

2009

HUMANA People to People Belize Annual Report





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Welcome to our 2009 Annual Report.

2009 has been a year with abundant activities and achievements. By the end of 2009 HUMANA People to People Belize reaches out to more than 5,000 participating families in the Child Aid projects. Worthwhile mentioning are our achievements within HIV/Aids awareness, the community actions throughout the year and the mobilizing effect the projects have on community leaders of all kind.

On behalf of HUMANA People to People Belize we want to thank Planet Aid USA and HUMANA Spain for their continuing financial support of our projects. The grants from these two member organizations have been the back bone and foundation of the development of our work in Belize.

But also The British High Commission, The Australian High Commission, Children Affected with AIDS Foundation and many big and small businesses and Government departments throughout Belize have contributed with cash or donations in kind for specific activities within our Child Aid projects for which we are very grateful. All these big and small contributions have a remarkable value on the activity level in the projects.

We are grateful for the support we are getting from The Federation's Headquarter in Zimbabwe. Ideas, challenges and solutions are coming from there both towards



our fights for a good sustainable economy and for our fights for good productions and results in the projects.

We want to thank the Project Leaders, staff and volunteers in Humana People to People Belize for their passion and dedication to the objectives of the organization and its work. You trust in the people and in their capacity and forces and you are always willing to go the extra mile to get the best results, and we appreciate that.

We appreciate the effort from the Poverty Fighters. During 2009 14 international volunteers from Korea, Costa Rica, Brazil, USA and Japan have been working shoulder to shoulder with the project in the fight against poverty and for a life in dignity. The poverty fighters are trained at CCTG or IICD in USA and comes to Belize to participate in the development of the Country. The Poverty Fighters have much to offer and are often placed in the front line of the movement in order to implement fresh ideas and initiatives. The Poverty Fighters works with the projects for periods of 4 months.

17% of HUMANA People to People Belize's total turnover came from its own fundraising project - import and sale of second hand clothes. This is an achievement we are proud of and a healthy way for us to secure funds. During 2010 we will expand with more shops and strive at funding a much bigger part of the project activities.

We hope you will enjoy the reading of this annual report and that it will give you an impression of the multitude and potential of our activities in Belize.

Board of Directors

HUMANA People to People Belize



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About HUMANA People to People Belize

Our Mission:

HUMANA People to People Belize's mission is to create development in the broadest sense. Especially through the establishment and implementation of projects that aim at transferring knowledge, skills and capacity to individuals and communities that need assistance to come out of poverty and dehumanized conditions.

HUMANA People to People Belize works with the people as partners in finding solutions and in creating the necessary conditions to improve their living standards and to achieve their aspiration for a just and humanized life for themselves, their families and their communities.

It is further HUMANA People to People Belize's mission to promote humanization of man, and to protect the weak and the outcast and to go against all forms of discrimination, oppression and exploitation.

HUMANA People to People Belize aims to have an effect on the eradication of poverty, the control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, education for all, health care for all and for people to have the power to decide over their own destinies.

Presently HUMANA People to People Belize is running 2 Child Aid Projects; one in rural Toledo and one in rural Orange Walk/ Corozal. Combined more than 5,000 families are involved with these projects one way or the other.





The Child Aid Projects work with community leaders, schools, youth, children and families within 10 lines of action.

An important feature of Humana People to People Belize is its Project Leaders and their significance in the organization.

Each Project is an independent unit with clearly defined goals and objectives, and the Project Leader with his or her team of project staff is 100% responsible for achieving the planned results.

The Project Leader is also encouraged to develop and expand his/her project and raise additional funds.

The need is endless and the more we do, the better.

At the same time the forum of Project Leaders form a collective leadership of the movement. Their joint forces, common experiences, and support to each other in the implementation of the projects are the main strength of the organization.

HUMANA People to People Belize was registered as a non profit organization under the laws of Belize in 2007.



