

### THANK YOU!

A Message From CAUSE Canada's Guatemala Team

#### THIS YEAR WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU!

Warmest greetings from the CAUSE Guatemala team. For us, it is a great pleasure to extend our most sincere thanks for the opportunities you gave us this year.

With your support, we have managed to change lives — offering opportunities for education, health, and access to stable employment, which has brought a livelihood to our homes. Because of you, women, children, adolescents, and mothers have had the opportunity to learn about issues of health, education, violence prevention and economic empowerment.

This year, there were many problems that our country faced and the most vulnerable populations often have little opportunity to receive dignified care. Because of your gifts, year after year, lives are being improved in Comitancillo and Todos Santos.

As a team, we are committed to you in providing quality results and practicing our values such as serving others, generating trust, credibility, and being socially responsible with the fulfillment of our activities in the areas we serve and impart our knowledge.

We pray that God will bless you and your family, that He will prosper everything your hands touch because it is better to give than to receive.

Thank you for continually striving to give us your support.

Deidy Lorena Orozco

**CAUSE Guatemala Country Director** 



In **2022-23**  A total of **195,159 women, men, and children** in **540 communities** in Sierra
Leone, Guatemala, and Honduras
benefitted from CAUSE Canada programs.



7,361
girls participated in education programming



188,860

women and girls benefitted from rehabilitation services and medical information and support



12,199
out-of-school adolescent girls and women benefitted from small business support



mothers raised funds and advocated for improving access to quality education for children in their communities

## Message From The Chair & Executive Director

Dear Friend,

This year's Annual Report, titled "Advancing Girls, Ending Poverty," reflects CAUSE Canada's deep commitment to the most vulnerable and marginalized — a belief we know you share. Central to CAUSE Canada's core values is the unwavering focus on equality and untapped potential. We firmly believe that all individuals possess boundless talents and capabilities. For those living in poverty, opportunities to go to school and to be healthy help them realize their own potential to have hope for the future and the opportunity to leave extreme poverty.

CAUSE Canada is privileged to be able to collaborate with a whole diversity of communities and individuals. Our exceptional teams in Canada, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, and Honduras foster mutual learning, as we collectively develop sustainable solutions that facilitate access to education, health services, and the right to live as a child – protected and provided for by their families. These solutions though are coming from the people living the problems daily. As Canadians, we can play a pivotal role facilitating the realization of these solutions. It is truly inspiring to see it happening.

Throughout this year, we have also been inspired by the people – the children and adolescents, mothers, teachers, and so many others, whose lives have been changed because they leverage opportunities to change their lives. For girls and women especially, this is a huge risk that potentially has significant gains. While much progress has been made in bettering the lives of girls and women, the truth is that many are still considered property of their husbands and fathers. Their health and education are secondary to that of the male family members and as a result, women and girls suffer. At the same time, they are the primary caregivers, responsible for making sure their families are fed and children go to school. They give birth to healthy (or unhealthy) children who thrive or languish.

One of our summer youths included in our planning for 2023 the line, "she is clothed in strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future" which is of course Proverbs 31:25. At CAUSE Canada, this is our vision, imagine that all girls, who are so often excluded, and their value is too often unrealized, had the ability to laugh without fear of the future. In this report, we hope you will find many examples of how together we are helping solve poverty with this vision.

With gratitude,

Wendy Fehr
Executive Director

Ed Temple Board Chair



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### **Our Leadership**



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CAUSE Canada partners with hard-to-reach rural communities in Central America and West Africa to empower people living in extreme poverty to meet their basic health, education and livelihood needs.

We believe that all people, no matter where they live in the world, deserve dignity and justice.

### **Vision**

CAUSE Canada's vision is of a world where all people are equally valued and have the opportunity to live free from extreme poverty.

### **Mission + Purpose**

Through the values of faith, dignity, equity, and impact, CAUSE Canada partners with communities to help them break the cycles of extreme poverty.



**Our Values** 

### **Faith**

We are motivated and guided by our faith in Christ to love and care for the most vulnerable and marginalized people.



We believe in just and fair inclusion and that everyone should have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



We believe people are worthy to be valued and respected simply because they are humans.

