

# HELP BOLIVIA CONSOLIDATED 2023 & 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



#### ABSTRACT

This annual report presents a comprehensive overview of the activities carried out by the Help Bolivia Foundation during 2023 and 2024, aimed at supporting children and their families living in one of Bolivia's most impoverished regions. The Foundation's initiatives focused on improving access to health care, nutrition, education, and psychosocial support, with the overarching goal of enhancing the overall well-being of vulnerable indigenous communities. By addressing both immediate needs and long-term developmental challenges, these efforts seek to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty. This report highlights key programs, community partnerships, measurable outcomes, and ongoing strategies designed to create sustainable change and empower families to build healthier, more resilient futures.

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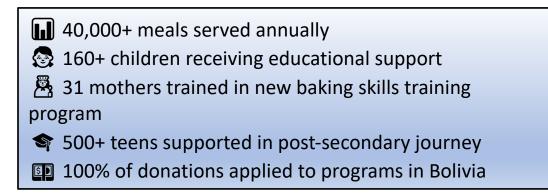
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## Introduction

This document represents the consolidated Annual Reports of Help Bolivia Foundation for the calendar years 2023 and 2024. An overview of the activities of the Foundation covers both years but, where appropriate, such as financial details, separate reports are included for each year.

# Impact at a Glance



# From the President

This was a period of growth for the Foundation, supported by the efforts of our volunteers and of course our donors. In 2023 we secured a grant from Fig Tree Foundation enabling us to build, open and operate the Higuera (Fig Tree) Bakery in 2024. Members of the families we help have already graduated from the initial bakery training session and are selling their goods in street markets – they baked and sold over 2000 traditional Christmas breads at the end of the year.

In 2023 we met and welcomed Aracely Reyna Colque Chapi as a volunteer in El Alto, and in early 2024, she became our Bolivian employee. An energetic, trilingual young woman, speaking Spanish, English and Aymara, she has quickly become a strong ally of the families we help.

Since we started the Villa Ingenio program in a temporary facility in 2022, we have wanted to expand it beyond one or two days a week. This was a focus at the end of 2024 as we consolidate the Tahuantinsuyo and Villa Ingenio programs in a new facility. This facility, provided by the El Alto government, is modern with room for growth. We are all very excited.



Figure 1 - Children From HBF Projects Playing in a Park

## **Overview of Activities**

Help Bolivia Foundation continued to grow and increase its support to the children of El Alto Bolivia and their families.



Figure 2 - Aracely at a Centre during Canada Day Celebrations

We bade goodbye to Daniel Orgaz early in 2023, as the pressures of his growing family increased. He had been our employee in Bolivia for four years, where he helped to steer us through the pandemic. We welcomed Yoselin as our new employee in 2023. Yoselin graduated with a degree in Business Administration and brought energy and enthusiasm to this position.

Directors Matt, Lydia and Paul visited Bolivia in May 2023 – it was great to engage with the children in person again.

Later in the year, we hired a music and dance teacher who was instrumental in nurturing the Aymara musical and cultural dance traditions among the children at the Tahuantinsuyo Centre.

A main thrust in 2023 was to expand programs for the adults of the families we help. Initially, we pursued the design of a greenhouse for the roof of the Tahuantinsuyo centre, but this proved to be too challenging. Instead, we put our effort into obtaining grants for the build of a Bakery in the Villa Ingenio district. We were successful in receiving the finances we needed to proceed, thanks to a grant from the Fig Tree Foundation at the end of 2023.

2024 commenced with the work to clear the site for the Bakery in Villa Ingenio. The effort continued for much of the year, overseen by our in-country partner, Ahiezer Foundation.

Spring 2024 saw Yoselin transition to a volunteer position in our Bolivia organization, and we welcomed Aracely as our in-Bolivia employee. Born and raised Aymara in El Alto, Aracely is proud of her heritage and cuts a striking figure in her traditional Aymara clothing. Her skill at interpretation between Aymara, Spanish, and English has brought a fluidity to our Foundation's international conversations. Aracely has also become a strong advocate for the families we help.

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Work on the Bakery continued until this beautiful facility, named Higuera ("Fig Tree") after our primary funder, opened at the beginning of October. Members of the El Alto City administration attended the opening ceremony and agreed to issue a Certificate to each graduate; they also nominated some candidates for the training. The first course commenced the following day with 30 participants.