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Board of Directors

Country Director

Child Aid Toledo

Project Council:

*1 Project Leader
2 Program Officers
9 Area Leaders
2-4 Poverty Fighters
1 Accountant*

Child Aid Belize North

Project Council:

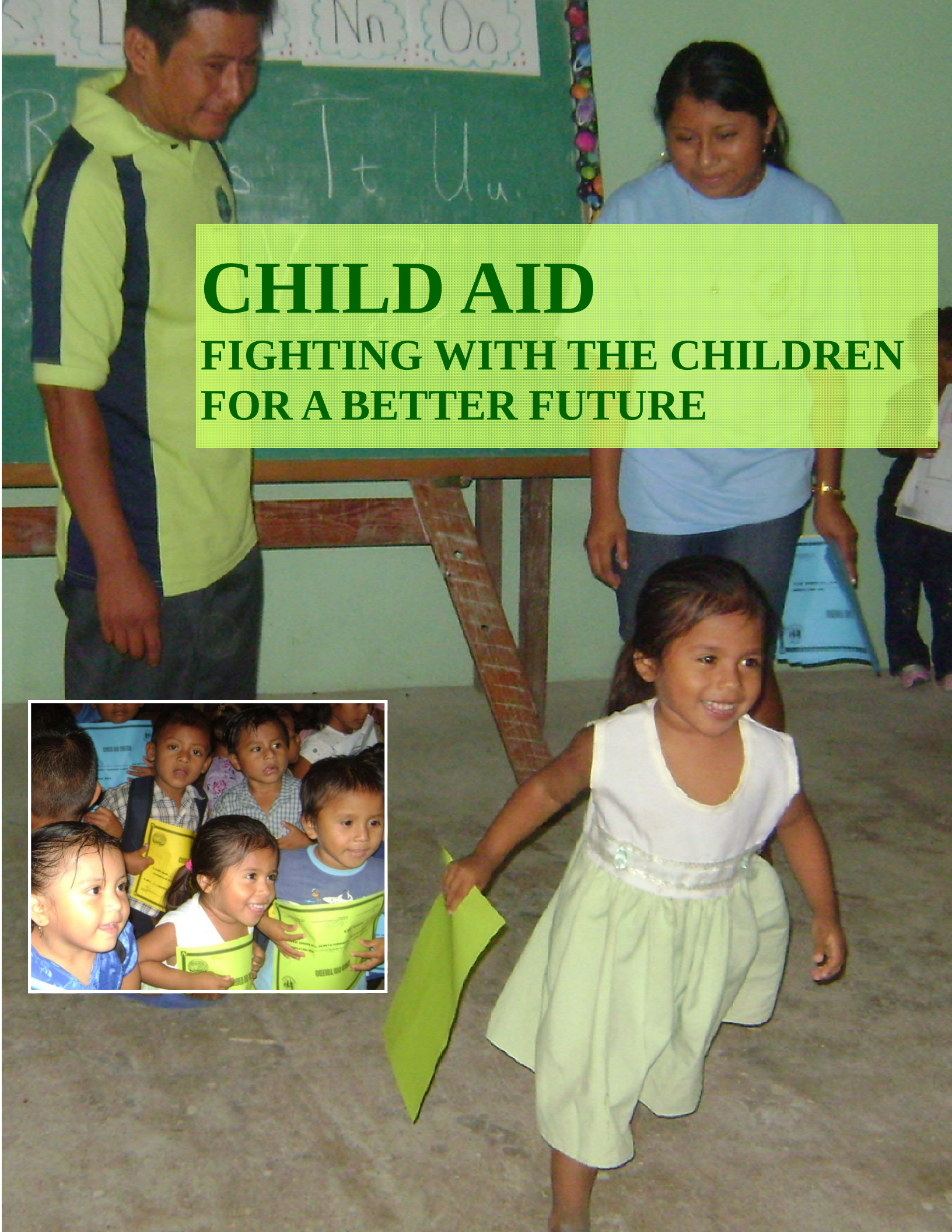
*1 Project Leader
2 Program Officers
7 Area Leaders
2-4 Poverty Fighters
1 Accountant*