### **Impact**

We strive to maximize the quality of our efforts with the goal of effective, long-term, measurable, holistic transformation.





# Advancing Girls Ending Poverty

When we advance girls and women, we are ending poverty for everyone.

In 2016, the international Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were created focused on the key principles of economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection. Because these international goals are the foundation for all international poverty elimination, CAUSE Canada is working to contribute to achieving these goals.

Gender equality, however, sits at the intersection of all the SDGs and has its own specific goal. This is because gender inequality heightens and fuels poverty — when we exclude half the population from realizing their full potential, poverty grows, and more people suffer.

Child marriage, for example, deprives women and girls of their childhood, and limits their ability to complete school. It harms their health as they are at increased risk of adolescent pregnancy and its high rates of complication, as well as increasing the risks of infant and child mortality for their children. Child marriage is a critical challenge, as girls who marry young are more likely to drop out of school and have fewer years of education. This practice also exposes girls to higher levels of violence and affects their ability to earn a living. Ending child marriage alone could bring significant benefits, including generating an estimated US\$500 billion annually by allowing girls to become contributing members of the community.

We all know education helps children to develop their full potential. UNESCO estimates, a staggering 129 million girls worldwide are out of school, with 32 million being of primary school age and 97 million of secondary school age. While global enrollment rates for girls and boys are getting closer to equal (90% male and 89% female), completion rates for girls remain lower, especially in low and lower-income countries.

When a girl stays in school, she increases her earning potential and, if a country could ensure all girls are finishing secondary school, by 2030 the gross domestic product of a developing country would rise by 10%. This would mean so many more people – girls, women, boys, men and families – would leave poverty.

While the inability to pay for school, is one of the major barriers preventing girls from accessing and completing their education, health, sanitation and distance to school can make it difficult for girls to attend as parents fear for the safety of their daughters. Among other barriers, cultural norms and practices often favour boys and see education as unnecessary for girls who are viewed as less valuable and likely to "only become a wife and a mother".

We know, being a mother is critical to raising the future, but as valuable as girls are to ending poverty, girls, young women, mothers, women have their own inherent value as people. Denying half the population a future is wrong. As a girl, she should be given the opportunity to exercise her strength, and dignity and laugh without fear of the future.



## Highlights & Challenges in 2022-23

### Highlights

### 01 Partnership... We Cannot Do It Alone

In Honduras, where violence against girls and women is prevalent, we began working with municipal leaders to develop a strategy for implementing a law to safeguard and protect children.

### 02 Dignity and Sustainable Development

In Sierra Leone, we trained a small team of women living with disabilities to work in their communities with girls living with disabilities and their families. Unexpectedly this resulted in 101 girls living with a disability to start attending school.

### **03** Finding Adolescent Mothers

In Guatemala, Indigenous adolescent mothers often give birth by themselves and never leave the house due to shame. CAUSE Guatemala went door-to-door to find these moms and is now hosting health circles to help them build solidarity with other young women and ensure the mothers and their babies are healthy.

### **04** Security

CAUSE Guatemala identified that there was no route to escape violence for women and girls. Working with the municipal government of Comitancillo, they developed a reporting pathway that is now implemented in 62 communities and shared among teachers, women's groups, staff from governmental and non-governmental organizations, and through radio programming.

### **05** Graduating From University When Few Finish Primary School

As of March 2023, 43 girls from rural impoverished communities in the Koinadugu District have graduated from university as a direct result of CAUSE Canada education programs.



### Challenges

#### 01 Political Violence

In 2022-23, Sierra Leone saw an increase in political violence. Young Sierra Leoneans, facing high rates of unemployment, surging inflation, and a total lack of response from government officials, are raising their voices in protest all around the country. Both the protests and the presidential elections disrupted the implementation of activities in the field. CAUSE Canada adapted its schedules to continue to progress towards the planned outcomes for the year.

### **02** Rising Malnutrition

The war in the Ukraine, inflation, and climate change are all impacting the increasing malnutrition especially in Guatemala and Sierra Leone. CAUSE Canada programs often have an economic development component that helps to improve people's ability to provide for their families. Nutrition education, improving agricultural practices, and food distribution are all ways that CAUSE Canada works to tackle this challenge.