In November the baking class held an exhibit near a Teleferico (public transportation gondola) station to sell their wares and share information about the training program. This generated a lot of interest, and additional income for the mothers. Also in November, the children from Villa Ingenio had a hand at baking. They researched recipes on the Internet and gathered at the bakery to make empanadas and cookies. This was a wonderful experience for them, as most do not have the equipment at home to bake.

In mid-2024, negotiations commenced to consolidate our Villa Ingenio and Tahuantinsuyo programs in a single modern facility, provided by the City of El Alto and community leaders, with all students attending Monday to Friday. Meeting with parents of children to be supported, the distance from Tahuantinsuyo community to the new centre was identified as an issue – this has been resolved by offering transportation to children who live far from the centre.

We concluded our relationship with our in-country partner Sariry Foundation during the 2024 reporting period. We very much appreciate their support in guiding Help Bolivia Foundation in the early years of operations in Bolivia.

Commencing in 2025, the consolidated community program will be offered to children from the previous programs at Tahuantinsuyo Community Centre and Villa Ingenio Centre. This program will operate as a unified initiative run by our trusted partner, Ahiezer Foundation, operating in a modern, larger, more accessible space, allowing us to help even more children, five days a week. For two years the children of Villa Ingenio have been attending a Saturday-only program. We are thrilled to be able to provide the full-time support that is such an urgent need to these two communities.

# 2023 Board of Directors

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Help Bolivia held its fifth Annual General Meeting. We were happy to be able to retain board members and expand the list of Directors. For 2023, the board of directors comprised:

Matt Hill – President Lydia Hill – Secretary Bob Laws – Vice President Henry Wiens CPA, CA – Treasurer Kristy Rouleau – Director Paul DuBeau – Director Ibukun Adewale – Director Michelle Tribe – New Director

Note: Ibukun Adewale stepped down from the board later in 2023.

# 2024 Board of Directors

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Help Bolivia held its sixth Annual General Meeting. We were happy to be able to retain many board members and expand the list of Directors. For 2024, the board of directors comprised:

Matt Hill – President Lydia Hill – Secretary Bob Laws – Vice President Henry Wiens CPA, CA – Treasurer Kristy Rouleau – Director Paul DuBeau – Director Michelle Tribe – Director Eunice Estrada – New Director

Note: Shortly after the AGM, Henry stepped down and was replaced by Liz Gill, as Treasurer. Sabrina Niesman rejoined the Board to replace Henry as a third signatory for our bank

# Bolivia – The Challenge

Bolivia is experiencing increasing unrest as food shortages mount. The government subsidizes gasoline (up to 50% of the cost), food, and public transit—remarkably, the fare to ride the La Paz Teleférico hasn't increased since its launch in 2012. However, fears of social unrest make it politically difficult to scale back these subsidies. While subsidies help many low-income Bolivians, they also strain public finances and limit investment in other essential services, further deepening the challenges faced by the poorest communities.

### Education

The Bolivian education system struggles to meet the needs of a predominately young population due to substandard quality and underfunding. A lack of infrastructure and educational resources have led to a half-day school system that allows for a single building to service double the population of students. This reduces the quality of education and rates of achievement for atrisk youth. Although most children attend primary school, the majority of these children do not continue to secondary school. And of those who do, drop-out before graduation. Barriers to completing education include pregnancy, domestic work, lack of opportunities in the labour market, and a lack of economic resources. The average age at which a child leaves school is 14 years old.

#### **Indigenous Identity**

Bolivia's cultural identity is strongly shaped by the 88% of the population who identify as Indigenous, with most identifying as Mestizo (analogous to Métis), Quechua, and Aymara. Despite the enduring effects of colonization, these groups remain resilient amid the obstacles



Figure 3 - Children Having Lunch at a Centre

they continue to encounter. The largest obstacles are the loss of identity, language, and cultural traditions. As well, discrimination continues to deter their economic and social advancement. As a result, Indigenous people are disproportionally affected across all dimensions of inequality.

While all Indigenous groups experience similar challenges, not all groups do so to the same extent.

#### **Extreme Poverty and Malnutrition**

Despite Bolivia being one of the world's leading producers of highly nutritious quinoa and soybeans, the average Bolivian family cannot afford adequate nutrition. This is reflected in many domains: 16% of Bolivian children under 5 years old are chronically malnourished. The country possesses the one of the highest rates of infant and maternal mortality in South America and ranks near the bottom of life expectancy in Latin America, alongside countries like Haiti and Guatemala. The underlying cause is extreme poverty, with nearly 37% of Bolivians earning below the extreme poverty line of \$2/day.



