



2015 was an exciting for the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation. We are proud of the impact of our grants that facilitated the success of individuals and communities working their way out of poverty and we hope that you'll enjoy reading about a few of those investments in the articles that follow. As we mentioned in past newsletters, 2015 was also the year we surpassed the \$1,000,000 milestone in grants awarded. For those of you who will be in Houston on 23 April, we hope that you can to join us for our Million Dollar Celebration. Please use this link to rsvp for what we hope will be both a fun and informative event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/million-dollar-celebration-tickets-21040604013>. As we look forward to 2016 and beyond we hope that we can count on your continuing support to keep the momentum going.

Renewed Grants



In our guidelines for year-end reports we ask our grant recipients to describe any challenges they encountered. For the **Little Sisters Fund** working in Nepal, these challenges included surviving 2 major earthquakes and fuel shortages and political unrest sparked by protests of a new constitution. Through all those challenges Little Sisters Fund kept their eye on their objectives, first making sure that everyone was safe, and then on how to meet their goals for teacher training workshops. Since transportation was an issue they focused on campuses nearer Katmandu and completed training at 13 schools. They also took the time to reevaluate their programs and for 2016, they will add more advanced training when they make follow-up visits. In addition, they are developing a one-day training program for new teachers joining schools that have already completed the training. We are proud to award Little Sisters Fund an additional grant of \$5,200 to help them implement, improve, and expand Primary Education Training for Quality Learning in Nepal.



The Foundation is also proud of our continuing support of **Mercado Global's** program "Advancing Community Health and Business Education in Rural

Guatemala.” Through this project, indigenous women artisans were equipped with tools and skills to improve their financial stability and create healthier lifestyles for themselves, their families, and their communities. The business training went from simple, e.g., how to open a bank account, to more complex topics like cash flow management, business financing principles, best practices of record keeping and co-op accounting. Health topics included repetitive stress, sanitation and hygiene, nutritious cooking, and healthy recipe sharing. Last summer Mercado Global did an assessment of the impact of their program. This results illustrated a clear positive impact on partner artisans as well as their communities in the areas of health and business education. Perhaps the best way to illustrate the success of the program are examples of partners who put learned theory into practice. Santa Maria Visitación is a standout partner cooperative that continues to set and break milestones each year. The women of Santa Maria Visitación noticed a lack of affordable bedding in their community. Applying content from business trainings, the women began a side business to create sheets and pillow covers. This has allowed them to earn additional income while still participating in Mercado Global orders. Mercado Global was awarded another grant of \$10,000 to expand this program to new communities.

Completed Projects



Though our funding for the project is complete, we believe the impact of the work of **Green Empowerment** in Nicaragua will continue for generations to come. The

AllPeopleBeHappy funding actually came from multiple grants; a Project Grant, a Fellows Program grant for Caitlyn Peake, and a Volunteer Service Award for Kristen Midura. The work addressed environmental stresses on rural communities in various ways. Native trees were planted, crops were diversified, improved environmental practices were implemented such as live fencing, fodder banks and mixed pastureland of trees and shade tolerant grasses. In addition to the agricultural improvements, Caitlyn managed projects to bring environmentally friendly technology to rural communities such as improved cook stoves, solar irrigation, solar power for homes and schools, and capturing gray water to irrigate patio gardens. Finally, Kristen left a well-paying engineering job in Portland, OR to spend 6 months leading service learning groups to these communities to install the new technology. Though the aggregate effect of these efforts may take years to fully develop, we are confident that the impact made by this amazing group is a great example of providing innovative and sustainable solutions to the root causes of poverty.



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