### **03** Migration in Central America

A lack of economic opportunities, extortion, crime and violence, and corruption continue to drive the mass migration of vulnerable people from Guatemala and Honduras on the perilous journey to the United States border. CAUSE Canada programs address some of the root causes of migration, both through their economic development component and the prevention of violence.



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### Advancing Girls' Health

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Before the PODER project began, the youth in Quimistan, Honduras shared with us that there were no opportunities to communicate their needs to anyone and they felt that no one would listen to them.

After implementing trainings on leadership, health rights, gender equality, life skills, relationships, mitigating sexual and gender-based violence and risk, among other topics, the youth gained awareness of the absence of many basic services in their communities. Instead of complaining and doing nothing, the youth council in the community school of Correderos decided to act.

With the help from the CAUSE Canada team, the youth council presented at the mayor's office, sharing their concerns that their rights to education and basic health were not being met. They were greatly concerned that local hospitals did not have youth-friendly services — a safe and private space where they could receive psychological, and sexual and reproductive health services.

The Mayor of Quimistan and his representatives were moved by the youth council members presentation and acknowledged that something needed to be done.

Shortly after, the mayor decreed that an 'open cavildo' (a space for youth to communicate with municipal authorities) would become an annual event with the objective that youth would have a regular forum to directly communicate their concerns and needs to the mayor and his representatives.

While the youth council were pleased that they were going to have a space to meet with the municipal government, they were thrilled with their success in gaining the support of the mayor to work with the Ministry of Health to establish an adolescent-friendly space at the local hospitals.



### **3** GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

### THE PROBLEM



In 2020, every two minutes a woman in a low or lower income country died from a preventable problem related to pregnancy or childbirth. (WHO 2023)

### WHY DO WOMEN NOT SEEK CARE OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?

- Poor quality care, including discrimination, mistreatment and abuse, insufficient numbers of and inadequately trained health workers, shortages of essential medical supplies; and poor accountability of health systems.
- Social determinants, including income, access to education, race and ethnicity, put some sub-populations at greater risk.
- Harmful gender norms and/or inequalities that result in a low prioritization of the rights of women and girls, including their right to safe, quality and affordable sexual and reproductive health services.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE



Barriers to quality maternal health must be identified and addressed at a health system and societal level.

Care by a skilled health profession before, during and after childbirth can save the lives of women and newborns.

### WHAT CAUSE CANADA IS DOING



Provided 1,263 women and girls maternal and reproductive health services.

Educated **5,002** adolescents in sexual reproductive health and rights.



Trained 1,312 teachers on providing classes to adolescents on sexual reproductive health and rights.

In 2023, CAUSE Canada worked with more than **540** communities to provide training and services to improve health outcomes including:



Providing workshops to 10,575 community leaders and members on stopping and preventing sexual and gender-based violence in their communities.



Training all participants in all our projects about the value of girls and women and their right to refuse sex, to be protected from violence, and to access sexual and reproductive health services.

### **Advancing Girls' Education**

STORIES FROM THE FIELD







**Tenneh Mansaray Graduated** With a BSc in Public Health

"My journey with CAUSE Canada began in 2007 when I became part of the CAUSE Kids program. At this time, CAUSE Canada supported my school with a feeding program, which ultimately contributed to my successful completion of primary school.

When CAUSE Canada introduced the Peer Literacy Program, I was again fortunate to be among the initial group of students selected. This initiative was aimed at enhancing phonics skills among young students and we participated in a month-long training session, equipping us with invaluable skills. This substantial support not only accompanied me throughout my junior and senior secondary education but also played a crucial role in shaping my academic journey.

A moment of immense joy dawned upon me when I was chosen to return to the primary school I had attended, this time as a teacher for grade 1 and 2 phonics. This opportunity not only filled me with confidence but also ignited a strong sense of motivation within me. The young pupils regarded me as a role model, their eager eyes looking up to me with admiration. My remarkable achievements within the Peer Literacy Program had evidently positioned me as a source of inspiration. This substantial support not only accompanied me throughout my junior and senior secondary education but also played a crucial role in shaping my academic journey.

