

TOGETHER

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



Friends of
Fe y Alegría
in the United States





AT FRIENDS OF FE Y ALEGRÍA IN THE UNITED STATES
WE ARE ON A MISSION TO PROMOTE QUALITY,
INCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
THOSE LIVING IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.
We believe in education as a powerful tool for social change.

In 2016,

our community came together to raise over \$130,000 for education in Latin America and the Caribbean. In total we promoted learning opportunities for more than 87,000 people.

Our Work

WHAT WE
ACCOMPLISHED
TOGETHER



What We Accomplished Together

Together, we raised

\$130,658.55 for education

which funded over

25 projects

giving more than

87,422 people learning opportunities

across

10 countries

What We Accomplished Together

Bolivia

"... [the project] has really solved the needs we had at our school ... and for each of us, our families and for the good of the country,"

Lin Arroyo, a student at Fe y Alegría San Juan. Bolivia



Venezuela

"...this is honestly an interesting program, which has supported many mothers, including me, to promote new strategies so that we can in some way resolve the violence we are facing in our communities..."

Aída Fuentes, member of Mothers Promoting Peace. Venezuela

Colombia

"When my daughter first started at preschool, she didn't have spaces to have fun or to even enjoy recess. Since the "Right to Play in Colombia" project, both parents and teachers have noticed a change in the students..."

Alejandra Rivera Jaimes, mother of a Fe y Alegría student.



A close-up photograph of a young girl with dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a blue sweater and has her hand resting against her cheek. The background is slightly blurred, showing a wooden wall and some hanging items.

In Case You Missed It

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Partnering for Global Citizenship

Hemispheres

In September, we became a member of the Jesuit Schools Network's "Hemispheres" project.

This initiative, which is a JSN 'global companionship' initiative between six Jesuit organizations, aims to "share stories, efforts and events related to the theme of global companionship" with partnering JSN schools throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

Friends of Fe y Alegría in the United States' **La Silla Roja** and **Días D** global citizenship campaigns have been heavily featured in the initiative thus far. Other members in the Hemispheres initiative include: the Ignatian Solidarity Network, Jesuit Refugee Service-USA, the Hyde Center for Global Education, FLACSI and Educate Magis.



La Silla Roja Family Grows

For the first time ever, schools and parishes in the United States participated in **La Silla Roja** campaign. This is a global education initiative that was founded in 2012 by our partners at Entreculturas-Fe y Alegría Spain to defend the right to education for the 61 million children around the world who are still unable to attend school.

Below is a list of schools/parishes who joined us during our pilot year in 2016:

Boston College High School
Georgetown Preparatory School
Gonzaga College High School
Holy Trinity Parish

Jesuit High School
Loyola School
Saint Ignatius High School
Saint Peter's Preparatory School



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HIGHLIGHTS:

Communicating for Change

#ReasonsForHope

In July, we joined over 30 of the largest philanthropic organizations in the United States, including the Ford Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, by participating in the #ReasonsForHope campaign, which called on every day citizens to “**share the action taking place**” in their **community** which gave them hope. Some of the responses we received were:

“My students give me so much hope. Their passion for learning. Their desire to produce change ... Being a teacher gives me so so many #ReasonsForHope” - **Ben Gillens**, teacher and La Silla Roja participant

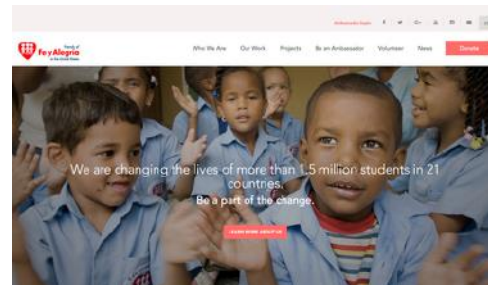


“One of my #ReasonsForHope is that moment every day when my students challenge me to be a better teacher. Their energy and excitement for their futures gives me hope that things will only get better.” - **Nick Pohl**, Friends of Fe y Alegría donor and La Silla Roja participant

New Bilingual Website

In September, Friends of Fe y Alegría in the United States launched the **first-ever bilingual website** within the Fe y Alegría network, with all content published in both English and Spanish.

Additionally, the new website (www.feyalegria.us) includes a rebranded user experience, offering visitors a renewed look and feel for our three areas of work: **global education** materials, a new **online fundraising platform** to support education projects presented by our Fe y Alegría partners in Latin America and the Caribbean and a **news section**, which offers volunteer and ambassadors' testimonies and **stories of success and solidarity** in their relationship with Fe y Alegría.



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HIGHLIGHTS:

Communicating for Change



Safe Schools, Brighter Futures

Last April we aimed to raise awareness about the importance of healthy and safe learning environments to students' development, outlining the work of Fe y Alegría through seven projects in Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Uruguay.



#Giving Tuesday

In November we invited our community to support children as they play through our annual Giving Tuesday initiative. In Colombia, especially in the case of internally displaced children, play and recreation gain an added value, as they become tools to provide order, stability, protection and hope for younger children.