2nd hand clothes project

Project Council:

*1 Project Leader
1 Co- Project Leader
6 Sales personnel
1 Accountant*

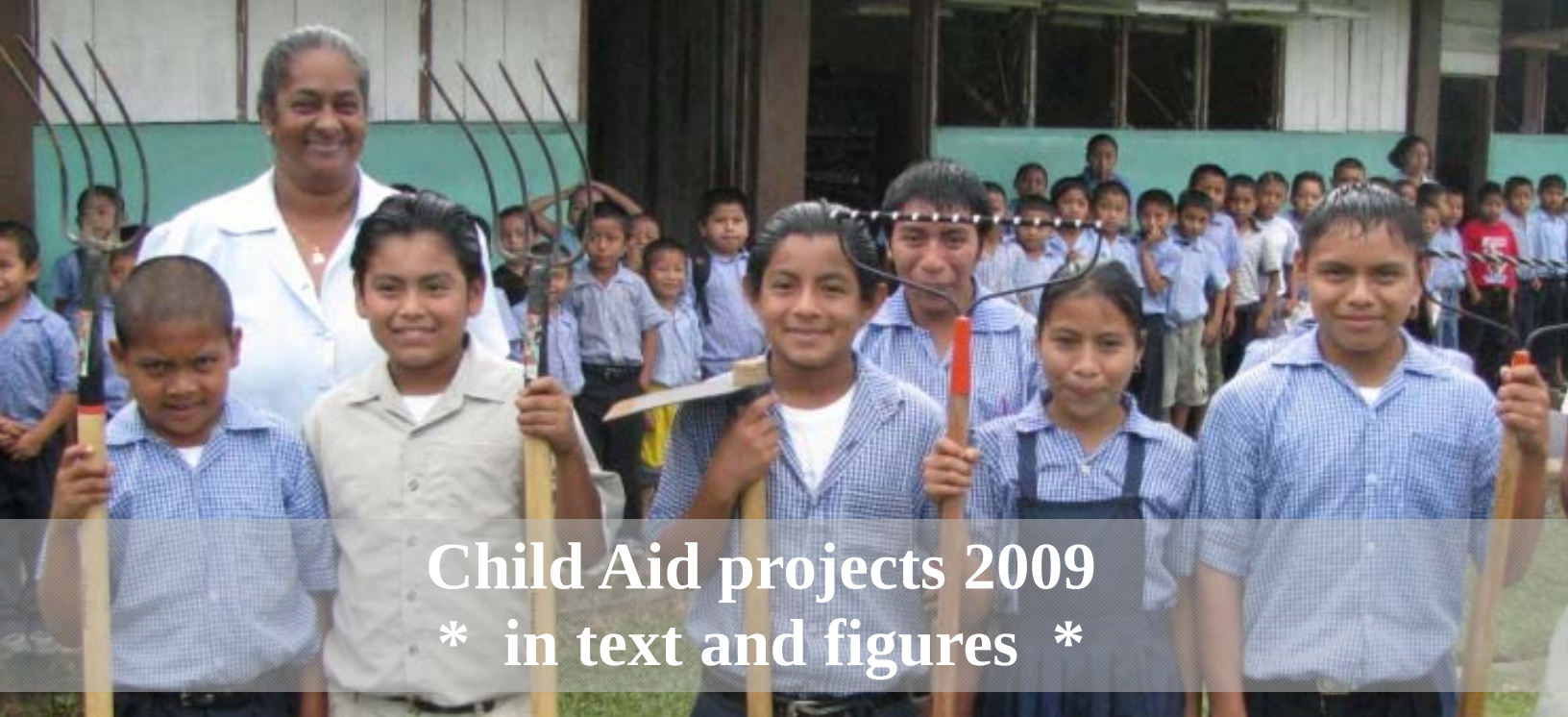




CHILD AID

FIGHTING WITH THE CHILDREN FOR A BETTER FUTURE





Child Aid projects 2009 * in text and figures *

Child Aid is a broad community development project.