The exceptional progress I made within the Peer Literacy Program acted as a key that unlocked a new door. In the academic year 2013/2014, I was granted the privilege to join the bursary program. This momentous step forward was a testament to the impact of my dedication and hard work, and it marked the beginning of another chapter in my education journey.

Before joining the bursary program, I had dreams and aspirations of pursuing higher education and becoming a medical doctor or a clinician to make a positive impact to my community's health. However, due to financial constraints, my dream seemed out of reach. The bursary program stepped in to provide financial support for my education, covering my tuition fees, lunch, books, sanitary pads, computer classes and medical expenses. This support allowed me to focus on my studies without worrying about the financial burden.

With the assistance of the bursary program, I was able to graduate as a public health practitioner and I am now volunteering with the Koinadugu District Health Medical team. The program's financial support not only fulfilled my dream of pursuing higher education but also boosted my confidence and determination to succeed. As a result, I have been excelling in my studies, achieving top grades, and actively participating in various healthcare-related programs in my community."



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

### THE PROBLEM



Since 2000, the number of children out of school has dropped by almost half but the disparities between rural and urban areas are high and children from the poorest

households are up to four times more likely to be out-of-school. (UNDP 2023)



While so many more children are going to school, 1 in 4 girls are



And despite being in school 6 out of 10 children and adolescents are not achieving a minimum level of proficiency in reading and math.

#### WHY ARE SO MANY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL, AND WHY, IF THEY ARE IN SCHOOL, **ARE THEY NOT LEARNING?**

Poverty is the quick answer: families cannot afford to send their children, and/or children are malnourished affecting their ability to focus and learn. Many parents did not go to school so they may not value investing in their children's learning, but it is also more complex... for example:



90% of children living with a disability in a developing country are out-of-school due to stigma, discrimination, non-accessible school environments and fewer resources.



Gender inequality - violence, harassment, child and early marriage, and pregnancy as well as the perception that girls are less valuable than



Conflict and natural disasters which close schools and the lack of water which makes it necessary to haul water instead of going to

### WHAT CAN **BE DONE**



The good news is that so many more children are going to school than ever before! Now we need more trained

As the pandemic demonstrated, educational systems need to be more flexible and adapt to the student's need. Technology can provide high quality resources at the right learning level for many children but they need access.

### WHAT CAUSE CANADA IS DOING



1,180 pre-primary school children participated in play-based Early Childhood Development learning that supported them to learn the foundations of literacy and numeracy.



101 girls living with disabilities and their families were supported to develop a family plan that would help the girl to overcome her barriers to accessing and thriving at school.



3,629 primary school children participated in afterschool programming focused on reading and math skills using play-based learning and electronic learning to access high quality learning games and resources.



Over 11,740 children and adolescents (7,361 girls) participated in programming that would help them to go to and stay in school.



1,387 teachers were trained on issues



### **Advancing Girls'** Livelihoods

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Marta\* is 19 years old and lives in Tuijala, Comitancillo. She did not have the opportunity to complete primary school because her family was very poor. With no opportunities, she went to live with her boyfriend when she was 16 years old. Shortly after, she got pregnant and had a daughter. Marta says her life was really hard, her husband was an alcoholic and abused her constantly. Many times, they did not have any food.

One day her husband left, and although she was relieved, it was not easy as she was judged by the community and had no way of sustaining herself and her daughter. She went to live with her parents, but, she had to compensate her family by doing all the household chores, cooking and taking lunch to her father who was working in the field.

CAUSE Guatemala staff identified her through community outreach as a single adolescent mother and visited her to invite her to the entrepreneurship trainings. She was hesitant at first, however, after a couple of home visits, she decided to join the training if she was allowed to bring her daughter with her. She was a great participant and really enjoyed the entrepreneurship, business skills, and financial literacy workshops and then the vocational training on pastry.

She walked for 30 minutes every day with her daughter to attend the trainings. She always arrived on time and even though the access to water is limited in her community she always brought her cooking utensils freshly washed. Because of her visible commitment, she was chosen as group coordinator by the other participants.

