

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

*EDUCATION  
HOPE  
TRANSFORMATION*



The Olancho Aid Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization creating a sustainable future for Honduran families through faith-based education and service. From clean water projects that improve community health to schools that serve children including those with special needs, our team of international volunteers and Hondurans are dedicated to providing hope as we work to transform the future and life of the Olancho community.



The mission of the Olancho Aid Foundation is to plant and nurture the seeds of FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE by delivering Catholic-based education and purified water solutions to God's beloved people in Olancho, Honduras.

# PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors it is our pleasure to provide to you the 2018 Annual Report of the Olancho Aid Foundation. In these challenging economic times in Honduras, your support allows the Olancho Aid Foundation to work with the Diocese of Juticalpa and our U.S. parish communities to build a more hopeful future in Olancho.

We recognize that the organization has entered the next phase of its existence as we have moved beyond the early struggles to fund and build our schools, the expansion of our mission into clean water projects and the transition of leadership to a U.S. based Board of Directors. In 2018, this led us to undertake reviews of all of our projects, facilities and expenditures as we focus on adopting a sustainable, financially stable model for the future. This action was critical as we recognized the challenges of working in a community where the climate has become more unpredictable, prices for basic goods and services such as food, electricity and gasoline are increasing, and requirements by the Honduran government for educational institutions are impacting our costs and position in the community.

In the next year, we will focus on completing the accreditation of our bilingual schools, a renewed commitment to Nazareth School, improving the efficiency of our water projects and implementing a facilities management plan. We look forward to sharing our plans and progress with you as we continue our mission in Honduras.

Paz y Bien,

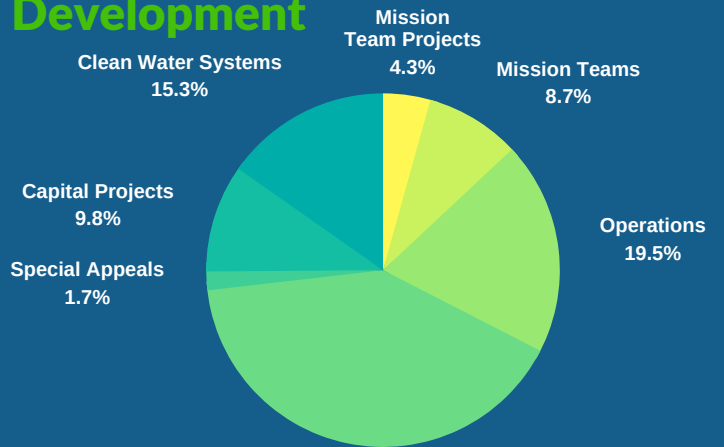
**Susan Nedza, M.D.**  
President  
Olancho Aid Foundation

**Carlos Najera**  
Executive Director  
Olancho Aid Foundation

# 2018 Highlights

- Completed internal audit in preparation for full financial audit
- Completed the first step in the accreditation process for international schools by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Completed an inventory of assets and properties as a first step in developing a facilities management plan and to prioritize capital spending
- Initiated comprehensive review of all water purification projects to insure sustainability
- Launched the experienced adult volunteer program that provides opportunities for adults with specialized skills such as construction, facilities management, finance and education to share their expertise with the Foundation while living in a Catholic community in Juticalpa
- Raised funds to begin the installation of a state-of-the-art collaborative learning space to provide U.S. educational content, tutoring and unique programs that teachers can utilize to augment the curricula
- Began review of vocational programs and needed repairs at Nazareth