The aim with the Child Aid project is to create opportunities for the children to grow up to their fullest potential!

The activities cover all aspects of life and aims at strengthening the community. The Project takes its point of departure with the people in the community, who organize themselves in groups of common interest including HIV/Aids Groups, Women Groups, Agriculture Committees, Youth Clubs, Kid's Clubs, Senior Citizen Clubs, Health Committees and Village Action Groups.

Activities are organized within 10 lines of actions.

The project leaders comment - in short:

Pantaleon Escobar, Child Aid Toledo:

The project council has done a wonderful job in mobilizing people and having the community take the project into their hands, - this year has been a great success with more families participating.

The activities we are implementing have been and are carried out in a good responsible way in order to make sure that we do not waste money—I would say that we are fulfilling our goal to get 2\$ value for 1\$ spent.



One of our main achievements have been the HIV/AIDS awareness. To some extent the sessions we have had during the year eliminated some misunderstandings about the virus. We have talked to thousands of people about the epidemic and 260 teachers, religious leaders and youth leaders and other key persons were trained thoroughly about HIV/Aids with the idea that they now continue to spread the knowledge. Many people have been mobilized to get tested, either at the hospitals or in connection with testing organized during our campaigns or in our project house.

Raul Monroy, Child Aid Belize North:

It has been a good year, with many activities going on - a good achievement for the project.

People gets every day more active and smarter and we have formed many groups which are taking the lead and are starting activities that comes from their own initiatives and where they take part in looking for financial solutions and support.

Our main focus for 2009 have been on general training of the committees and groups, but also on how to grow vegetables at home and how to produce organic fertilizer and pest control. Many families are now producing a portion of their vegetables which has meant a saving on the food budget or / and improved the standard of the food in the family.

In the communities we have been identifying children in difficult situations. We find ways to help them, to get them clothes and shoes and books for school. We have also assisted single mothers with the start of income generating activities, like poultries, to try to improve the financial situation and the environment the children live in.

The youth groups have taken a big part in many of the activities we have done—they have been very active in helping the entire community in common activities for a better place. Many youth have enjoyed organized sports, courses about HIV, Global Warming etc., - and other activities we have done where they feel (and are) useful - the youth has a lot of energy and power and can achieve a lot of good for a community when they are organized and mobilized.





Line 1: Strengthen the economy of the families	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of income generating activities	69	10
• # of family vegetable gardens	1,270	1,600
• # of families participating in workshops about organic farming and vegetable production	500	n/a

Line 2: Hygiene and Health inc. HIV/Aids	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of actions to improve health in the communities	45	72
• # of families with improve sanitation around households	1,000	1,000
• # of campaigns to improve health	115	200
• # of latrines constructed	12	n/a
• # of people reached with HIV/Aids awareness	3,600	1,200
• # of teachers and other key persons reached with HIV/Aids training	260	232
• # of people tested for HIV/Aids	94	64
• # of condoms distributed	1,250	900

Line 3: Preschool	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of Summer Schools for Pre-School children	9	n/a



Line 4: Children as active in the political, social and cultural sphere of society	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of active youth clubs	27	16
• # of youth participating in Youth Clubs	440	270
• # of special actions or events for children and youth	40	13
• # of children and youth reached with activities	n/a	2,000

Line 5: Children in difficult situations	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of actions carried out to assist children in difficult situations	n/a	150

Line 6: Education	CA Toledo	CA BZE North
• # of schools participating in school programs	23	15
• # of Children reached with school programs	800	800
• # of teachers participating in educational courses	17	45
• # of campaigns to promote all children go to school	12	n/a
• # of mobile libraries with children books	12	n/a
• # of participants in adult education	970	n/a
• # of active Women's groups	n/a	9