Marta says she thought she would never have the opportunity to have any type of training and is grateful for the opportunity to receive a certificate. She says that there are no bakeries in her community, so it would be a good opportunity to start a new business. Marta remarks she is happy as she learned how to prepare nine different types of pastries. She feels empowered and is hopeful about getting the initial capital needed to start her new business.

\*Name has been changed



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

### THE PROBLEM



Gender inequality and poverty are intrinsically linked.

Excluding half the population from equal opportunities for health,

education, economic growth, and development means that half the population is being left behind in the opportunity to end poverty.

Women and girls though have an outsized impact on ending poverty.

#### WHY IS GENDER INEQUALITY SO HARMFUL TO ENDING POVERTY?



Violence against girls and women mean that girls are kept home from school. Harmful practices such as child marriage mean that girls must drop out of school and become young mothers - increasing the likelihood of maternal and infant mortality.



When women are not allowed to work, they are dependent on their male partners to provide for the household, but a scarcity of resources means that men may choose to spend their money in ways that do not benefit the family or there are not sufficient resources for the family.

### **WHAT CAN BE DONE**



Girls need to go to school. Not just primary school.

Grade 6 – 11 or 12 years old is too young to drop out of school and get married, have a child, go to work, and/or take on the responsibilities of a household.

Practices that do not allow a girl to have access to her full rights need to end: child marriage, violence, lack of determination of her sexual and reproductive decisions, excluded from legal rights to own property, among many others.

### WHAT CAUSE CANADA IS DOING



2,791 girls and women







12,199 women and girls participated in CAUSE Canada supported economic



## Sustainability of Impact

When we see the news or hear of the plight of people deeply affected by poverty, insecurity, and/or natural disasters, it is easy to become discouraged. But change is happening, and people's lives are generally getting better. The work is not done yet but with your help, CAUSE Canada is helping impoverished communities make long-term sustainable change that makes everyone's lives better. Here are a few ways collectively sustainable change is happening:



#### **Mothers' Clubs**

By working with Mothers' Clubs - women's groups - in Sierra Leone, change continues long after CAUSE Canada's project ends. For example, a small grant to a Mothers' Club coupled with some training, helps members to start their own small businesses and contribute to a savings group that helps send vulnerable girls from their community to school.



### **Local Governments & Municipal Employees**

CAUSE Canada needs to work with local governments and municipal employees – often they do not have the skills or resources to do their jobs sufficiently. For sustainable impact, it is critical to train local government and municipal employees and help communities to build accountability structures between themselves and government services.

For example, in Guatemala, CAUSE Canada has helped communities to establish government health service provision in their community by identifying and helping them break down barriers which impede government health care workers from accessing the community.

In 2022 CAUSE Canada in Honduras, worked with municipal governments to help them implement a policy that protects children's right to education and safety. By helping the government to implement this policy, so many more government agencies, and non-government services are now actively working together to protect children's right to education and safety.





### **Child Marriage**

When CAUSE Canada in Sierra Leone set out to stop child marriage, we relied on our local team to identify the most influential community members as well as the key messages for stopping child marriage. By educating chiefs, imams, mammy queens and teachers in the community about the risks of child marriage to girls, families and the community, these key leaders understood the need to stop this practice and how to use their influence to ensure child marriage permanently ends in their communities.



### **Training**

Training teachers, midwives, health workers, community leaders, women living with a disability, or female entrepreneurs contributes to changes in peoples' capacity, behaviours and practices, ultimately helping them improve their well-being and condition of poverty. While change takes time, building people's abilities to leave poverty means that we can see incremental sustainable progress all the time.

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### **FINANCIALS**

#### **COMMENTARY ON FINANCIAL RESULTS**

#### **REVENUE**

CAUSE Canada has an ongoing contribution agreement with the Government of Canada, Global Affairs Canada until 2024.

In 2022-23, CAUSE Canada renewed a five-year agreement with the foundation, Bread For the World, for programming to work with people living with disabilities in Sierra Leone.