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The Power of a Smile

To smile is to share, to accompany someone, to establish a bond, to generate a connection. A smile lets us know that no matter how afraid, frustrated or alone we feel there is someone who supports and loves us. Last Christmas, we invited you to recapture hope and joy through education, because education, like a smile, is a powerful act that can transform the world.



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Our Financials

2016 AT A GLANCE

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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

320

youth in **Venezuela** are being trained to be the leaders of tomorrow through our “**Forming Youth Leaders**” program.

2,503

children in rural **Andahuayillas, Peru** have a strengthened sense of their Quechua cultural identity through our intercultural bilingual education program, “**Strengthening Our Identity in Diversity**”.

642

girls and boys in **Managua, Nicaragua** again have safe learning spaces following the devastating **earthquake** to hit the region in 2014.



\$466.64 average donation



\$107,520 for national projects



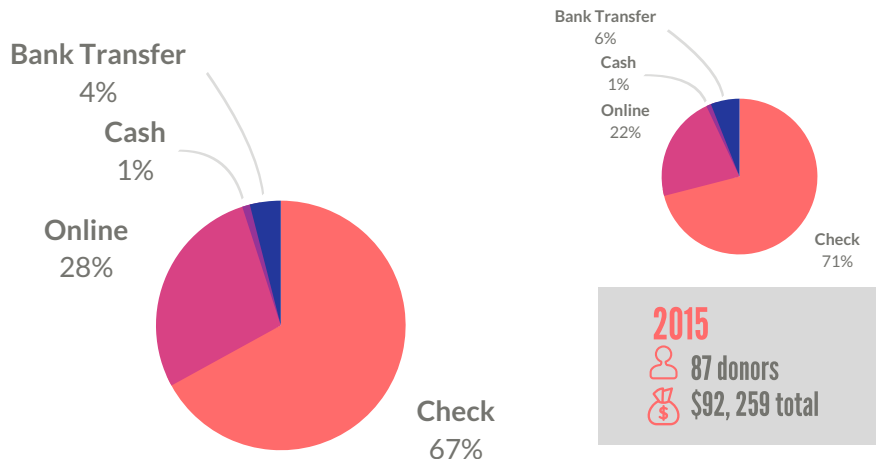
188 individuals and 13 organizations



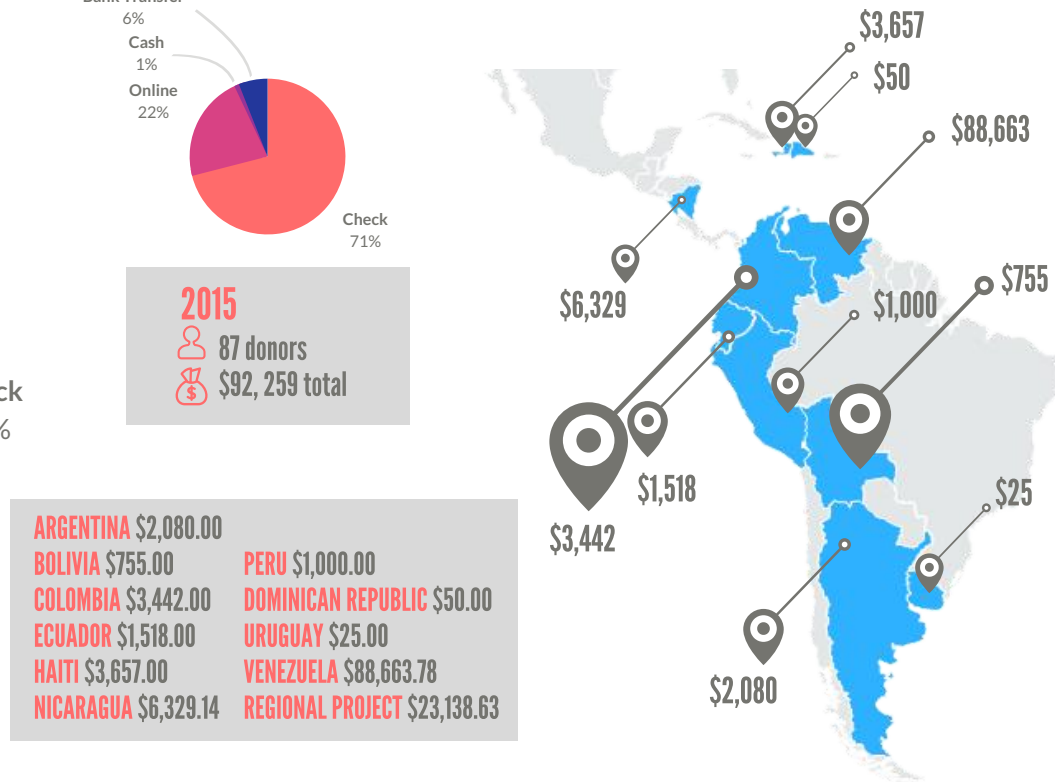
\$23,138 for regional projects

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Where Did Our Funds Come From?



Where Did Our Funds Go?



THANK YOU

HERE'S TO A 2017 FULL OF SOLIDARITY



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