Line 7: District Development

CA
Toledo

CA BZE
North

- # of initiatives to improve infrastructure in communities
- # of low cost playgrounds

2

3

6

n/a



Line 8: Environment

CA
Toledo

CA BZE
North

- # of trees planted in the communities
- # of cleaning campaigns carried out in communities
- # of educational actions carried out to improve the environment
- # of firewood saving stoves constructed

2,880

450

108

200

100

20

35

n/a



Line 9: Culture and Communication (Child Aid Toledo)

CA
Toledo

CA BZE
North

- # of Open Day's with educational information, sport competitions & cultural performance
- # of children & youth in drama and music groups
- # of research centers with books and/ or internet

8

6

170

n/a

2

n/a



Line 10: Global Warming & Climate Change (Child Aid Belize North)

CA
Toledo

CA BZE
North

- # of workshops carried out

1

5





Quotes from participants in Child Aid



Doris Guevara,

"..... I think that Humana People to People is a good organization that helps the most needed people. This wonderful organization has shown to us that we don't necessarily need a lot of money to improve living conditions for our self and our family - there is a lot of things that just requires knowledge and interest and most important a willingness to do something about it".

I am very glad to work with Humana because the project has benefited me a lot in knowledge and skills, but specially it has taught me how to learn to appreciate the people and the community in general and about the benefits of people helping each other."

"I just want to say that all the different activities that Karen (International volunteer in Child Aid BZE North) has done in our community - San Pedro -, mean a lot for us and have meant a big difference.

The teachers are very happy for the health lessons she gave to the students and also for the help in agriculture with establishing a school vegetable garden.

Also the people in the community are very happy with the lessons about health, agriculture, hygiene, how to grow organic vegetables, compost, organic pesticides and much more.

I think it is very important the work she does with the kid's clubs as she has done and is teaching art and crafts, the same with the women's group.

I think I have learnt very much from her and I am sure the rest of the people have learnt something new too."



Irma Rutilia Kal,



"...Hi, my name is Denis Cardenas, I am 18 years old, and I am the Youth Leader in San Juan Community, we are up to date 38 youths, including girls and boys.

..... As a group we have developed many plans of what we want to do to have a better community. We have a football field but it is not in the best conditions so step by step we will prepare a good field where we can play a comfortable football game and make the field look nice.

We will also plant trees around our field to have shade and at the same time contribute to a better environment.

..... We are participating in sports already along with other youth groups from other communities, we have 2 teams prepared that will participate in the "COPA HUMANA" that we will have during July and August, while we are in vacations from School.....

We are very serious about our efforts since we have seen that Humana is also serious in supporting us...."



Denis Cardenas





Marcos Coy,

".... Sometime I find it hard to bring youth or other people together, but I have to be patient and kind to them so that they will learn from me.

During the time with Child Aid Toledo I have also learned practical skills like to build a latrine or to make an organic vegetable garden which is very good and useful skills when guiding and assisting the families in their development.

Child Aid Toledo is teaching us a lot and I think that my best experience is to see myself and the Area Leaders sharing all what we have learned with the communities so that the communities will develop.

To be able and willing to share what you have learned with people in the communities is a good and important thing to learn!"

"... It has been very encouraging for us to be approached by other families who also wanted assistance to get a family vegetable garden. That is the right development!

..... We have also made papaya trees to all the families – we did that from seeds from a papaya fruit and it was very successful. Papaya is very healthy and all families should have that in their garden. The papaya fruit kills parasite in the human body.....

..... We like and enjoy our work with the schools and families in Child Aid Toledo and this experience is one of the best and will for sure stay in our hearts and memories for ever."



Bang Won,





Ana Clavel

"I would like to say that I'm so happy because I'm learning a variety of things from Humana that in my life I couldn't imagine. I'm happy because now I can express myself in a way that people understand me when I talk about the purpose of Humana and the benefits to our and surrounding villages.

