,758	17,486
Haiti	11,077	15,150
Nicaragua	13,565	10,000
Dominican Republic	13,512	10,000
Guatemala	150	207
Mexico	-	5,189
	\$ 128,682	\$ 69,118

4. Endowment:

The JoAnna Townsend Endowment Fund was established during the year for the purpose of supporting projects in Guatemala. Investment income earned is restricted to the above purpose and is deferred until the related expense is incurred. The endowment principal is required to be maintained and is funded by long-term investments. At December 31, 2007, \$Nil (2006 - \$207) of endowment interest is included in deferred revenue and \$150 (2006 - \$Nil) of unrealized gain on investments is included in deferred revenue.

5. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities:

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, amounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair market values because of the relatively short period to maturity of the instruments. Investments are recorded at fair value.

6. Future accounting standards:

On December 1, 2006, the CICA issued two new accounting standards: Handbook Section 3862 "Financial Instruments - Disclosures"; Handbook Section 3863 "Financial Instruments - Presentation". These standards are effective for ACCESO reporting period beginning on January 1, 2008. The new Handbook Sections 3862 and 3863 replace Handbook Section 3861 "Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation", revising and enhancing its disclosure requirements, and carrying forward unchanged its presentation requirements. These new sections place increased emphasis on disclosures about the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments and how the entity manages those risks.

ACCESO is currently assessing the impact of these new accounting standards on its financial statements.

TREASURER'S

DISCUSSION

In 2007, ACCESO International's income before deferrals and endowments was over \$197,000.00. Fortunately, this amount exceeded the organization's target of \$150,000. As a reflection of ACCESO International's commitment to accountability and responsible charitable business, over \$10,000 was raised and allocated to cover expenses incurred during the 2007 fiscal year. This practice ensures that non-restricted received donations are allocated directly to our education projects.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUTHENTICITY

As a testament to our commitment to accountability, authenticity and simplicity, ACCESO International ensures that received donations are allocated directly to the education projects because operating costs (including administration, communications and travel) are covered by ACCESO International's founder, her supportive family, the generous volunteers, selected corporate sponsors, foundations and certain small-scale fund-raising activities. As an organization that is non-governmental and is completely volunteer-operated, ACCESO International is proud to maintain an authentic and modest foundation upon which to demonstrate its shared commitment to educational equality.

The design and colour printing of this report have been donated by volunteers.