Figure 4 - Selling in Street Markets

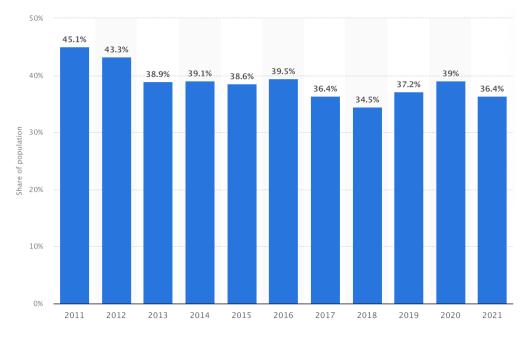


Figure 5 – Poverty Headcount Ratio

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#### **Violence Against Women and Children**

Violence is a pervasive threat to women and children in Bolivia. This level of violence is perpetuated, in part, by the beliefs and values rooted in *machismo* culture. *Machismo* culture disempowers women and reduces their value in their home, and in the community, making them dependent on men and subject to violence. With most violence occurring within the home, domestic abuse and femicide are key issues for Bolivian women and children.

Women and girls remain at high risk of violence, despite a 2013 law establishing comprehensive measures to prevent and prosecute gender-based violence. The law created the crime of "femicide," defining it as the killing of a woman under certain circumstances, including domestic violence.

- 7 out of 10 women in Bolivia experience some form of violence.
- Over 40,000 domestic violence cases were reported in 2022.
- 108 femicides were recorded in 2022.
- Only 20% of reported cases result in legal action.
- Rural and Indigenous women face higher risks due to systemic barriers.\*

\* Human Rights Watch World Report 2023



Figure 6 - Street Markets

#### Rural Migration to the sprawling city of El Alto

The City of El Alto, the second-largest city in Bolivia after Santa Cruz, is one of Bolivia's fastest growing cities, with migrants moving in from the countryside for better economic opportunities. Situated adjacent to La Paz, El Alto is the highest city in the world and hosts the highest international airport at 4,100 meters above sea level. Founded in 1903 by the railway, with a

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population of 11,000 by the 1950s, El Alto reached city status in 1987. The majority (~80%) of the citizens are Indigenous, and surveyed at 885,000 in the 2024 census, well above the population of La Paz

Help Bolivia Foundation is in the process of opening a new facility in a neighbourhood of El Alto. In these gritty and impoverished neighbourhoods, children are at risk from gangs and abuse. Our programs support families who migrated to the city to give their children a better life; many are illiterate, having received little education themselves.



Figure 7 – Home of a Family that Help Bolivia supports in El Alto

The families we help live in small one or two room homes, paying rent equivalent to \$45-\$75 CAD per month. Many are single parents due to death, abandonment, or separation resulting from violence within the family. Most parents have a basic level of education (primary school and possibly some secondary/high school).

Employment for families includes driving, part-time retail, ad-hoc construction and home workers. Some parents will also sell produce and goods on the street or in a community market. Teenagers are often called upon to help with care of younger siblings or to supplement income by doing jobs outside the home.

Due to the work activities and their basic level of education, parents are unable to support their children with schoolwork. This leads to children developing poor study habits and learning

difficulties in basic arithmetic and literacy, as well as behavioral issues (rebelliousness, aggression, low self-esteem).

## Solutions

Help Bolivia Foundation's objective is to relieve poverty in Bolivia by providing programs that deliver:

- Nutrition
- Education
- Counseling Support
- Skills Training

We target underprivileged children as well as skills training to disadvantaged women and youth. Help Bolivia is targeting change within the communities of El Alto.

Our vision is to drive change in communities by having children stay in school longer, with increased numbers going to post secondary school and being able to overcome limitations and challenges within their communities such as poverty, child abuse/sexual abuse, child abandonment and learning disabilities.

Our centres support vulnerable Aymara and Quechua families living in extreme poverty by offering nutritional and educational programming and psychological support. We also conduct training sessions on the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and domestic abuse among our beneficiaries. We offer support to victims of SGBV through counseling sessions. Our programs operate in rough districts of El Alto, the rapidly growing city on the altiplano above La Paz. The families referred to our programs have additional stress in their lives: they may have malnourished children, children with learning disabilities, or they may be victims of abandonment or abuse. Many come from single parent households or are living with domestic violence. Community leaders and the local schools identify which families will benefit most from the Centre, and we are guided by their recommendations.