I think that Child Aid has contributed to many changes in our village. It has been very good to experience the sanitation or cleaning campaigns where we assemble a lot of people and go to the streets and pick up all litter so the village gets clean and nice. Many families have also benefited from the poultries—where families got layers that are now supplying them with eggs.

Teaching has been and is one of the most important programs because we teach people how to read and write. Individuals involved in this program were happy to be in the school. Wow! For me it is enjoyable and I know that all classmates enjoy it too. At first they were like pre-school students but at the end some were triumphant. Some that couldn't read, now they read! It is a good way to have a country in progress. Not knowing how to read and write has many consequences and the older the person gets the more difficult I think it is to learnt it but if we come together as a group we can do it—I have seen that. Together we Can! Si se puede!"





**FUNDRAISING
TOGETHER WITH ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS WE ARE CREATING
FUNDS FOR THE CHILD AID PROJECTS**



Fundraising

The Fundraising Project:

Humana People to People Belize has established a fundraising project in form of import and sale of second hand clothes. Part of the funding of the Child Aid projects come from the surplus in the clothes sale. This surplus has a tremendous importance for the Child Aid project where the money is spend on the various program activities.

We have now opened 4 shops. The “Humana Shops” provides good clothes at affordable prices making it possible for poorer members of the society to purchase,

Shop in Corozal



Shop in Mango Creek



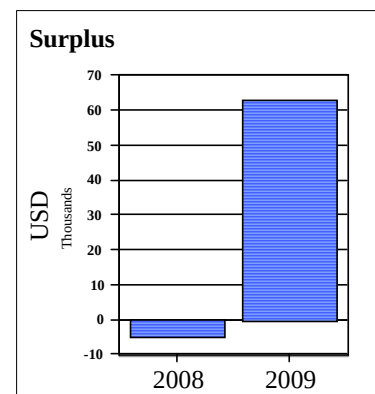
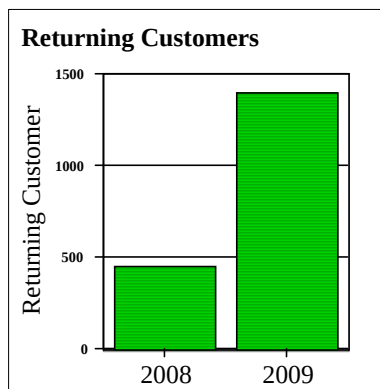
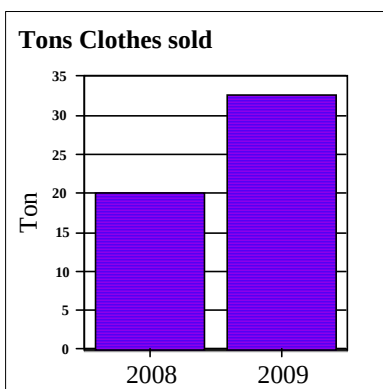


creates opportunities for individuals to start an income generating activity with second hand clothes, spreads awareness of global warming and why recycling is important and gives people a possibility to support the projects to the benefit of the involved families in Child Aid.

By the end of 2008 the project started to import clothes of higher quality, packed in 45 kg bales.

This was a well turned out move. The customers have been content with the quality, and the demand and turnover has increased and we are pleased with the financial result for 2009.

The total sale increased with approx. 63% from 20 tons sold in 2008 to 32.7 tons in 2009. The total number of returning customers increased with more than 200% - from 450 in 2008 to 1,400 in 2009. The total net result increased from a negative of 4,664 US\$ in 2008 to a surplus of 62,669 US\$ in 2009.