Additionally, CAUSE Canada signed a new agreement with UNICEF Sierra Leone to work with rural communities on Early Childhood Development programming.

Microfinance revenue increased this past year as the small entrepreneurs' businesses in the Guatemala and Honduras began to recover from the effects of the pandemic and two major hurricanes.

Overall, revenue has remained consistent except in area of designated donations which decreased.

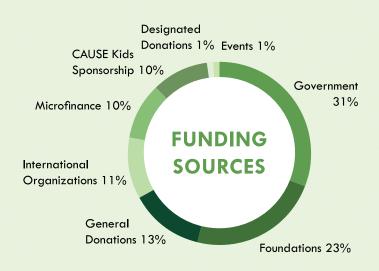
#### **EXPENSES**

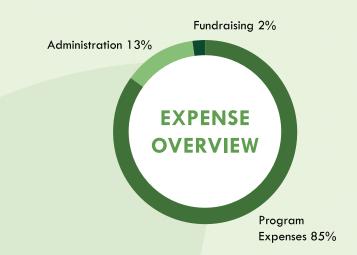
Decreases in expenses are attributed to lower programming costs in Sierra Leone.

Administration expenses increased in direct relation to microfinance expenses decreasing as staff time normally allocated to microfinance was instead allocated to administration.

CAUSE Canada does not employ a full-time fundraiser rather relies on volunteers, students and expertise outside of the organization to help build its fundraising capacity. In 2022-23, this resulted in a significant decrease in fundraising costs.

Overall, revenues exceeded expenses in 2022-23.











### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

REVENUE	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
Government of Canada	499,198	445,038
Foundation Revenue	376,149	447,973
General Donations	215,364	206,178
International Organizations	185,486	160,221
Microcredit Financial Revenue	159,769	132,987
CAUSE Kids Sponsorship	158,550	175,065
Designated Donations	18,091	67,038
Events	16,286	20,139
Interest and Miscellaneous	(81)	26,395
Total Revenue	1,628,812	1,681,034
EXPENSES	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
CAUSE Canada Programs		
(Sierra Leone)	528,978	651,920
PODER Program	452,771	416,054
Administration	208,900	153,384
International		
Organizations Programs	220,506	161,721
Microcredit Programs	196,543	224,533
Fundraising	32,568	76,141
Amortization	3,468	31,726
Total Expenses	1,643,734	1,715,479
FUND BALANCES	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
Excess (Deficiency) of		
Revenues Over Expenses	(14,922)	(34,445)
Other Expenses (Income)		
Gain On Microcredit		
Loan Obligation	(1,075)	(43,484)
Gain on Foreign Exchange	(45,925)	(75,055)
Total Other Expenses	(47,000)	(118,539)
Excess of Revenue		
Over Expenses	32,078	84,094

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	<b>2023 TOTAL</b>	2022 TOTAL
Cash	83,093	78,209
Accounts Receivable	52,127	17,825
Donated Assets	20,162	22,402
Goods & Services Tax Recoverable	3,941	2,249
Prepaid Expenses	10,305	1 <i>7,</i> 512
Total Current Assets	169,628	138,197
Tangible Capital Assets	73,733	75,170
Total Assets	243,361	213,367
LIABILITIES	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
Accounts Payable &		
Accrued Liabilities	60,375	33,567
Payroll Liabilities	9,078	10,850
Deferred Revenue	4,576	31,695
Total Current Liabilities	74,029	76,112
Canada Emergency		
Business Account	40,000	40,000
Total Liabilities	114,029	116,112
NET ASSETS	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
Unrestricted Net Assets	55,598	22,084
Invested in Tangible		
Capital Assets	73,734	75,171
Total Net Assets	129,332	97,255
Total Fund Balance	243,361	213,367



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## The Community Behind CAUSE Canada

CAUSE Canada is made up of all the different people who work, volunteer, and give to the organization. It is a wonderful community that comes together to help the most vulnerable people realize their strength and dignity so that they can have a future with hope.



"I support CAUSE Canada because partnering with a local organization seeking to have a global impact is important to me. Looking beyond our borders, acknowledging how blessed we are, and seeking to have a meaningful impact on communities around the world where just a little can make such a big difference."