"Thanks to donors of Help Bolivia Foundation, my children receive a healthy lunch, help with their schoolwork and a safe haven off the streets." – Program Center Parent, El Alto

#### **Nutrition Program**



Figure 8 - Receiving a Healthy Lunch at a HBF Centre

**The Issue:** Malnutrition and hunger are factors in how well a child succeeds in school. Many children in Bolivia suffer from malnutrition and hunger, suffering difficulties in learning as a result. Poor families are not able to provide the proper nutrition growing children need.

**Solution:** To combat hunger and malnutrition, Help Bolivia initiated a nutrition program at the Tahuantinsuyo Community Centre in 2018. We hired a cook, renovated the kitchen, brought in tables and benches, worked with nutritionists in Bolivia to develop a menu, and stocked the kitchen with ingredients as well as cooking and eating utensils. Children receive nutritious snacks every school day in the morning and afternoon, and at lunch time they receive a nutritious hot soup starter and a nutritious main plate. **During this reporting period, over 40,000 meals were provided annually to children and teens.** 



Figure 10 - Preparing Meals for Children at HBF Centre



Figure 9 - Home Visit with Children who attend HBF Centre

#### **Education Program**

**The Issue:** Children in Bolivia attend school only half-a-day. Often, parents are unable to help children with homework, as in many cases they have little education themselves. There are few resources for children who have learning disabilities. Children living in situations of high stress (extreme poverty, abuse, abandonment) require support to learn coping mechanisms, and how to protect themselves.

**Solution:** Help Bolivia is addressing the need for educational support by having children attend our centres in the half day they are not in school, this also frees parents up to work a full day without worry. We employ on-site educators to provide supplemental educational support to children who have no educational support at home. Help Bolivia pays the salaries of the educators, purchases educational supplies and equipment, and receives regular reports from our team in Bolivia. The education support program includes support to foster academic growth, with learning objectives specific to the age of the child and related to the school grade; academic intervention for children with learning difficulties; support to develop social, psychological and emotional well-being through counseling and personal development activities; and an outreach component to educate children on their rights, to help prevent them from becoming victims of violence and/or sexual assault. This is conducted through workshops and presentations at both our new centre and the schools. **During this reporting period over 160 children and teens benefitted from educational support in the communities of Tahuantinsuyo and Villa Ingenio in El Alto.** 



Figure 11 - Young Children in HBF Centre Classroom

#### **Counseling Support**

**The Issue:** Children are referred to our Centres when they are in situations of child abuse, sexual abuse, parental domestic violence, and/or abandonment. These children need psychological counseling services to help cope with these traumas.

**Solution:** Help Bolivia is addressing this problem by providing regular psychological counseling sessions.

#### **Skills Training Programs**

The Issue: Many migrants who have moved to El Alto from the countryside do not have the education or skills to gain steady employment, keeping them in a cycle of migration, separation, and poverty. Women and youth particularly are lacking in education and employable skills and need training programs to teach them skills to improve their employment opportunities and help raise them out of poverty.



Figure 12 - Sewing Training Program

#### Solution: Help Bolivia addressed

the need for skills training by offering workshops and training programs.

- In 2022, initial sewing skills training workshops were held for mothers and youth in the community, continuing through 2024.
- In 2024, we commenced classes in baking at our newly built Higuera Bakery in Villa Ingenio

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Figure 13 - Initial Bakery Training Program in 2024

Our programs are designed with the following key objectives:

- 1. Reduce the incidence of malnutrition with the children of the community.
- Have children stay in school longer. Supporting children with nutritional and educational support helps ensure they are better educated with some children going on to postsecondary schools for vocational training and degree programs. All these scenarios lead to improved opportunities for better paying jobs.
- 3. Reduce the number of dropouts. Currently in the community, many children leave school to help support their family by working as day labourers or selling items on the streets/markets.
- 4. Increase the average income in the community by providing educational support to children and vocational training to parents so they can obtain higher paying jobs, or create valued items themselves, and acquire needed skills.
- 5. Reduce the incidence of violence in the home, both spousal abuse and violence against children. By educating children on respecting others as well as providing support to mothers on the availability of services and support mechanisms, we can reduce violence in the community.