Financial Overview

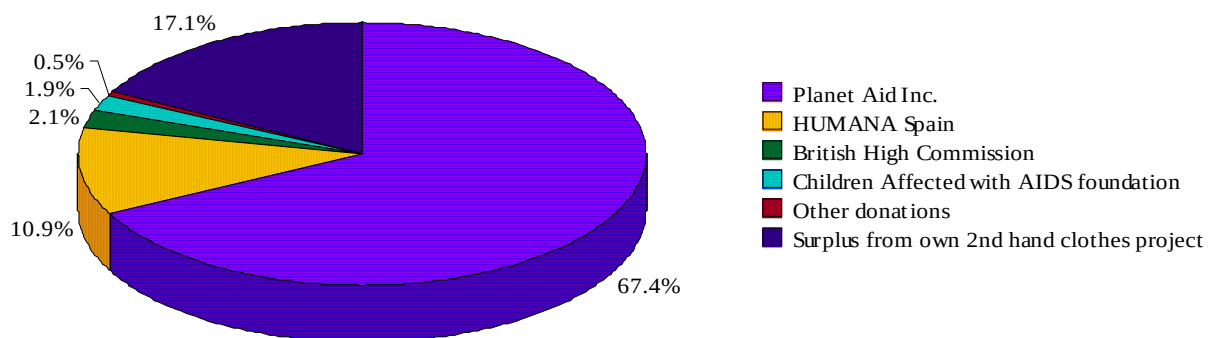
Progress and development must be created from people to people. The driving force will always be the people involved in the issue at hand. But they need partners to do so. Partners that can contribute with financials to do the development projects.

On behalf of more than 5,000 families living in rural Toledo, Orange Walk and Corozal districts, who have benefited from activities made possible from the contributions received during 2009, and on behalf of the whole “Humana staff”, Humana People to People Belize wish to thank all partners and individuals, who have contributed to the development programs.

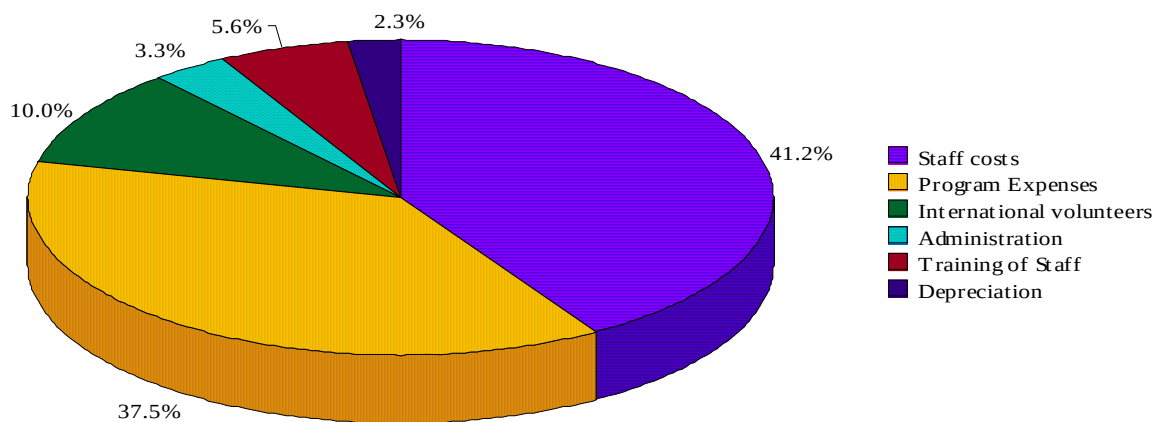
Contributions & Own income	2009 US\$
<i>Planet Aid Inc.</i>	246,754
<i>HUMANA Spain</i>	40,000
<i>British High Commission</i>	7,817
<i>Children Affected with AIDS foundation</i>	7,000
<i>Other donations</i>	1,820
Total Contributions	303,391
 <i>Surplus from own 2nd hand clothes project</i>	 62,669
Total Income	366,060



The contributions came from the following sources:



The contributions were distributed into the following categories:





Child Aid Belize North
works with families from 23
communities in rural Orange
Walk and Corozal.



HUMANA Shop



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Child Aid Toledo works with
families from 34 communities in
rural Toledo.



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