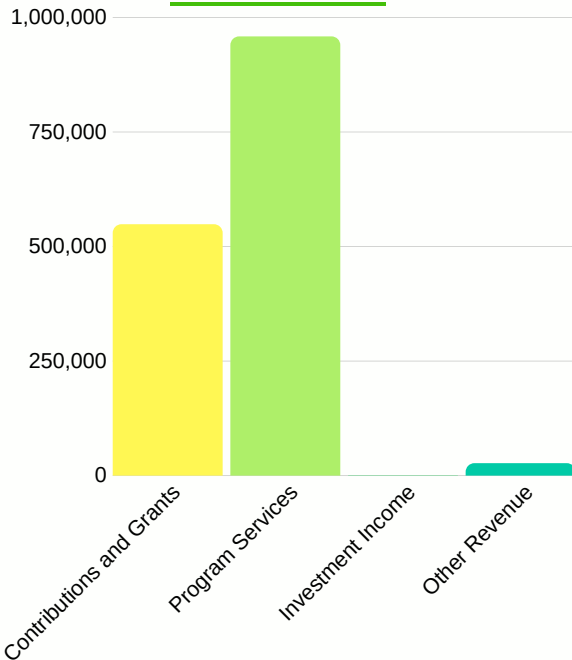
# 2018 Development



- #GivingTechnology: \$14,075
- Grants: \$17,000
- Scholarship Drive: \$5,375
- Scholarship program: provided support to more than 150 students.
- Olancho Aid Foundation and its donors directly contributed over \$550,000 in support of its mission in Honduras.

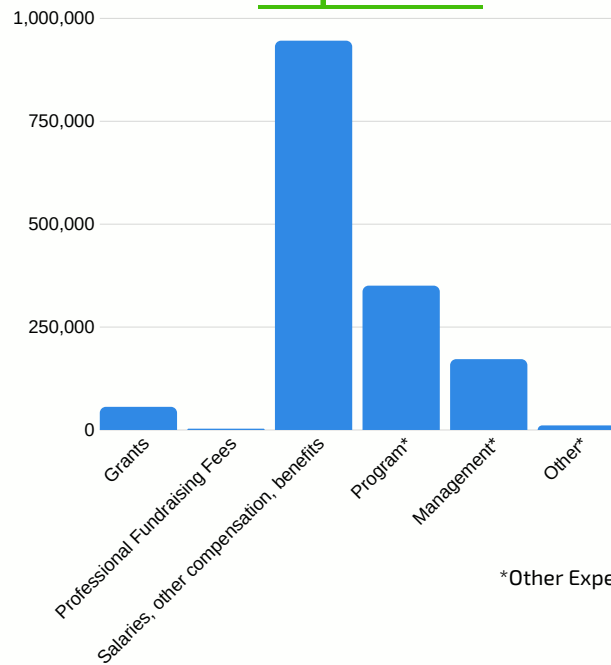
# Financials

## Revenue



**Total Revenue: 1,532,102**  
**Total Expenses: 1,533,353**  
**Olancho Aid Foundation administrative cost is approximately 5.8% of revenue.**

## Expenses



\*Other Expenses

## Contributions

**Olancho Aid Foundation provided employment for 126 employees, and contributed over \$1,532,000 in economic activity to the community.**

## FAITH FORMATION

Olancho Aid Foundation works in conjunction with the Diocese of Juticalpa and Bishop Jose Bonello. He has assigned Father Celio Mencias to provide spiritual guidance to the organization as we strive to live out our Catholic calling. In 2018, mass occurred at each school on a weekly basis. A special emphasis was placed on having students serve the poor and share the good news of the Gospel as Christians who publicly share their Catholic faith across all schools.