#### Outcomes for 2023 & 2024

#### 1. In Tahuantinsuyo:

- a. the nutrition program and educational support benefited 601 Bolivians; 64 children (ages 3-18) enrolled in this program were direct beneficiaries, and 540 children and adults in the community were indirect beneficiaries
- b. The educational support program benefitted 64 children ages 3-18 enrolled in the program.
- c. 34 impoverished families benefit by having Help Bolivia provide nutrition to their children in the program, relieving their family budget.



Figure 14 - Children in Tahuantinsuyo Centre

- d. The sewing skills program continued in this reporting period.
- e. Emergency supply of food staples was provided to one family that was forced from their home during the reporting period.

#### 2. In Villa Ingenio:

- a. A Saturday afternoon drop-in program, established in 2022, provided 44 children aged
  6-16 therapy through play with local volunteers and university education student support.
- b. In July 2023 a Tuesday program was initiated to provide attention and support by educators for 10 children with special or additional needs
- c. In 2024 the Higuera (Fig Tree) Bakery was completed and began training adults to bake goods for sale in the market. There were 31 mothers in the inaugural class, commencing in October 2024. Graduates were selling baked goods before the end of November.

#### Fund Raising and Sustainability

Help Bolivia Foundation has a broad and growing donor base with monthly and one-time donations. We have engaged fund-raising platforms including CanadaHelps, Benevity and GlobalGiving to help connect with donors. We continue to have fund-raising activities including galas, online auctions, our annual fitness challenge, and special events to raise the awareness of the plight of the Indigenous children and families in South America's poorest country.

In 2022, Help Bolivia Foundation commenced a volunteer-run initiative to pursue corporate investment and government/NGO grants, as we believe that diverse funding streams will foster sustainability. This effort bore fruit in 2023 and 2024 with several grants including from Fig Tree Foundation and the Nadia and Alf Taylor Foundation. These have helped us to build and open

our Higuera Bakery in 2024, as well as investing in planned consolidated nutritional and educational programs starting in 2025.

#### Non-financial Highlights and Achievements

During the 2024 reporting year, over 40,000 meals were served annually to children and teens helping to ensure their continued success in school. Over 160 children received educational support and tutoring.

With the support of donors and delivery of Help Bolivia programs, children are staying in school longer, with some starting to graduate from secondary school (instead of dropping out). Students finishing high school and wanting to progress with postsecondary education are also being supported.

With our in-country partner *Helping Hands* – *La Paz*, graduating teens are getting support to eliminate barriers to furthering their education. While tuition is almost free in Bolivia, there are still barriers including stigma and prejudice for new students, and costs needed for books, lab materials and transportation. Help Polivia Foundation are

Helping Hands – La Paz will help bridge those



transportation. Help Bolivia Foundation and Figure 15 - Father and Two Boys from the Centre

barriers. Over 500 teens have already received support from *Helping Hands – La Paz* on their post-secondary educational journey.

# Direct Impact – Erlin Choquehuanca Sangalli



Erlin, 17, comes from a poor family. He has a younger brother and lives with his widowed mother, Senora Petrona, who works multiple jobs despite having rheumatoid arthritis. She is also involved in a legal dispute over land with her sister, a dispute that arose after the death of her parents due to COVID in 2020. Erlin often looks after their home and his brother, and they enjoy cooking pasta together.

Erlin enjoys creating robots and excels in math, physics, and science. Despite challenges, he finished high school and dreams of studying mechanical engineering at UMSA in La Paz in 2025. He is dedicated to passing the entrance exam to achieve his goal.



# Direct Impact – Megan Fiorela Espinal Aruquipa

Megan, at eight years old, is the oldest sister of three children. She studies at the Villa Ingenio in the afternoon shift in the fourth grade. Her parents are from very humble backgrounds but they strive to keep a united family.

Megan is a very outgoing girl who likes to sing, dance and act; she is affectionate and sociable. Currently at our center she participates in the dance group of Villa Ingenio. Megan is a very cheerful girl who often speaks of her family and is very proud of her Indigenous Aymara roots as she always speaks of how pretty the cholita dresses (the Indigenous traditional clothing) are.

She likes to come often to the Saturday program because she knows that it is a place where she can find friendship, affection, and fun. She loves learning new skills. At her young age she has the ability to manage groups with her peers and has the gift of leadership.



## Direct Impact – Ariel Aro Mamancusi



Ariel, at 5 years old, is the youngest sibling of six children. He is known for being sweet and outgoing. He loves playing with cars and putting together puzzles. Ariel loves running and playing soccer with his friends.

