Thank You
In 2016, we received the financial support of:

679 Individuals & Families
26 Foundations, Corporations, & Civic Organizations
52 Faith Communities

Thank you for being a partner!
Dear Friends of El Porvenir,

What inspires me most about El Porvenir is the culture of teamwork and partnership. The staff are humble yet capable people who are dedicated to learning, respecting, and working with rural communities to fulfill their dreams of a better life.

First, communities in need of water organize a water committee (made up of both women and men), write their appeal, and hand-deliver it to the nearest El Porvenir office. They may need a helping hand in the form of a loan of tools, a donation of materials, or guidance about construction.

The initiative of the community members begins the journey of improved health and living. It is their project. It is their journey. Often the journey includes the hard work of digging a deep hole to find water. Sometimes the right spot to dig has been located by a grandmother with a dousing stick.

I’ve been a guest at some very happy occasions where the initiative, hard work, and ingenuity of the community has resulted in a community well or latrines for each home. Pride and joy brings out smiles, speeches, the local band and foot-tapping, if not dancing, tunes. You absolutely know that what you’ve had the honor of supporting, whether it’s a well, latrines, fuel-efficient stoves, or a tree nursery, will be well maintained and cherished.

El Porvenir has been an education and a sign of hope for me: education because it’s taught me that people of different backgrounds and means can work together. Hope because I see people with a respect for Mother Earth, conserving resources so both humans and Earth can thrive.

Sincerely,

Liz Specht | Founding Board Member
Our Partners

In November 2016 El Porvenir began a partnership with LDS Charities to help improve the quality of water, sanitation, and health education in rural Nicaragua.

This partnership will allow EP to increase the availability of clean water and improved sanitation in Waslala, our newest regional office.

Together, we aim to help Waslala achieve 100% access to clean water by 2030.

We collaborate with local communities so that they are able to

#01 Build, maintain, and repair their own drinking water and sanitation facilities

#02 Implement good hygiene practices to reduce illness and disease

#03 Manage their watershed in a sustainable manner
What We Love

**01 Clean Water**
It all starts with water. Partner communities build and maintain water projects.

**02 Sanitation**
Proper sanitation is vital to the health of rural villagers and helps prevent water contamination.

**03 Watersheds**
Restoring stream flow so communities will have flowing water for generations to come.

**04 Health & Hygiene**
Train-the-trainer methodology to empower local health educators in each community to promote sustained health.

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**Impact 2016**
Thanks to the commitment and support of our donors, the future is brighter for over 18,839 villagers who partnered with us in 2016. They planted 102,280 trees through our watershed protection program and built:

- 22 water projects
- 412 double-pit latrines
- 5 school hand-washing stations
- 146 fuel-efficient stoves

In addition, 1,644 community training sessions were held to educate our partner communities about the connection between hygiene, water, sanitation, and disease.

**Travel with Us**
Over 230 volunteers joined us on 19 transformative work trips, performed critical duties in our offices, and powered many projects. [www.elporvenir.org/work-trips](http://www.elporvenir.org/work-trips)
Our Stories

Latrine project changes the life of community members in Ocotillo:

In the past, the hygiene situation in the community of Ocotillo was terrible. Yamileth and her family built their own latrine from black plastic and bits of wood; the poor construction meant it was not safe and the family kept getting sick.

With the support of the donors like you, UMCOR, and the involvement of the entire community, the community of Ocotillo built 60 double-pit latrines. The community put in 10% of the costs and the labor to benefit more than 60 families.

“We feel happy with our latrine project and give thanks to God and to El Porvenir for helping us build a clean and high quality latrine. I ask that El Porvenir and the donors keep supporting us, and not just us, but also the other families in other communities that don’t have a latrine like this one.”

No more washing in the river for Rosibel and El Rodeo:

Rosibel, a mother of two and community leader tells us: “Women suffered when we don’t have water in our homes. We used to wash and bathe in the river gave us skin diseases. Many things have changed thanks to the support of El Porvenir and its donors.”

Today, the El Rodeo community has 100% sanitation coverage, and they no longer have to wash or bathe in the river.

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Financials

**Statement of Activities**

**Income**
- Contributions: $436,934
- Work Trips: $221,940
- Local Contributions: $16,682
- Other: $18,457
- Investment Income: $612
- Restricted Contributions: $745,225
- WaterAid Waslala Contribution: $86,597

**Total Income**: $1,526,447

**Expenses**
- Program Services: $1,020,772
- General and Administrative: $120,853
- Fundraising: $102,858

**Total Expenses**: $1,244,483

**Net Assets: Start of Year**: $538,631
**Net Assets: End of Year**: $863,129

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**Assets**

**Current Assets**
- Cash: $501,982
- Accounts Receivable: $28,818
- Promises to Give (short term): $215,302
- Inventory: $7,172
- Property and Equipment: $90,590
- Investments: $104,449

**Total Assets**: $948,313

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**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Current Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable: $17,804
- Expenses: $67,380

**Total Current Liabilities**: $85,184

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted: $308,521
- Temporarily Restricted: $554,608

**Total Net Assets**: $863,129

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: $948,313

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A copy of complete audited financial statements with an auditor’s report by Clausen & Associates PAs, our independent auditor, may be obtained upon request or at www.elporvenir.org.