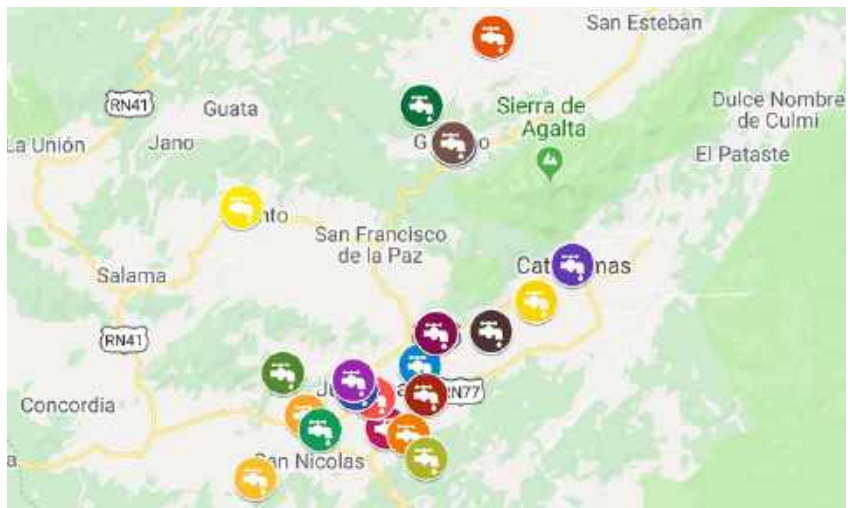
## DIOCESE OF JUTICALPA

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| Population   | 573,854 |
| Square Miles | 9,233   |
| Priests      | 28      |
| Parishes     | 14      |



## PURIFIED WATER PROJECTS

Mission team from St. Michael's Catholic Church of Garden City, South Carolina, began construction preparations in the community of Siguate, Olancho where 220 families will have access to purified drinking water. Upon completion of this project, Olancho Aid will have installed 25 systems. These systems produced more than 700,000 gallons of purified water in 2018, which led to low-cost water for families and less plastic waste generated in their communities. In 2018, Olancho Aid began managing an additional 47 water systems through a partnership with St. Basil the Great Parish of Brecksville, OH.



# IMPACT THROUGH EDUCATION

## ESCUELITA NAZARETH

Alex (front row, right) is 9 years old. He, like his classmates, has access to critical educational resources and life skills support because he attends Nazareth Special Needs School. Nazareth provides support to more than 75 children. The need is great for these resources in Olancho as more children remain on the waiting list.



## CENTRO ESCOLAR SANTA CLARA INSTITUTO BILINGUE SANTA CLARA

Rita (left), Francisco and Karol (right) work in groups during Intro to Algebra class at Instituto Bilingue Santa Clara, the leading Catholic, Bilingual high school in the Department of Olancho. Most students enter the high school after completing grade six at Santa Clara Bilingual Elementary. Both schools offer low student-teacher ratios, exposure to international opportunities, and a focus on education that is provided by Honduran professional educators and international volunteers.

## CARDINAL RODRIGUEZ INSTITUTE

Yeltsin (left) and Lesby (right) are two scholarship recipients, thanks to very generous sponsors. In December they graduated from Instituto Cardenal Oscar Rodriguez, a top ranked college preparatory high school in Olancho.

Graduates of Cardenal include physicians, lawyers, scientists and other professionals who are working to transform their community.



# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## MISSION TEAMS

### 2018 Mission Teams

- Honduras Mission Team of New Hampshire, Nashua, NH
- St. John the Baptist Mission Team, Wesport, MA
- Holy Family Mission Team, Rockland, MA
- Honduras Mission Team of New Hampshire
- Holy Family Mission Honduras, Brentwood, TN
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission Team, Acton, MA
- Mission Honduras of St. Michael Catholic Church, Garden City, SC
- St. Philip Catholic Church Mission team, Franklin, TN
- Collegiate Mission Honduras of Louisiana
- St. John the Evangelist Mission Team, Prairieville, LA
- Ville Platte Christian Mission, Louisiana, LA
- Hearts in Honduras, Rockland, MA



Holy Family Mission Honduras of Brentwood, TN stands with parishioners after finishing painting the Perpetuo Socorro Catholic Church in the community of Puzunca, Olancho, Honduras. This is one of twelve mission teams, totalling 177 individuals, that participated in solidarity projects across Olancho in 2018.

## INDIVIDUALS



Alongside young adult volunteers, three individuals participated in the first offering of the experienced adult volunteer program. They completed important work within the Foundation including: enhancing the religious education program, completing a balance sheet audit, and assessing inventory and facilities.



Nine young adult volunteers implemented several key programs within the schools including the "Bank of Merits" project shown above which provided a reward system with incentives to elementary students for good behavior. These volunteers expose students to native English speakers on a daily basis.

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