Ariel's mother Rosmery has been part of the program for four years. Sadly, Ariel's father abandoned them many years ago. To provide income, Rosmery works selling "pasankalla" on the street along with other snacks. All her children help her to sell.

When Ariel first enrolled, he was unable to interact with his classmates. He had interpersonal communication problems, his language was not developed, and he often kept to himself. Thanks to the stimulation provided in the center, he eventually managed to develop his language and social skills.

He gets along easily with the other classmates now, consumes his food and leads in group activities. He has managed to improve his personal interaction with his peers in a positive way, like games in which rules are established and sharing building blocks. His improvement can now be seen in his joy and empathy he shares when interacting with his classmates.



## Finances

Since incorporating as a charity in 2018, there has been increasing financial support from a network of donors from across Canada and around the world that want to help the children and families in Bolivia. Revenue from monthly donors continues to grow. Being able to offer a sustainable level of support to the communities in Bolivia is critical to Help Bolivia Foundation operations in Bolivia. As in previous years, 100% of donations go directly to Bolivia with all program administration costs in Canada funded by volunteer board directors.

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Details on financial balance sheets for 2023 and 2024 and can be seen below in 2023 Financial Report and 2024 Financial Report respectively.

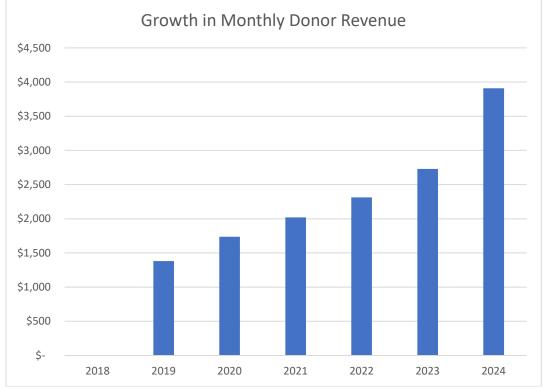


Figure 16 - Monthly Donor Revenue

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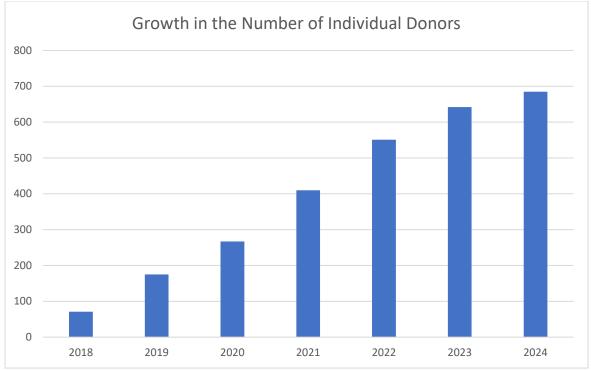


Figure 17 - Growth in Individual Donors for the 2024 Reporting Period

Expanding the donor base including monthly donors, as well as one-time donors, was a priority for the 2023 and 2024 reporting period.

# **Donor Appreciation**

Help Bolivia Foundation is deeply grateful to all the individuals and organizations who supported our work over the past two years. We would particularly like to thank the following grant supporters:

- Aqueduct Foundation
- Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario (EFTO)
- Fig Tree Foundation
- Leanne Palylyk Children's Foundation
- Peterborough KM Hunter Charitable Foundation
- Ross Ulmer Family Foundation
- The Nadia & Alf Taylor Foundation
- Unfamiliar Angels
- Worldwide Education & Research Institute (WERI)

We also acknowledge other contributors and volunteers whose support helped sustain our nutrition and education programs, including smaller grant-making organizations and community donors across Canada and beyond. Your belief in our mission continues to empower meaningful change in El Alto, Bolivia.

# **Bolivia Partner Organization Appreciation**

Help Bolivia Foundation relies on people to drive the changes required to help children and families in Bolivia. In additional to Aracely who provides the direct oversight and control of projects in Bolivia, Help Bolivia also has in-country agent organizations that act on behalf of Help Bolivia Foundation to achieve our objectives. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the individuals within these organizations that are aligned with Help Bolivia Foundation objectives. These include:

- Fundacion Benefica Ahiezer (Ahiezer Foundation)
- Helping Hands La Paz
- Espacio Ecopedagogico Casa Kusisina
- Fundacion Sariry (Agent for HBF until 31 December 2024)

# Plan Going Forward

Help Bolivia Foundation will continue the vocational technical training programs in 2025, continuing the with the Baking Training and entrepreneurship program. These programs teach employable skills to the adults and youth in the El Alto community. Help Bolivia Foundation is working closely with its partner Ahiezer Foundation in Bolivia to determine which programs are a priority for the community.