— Tyler Cleveland, CAUSE Canada Board Member



"I was drawn to CAUSE Canada for its faith based community driven work and I have been involved in various ways for almost two decades. From the empowerment of women learning to read, to communities working together to end child marriages, to witnessing students graduate from university it has been a blessing to see the impact of CAUSE's projects."

- Barb McIntosh, CAUSE Canada Staff



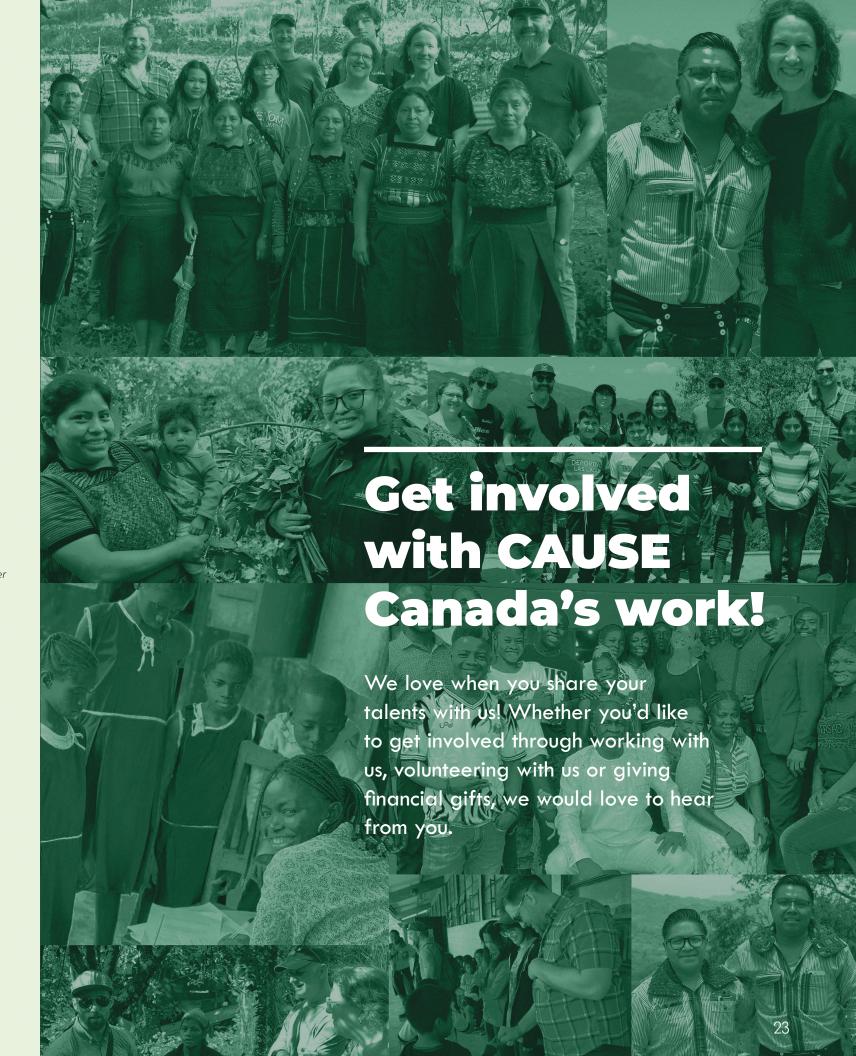
"My most meaningful experience with CAUSE Canada was packing the care packages at the CAUSE office with my preschooler in attendance. That my preschooler was as welcome as any volunteer was a first-hand experience of how the staff at CAUSE value all women, whether they are children or adults."

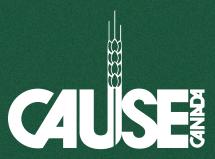
- Andrea Lai, CAUSE Canada Volunteer



"When people are provided with opportunities to tell their stories and, in turn, are given support to learn and grow, remarkable change is possible. I am passionate about this reality for people everywhere. I value the creative ways that CAUSE Canada designs and implements projects. I have a great deal of faith in the quality work they do."

- Tracey Ast, CAUSE Canada Donor





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