

## Children and Youth

- 54 girls and 37 boys from disadvantaged families in elementary, high school and university maintained grade averages above 80% and showed positive changes in their self-esteem, confidence and expression
- 492 girls and 477 boys learned about human rights, the environment and teamwork through reading enrichment activities organized by student library volunteers
- 61 young women and 31 young men organized in 6 arts groups developed artistic and expressive communication skills, increased their self-confidence, and shared their talents in music, dance, theater and painting with the community
- 20 young leaders organized and promoted violence prevention activities at the CCBN and throughout the neighborhood



## Women and Families

- 677 women from the ages of 4 to 82 gained basic literacy, vocational and artistic skills in CCBN classes
- 14 mothers of scholarship students now communicate assertively with their children and are reducing violence in their homes
- At least 40 women have taken concrete steps to leave violent situations, reduce their risk of violence and/or report violent partners to the police.



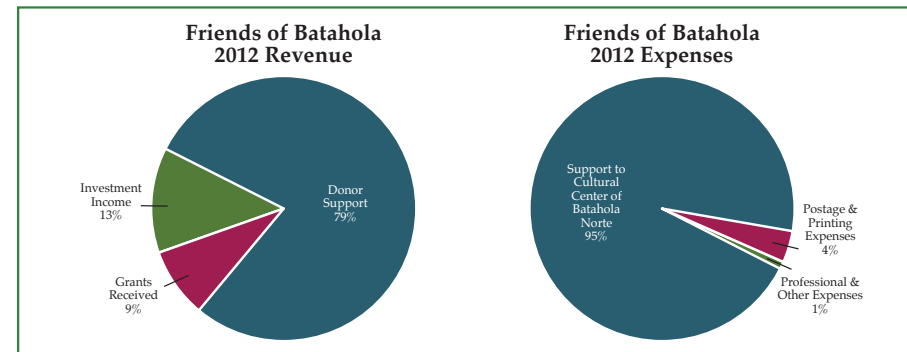
## Community

- 1,622 children, youth and adults did homework, researched school assignments and read for pleasure at the CCBN's community library
- Over 200 adults, young people and community leaders in the high-risk Jorge Dimitrov neighborhood have strengthened their ability to prevent and respond to violence in their families and community
- Over 300 community members participated in a violence prevention campaign and learned about Nicaragua's new law against domestic violence

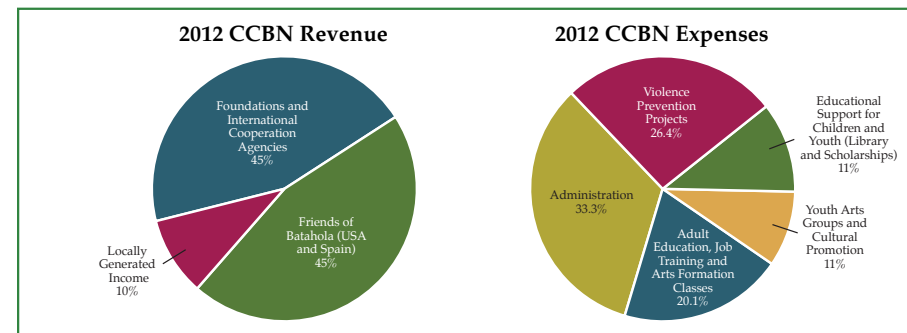


*"Without the CCBN, my self-esteem would be much lower. With everything I've learned here I've really raised it. I am braver, more sure of myself, and I've acquired more values. I've gotten diplomas and I know I can get a job now. The Center has contributed greatly to my life."*  
 – CCBN student

We use the professional services of a CPA to prepare our 990 tax report. Ninety-seven percent of donations go to the direct support of the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte. All board members are volunteers, and there is no paid staff.



The CCBN is an oasis in the midst of Nicaragua's many challenges. The Friends of Batahola are committed to the on-going support of the CCBN through friendship, prayer, solidarity and financial support, as the CCBN works to educate and empower people from Batahola and more than 140 neighborhoods of Managua, Nicaragua.



## Vision Statement

The Friends of Batahola (FOB) are inspired by the vision of the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte (CCBN) founders, Sr. Margie Navarro, CSJ, and Fr. Angel Torrellas, OP, and will continue their mission of empowering the people of Nicaragua.

## Mission Statement

Friends of Batahola supports, sustains and promotes the CCBN in Managua, Nicaragua, through prayer, financial assistance, solidarity and building community, thereby responding to the call of the Gospel.

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# Friends of Batahola

## Annual Report 2012



*Once you choose hope,  
 anything is possible.*

— Christopher Reeve



# Thank You

CHOOSE HOPE. That is what each of you did when you gave your donation to the Friends of Batahola in 2012, supporting the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte. We all have choices and the Friends of Batahola thanks you for CHOOSING HOPE, Hope for a New Dawn.

— Terri Holman, Board of Directors President, Friends of Batahola

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