In the next five years, as our donor and grant funding base grow, Help Bolivia Foundation plans to replicate the programs at our new Centre in other areas of need in El Alto. Until the Bolivian Government can provide the support these migrant families need, Help Bolivia Foundation will be there for them.

# 2023 Financial Report

#### HELP BOLIVIA FOUNDATION COMPARITIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending December 31, 2023 BALANCE SHEET

	BALANCE SHEET	GENERAL	2023 Villa Ingenio Bakery	TOTAL	2022	% Change	
CURRENT ASSETS							
	CASH						
	Chequing Account	30,868	46,485	77,353	7,298	960%	
	PayPal Account	380		380	408	-7%	
	PayPal USD	254		254	79	221%	
	Total Cash On Hand	31,502	46,485	77,987	7,785		
	RECEIVABLES						
	Global Giving	2,261		2,261	3,551	-36%	
	Benevity	470		470	1,482	-68%	
	Canada Helps	602		602	235	156%	
	Other Receivables	53		53			
	Total Receivables	3,386		3,386	5,268		
TOTAL AS	SSETS	34,888	46,485	81,373	13,053	523%	
LIABILITIE	-						
LIADILITI	Advances by board members	21,324		21,324	22,705	-6%	
	Advances by board members	21,324		21,324	22,705	-0 /6	
NET ASSE	TS	13,564	46,485	60,049	(9,652)		
Total Liabili	ties and Available funds	34,888	46,485	81,373	13,053	523%	
	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES						
RECEIPTS	1						
RECEIPTO	Benevity	3,280		3,280	18,112	-82%	
	Canada Helps	29,874		29,874	16,942	76%	
	Global Giving	15,928		15,928	11,534	38%	
	Grants/Receips from Foundations	31,650	46,485	78,135	10,718	629%	
	Other non-receipted donations	2,499	40,485	2,499	4,441	-44%	
						-44%	
	Tax Receipted Receipts	24,353		24,353	21,526		
	Fund Raising Receipts	6,287		6,287	3,041	107%	
TOTAL RE	Donations for approved travel	4,936	46,485	4,936	<u>9,371</u> 95,685	-47% 73%	
IUTAL K		110,007	40,405	105,292	35,005	13%	
EXPENDIT	URES						
	Administration expenses						
	Bank service charges	2,379		2,379	1,788	33%	
	Gain/loss on Foreign exchange	41		41	21	100%	
	Event Epenses	205		205			
	Fundraising Expenses	4,893		4,893	2,083	135%	
	Admin & Office supplies	2,373		2,373	1,865	27%	
	Approved travel	4,936		4,936	9,371	-47%	
	TOTAL Administration expense	14,827		14,745	15,127	-3%	
	Program Expenditures						
	Sariry Tahuantinsuyo Program	69,785		69,785	70,142	-1%	
	Yoselin (employee)	2,248		2,248	2,876	-22%	
	Sewing programs Tahuantinsuyo	797		797	1,561	-49%	
	Ahiezer Villa Ingenio Program	7,612		7,612	3,842	98%	
	Admin fees	405		405			
	Total Programs Expenditures	80,846		80,846	78,421	3%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		95,673		95,591	93,548	2%	
Excess of	Revenue over Expenditures	23,216	46,485	69,701	2,178	3100%	
Beginning f	Funds	9,652		9,652	11,830		
Ending Fu	inds	13,564	46,485	60,049	(9,652)		
Figure 18 - Comparative Financial Statements for Year Ending 2023							

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#### Help Bolivia Foundation

Balance Sheet
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As of December 31, 2024

	DEBIT	CREDIT
10150 Banks CDN:CIBC Account CDN # 05817	13,403.14	
10200 Banks CDN:PayPal account	0.00	
0160 10010 Banks USD:CIBC Account USD # 05214	3,781.52	
10210 10010 Banks USD:PayPal USD	254.18	
2005 Total Receivables:Receivable from Global Giving	4,394.82	
2010 Total Receivables: Receivable from Benevity Canada Online	811.01	
2020 Total Receivables:Receivable from PayPal	605.00	
12025 Total Receivables:Canada Helps Receivable	1,199.58	
12030 Total Receivables:Skip the deposit & other receivables	0.00	
Total Receivables:Receivable from Square	2,144.69	
25500 GST/HST Payable		0.0
26210 Amts due to related parties:Advances Matthew & Lydia Hill		14,323.6
26220 Amts due to related parties:Expenses paid by M&L Hill		0.0
26230 Amts due to related parties: Advance from board members (3)		0.0
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets		60,049.4
13761 USD Foundations income		3,453.4
13763 USD Donations income		400.0
13724 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:PayPal subscription payment		7,260.0
43782 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:Donations through Square		130.0
43786 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:Donations by etransfer		13,508.4
43788 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:Donations by cash/cheque		1,125.0
43789 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:Gift in Kind Donations		1,464.0
43791 Help BoliviaTax-receipted income:Donations Approved Travel		7,709.7
43790 Fund Raising income:Merchandise income		3,161.0
13795 Fund Raising income:Event tickets income		620.0
13722 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:PayPal income (no subscription):Paypal Mass Pay		820.5
43728 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:PayPal income (no subscription):PayPal General Payment		1,709.7
43734 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:PayPal income (no subscription):PayPal Mobile Payment		7,422.1
43760 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:CDN Foundations income		19,247.0
No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income: Micelleaneous Donation		589.9
43730 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:Other Registered Charity Income:Benevity Canada Online		2,256.0
ncome		2,200.0
43740 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:Other Registered Charity Income:Canada Helps income		48,753.9
43750 No Tax Receipt Gift Donation Income:Other Registered Charity Income:Global Giving income		25,515.0
50400 Bank SC cdn	18.50	20,010.0
60410 Bank SC cdn:Canada Helps service fees	1,698.97	
60415 Bank SC cdn:PayPal fees	416.52	
60420 Bank SC cdn:Bank fees	569.97	
	236.98	
50440 Bank SC cdn:Bank fee Global giving transfer		
50445 Bank SC cdn:Square fees	226.31	
60450 Bank SC cdn:Benevity Canada Online fees	28.20	
60405 Bank SC usd	68.97	
62000 Event Expenses	1,774.68	
52910 Fundraising expenses	790.64	
Fundraising expenses:Gift In Kind Expenses	1,464.06	
64900 Adminstration & Office Supplies	2,092.72	
65190 Other Types of Expenses:Approved Travel Expenses	7,709.77	
5210 Program Expenditures:Sariry Foundation	82,857.42	
65225 Program Expenditures: Yoselin	500.00	
65230 Program Expenditures:Admin fees	425.00	
65260 Program Expenditures: Other funds sent to Bolivia	1,464.00	
65265 Program Expenditures:Ahiezer	66,763.77	
65270 Program Expenditures:Helping Hands	15,989.96	
Program Expenditures:Aracely	7,829.00	
Reconciliation Discrepancies		0.0
TOTAL	\$219,519.38	

Figure 19 – Balance Sheet for Year Ending 2024

## Information about Help Bolivia Foundation

Help Bolivia Foundation was founded by Matt and Lydia Hill in 2018. The foundation was incorporated in Alberta, Canada on May 22, 2018, and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board is made up of experienced individuals with expertise in education, board governance, project management, charity law, and finance.

On June 4th, 2019, Help Bolivia Foundation became a registered Canadian charity, CRA #71315 5513 RR0001.

Help Bolivia has volunteers in Canada, the U.S., Bolivia and around the world. Our Volunteer Team is made up of experienced individuals with expertise in International Development, Project Management, Education, Grant Applications, and Fund Development.

Help Bolivia also employs one Employee in Bolivia.

Help Bolivia Foundation Board of Directors as of Q4 2024

Matt Hill, AB	President
Lydia Hill, AB	Secretary
Bob Laws, AB	Vice President
Liz Gill, AB	Treasurer
Kristy Rouleau, ON	Director
Paul DuBeau, QC	Director
Michelle Tribe, ON	Director
Eunice Estrada, BC	Director
Sabrina Niesman, AB	Director

Help Bolivia Foundation operates under the 100% Model. 100% of donations are applied to the programs in Bolivia. All administration expenses for 2023-24 were again covered by board members.

Directors visit the project annually to oversee the project, develop relationships with potential partners, attend meetings, take photos for newsletters and fundraising appeals, and a variety of other tasks associated with managing a charity. Travel expenses are paid personally by the directors traveling, and not from Foundation funds.

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