2015 A LOOK BACK
OUR MISSION
Everyone deserves access to high-quality education, and educating a child is the most sustainable vehicle for establishing thriving economies and flourishing communities.

Our mission is to provide access to high-quality bilingual education to children throughout Central America by building sustainable partnerships, establishing community-led volunteer-driven schools, and promoting cultural exchange.

Our Challenge

A lack of quality education leads to:

- Health and sanitation issues
- Economic instability
- Gender inequality
- Lack of qualified teachers
- Infrastructural challenges
- Violence

75 percent of Honduran children will not graduate high school

Together we can break the cycle
**Our Mission**

**KEY PROGRAMS**

Bilingual Education for Central America is a learning organization focused on quality education. We train and recruit international volunteer teachers who implement a dynamic, comprehensive approach to education. We partner with local communities to develop schools that will graduate students who champion learning and literacy, challenge the status quo, and who embody a service-minded attitude to become persistent advocates for change.

**San Jeronimo Bilingual School** opened its doors in September of 2004 and has since grown to serve over 260 students with a staff of 14 BECA volunteers and 9 Hondurans. SJBS is owned and operated by a nonprofit group of democratically elected parents known as ASPAPRO who form BECA’s partner in the community of Cofradia. SJBS is defined by a unique scholarship program and alternative tuition model, which allows all members of the community the right, and ability, to access this quality, bilingual education.

**Santa Monica Bilingual School** opened their doors in September of 2011 and has since grown to serve over 170 students with a staff of 9 BECA volunteers and 5 Hondurans. SMBS is owned and operated by La Hermandad de San Agustin, an order of nuns who operate various social projects, including SMBS, in the town of Vida Nueva, Honduras. SMBS is defined by its unique 100% student scholarship model. Under this alternative tuition model, parents utilize the level of scholarship needed to meet their financial needs.

**Amigos de Jesus Bilingual School** opened their doors in September of 2013 and has since grown to serve over 120 students with a staff of 7 BECA volunteers, 5 Honduran staff, and many other local and international volunteers. BECA entered into this joint venture with Amigos de Jesus, a U.S. and Honduran based organization operating a children’s home for over 85 children who have been victims of abuse or neglect in some form. The home is located outside of Maquelizo, Santa Barbara, Honduras.

**Our Mission**

**KEY PROGRAMS**

A high quality education begins with high quality teachers. BECA volunteers begin their year with an intense and 6-week, summer training that prepares them for the duties and challenges they will face once the school year starts.

The training institute, run by veteran teachers and teacher trainers, is an important first step in the BECA experience. After completion of the 6-week summer training program volunteers are equipped with the basic tools necessary to succeed in a BECA classroom. **Ongoing professional development ensures they have the support they need to hone their teaching skills.**

**Supplementary Programs**

**BECa’s signature Alternative Tuition Model** allows all members of a community, independent of socio-economic standing, to access our schools. Through the Alternative Tuition Model families apply yearly for scholarships (or a “beca”) that covers a portion or all of the monthly tuition. In return for these scholarships, families donate time to the school proportional to their scholarships. In this way every member of the school community is involved, either through monthly tuition payments or through contributions of their time and talent at the school.

**San Jeronimo Bilingual School**

**Santa Monica Bilingual School**

**Amigos de Jesus Bilingual School**

**BECa’s Bachillerato Program Scholarship**

**Libros y Familia**

Libros y Familia brings together parents and students to promote a meaningful dialogue, and enjoy a day of reading and activities.
A LOOK BACK AT 2015

FEBRUARY
Participated in World Read Aloud Day with a Dr. Seuss themed event

MARCH
For the first time all BECA teachers attended the annual Teachers Teaching Teachers conference in San Pedro Sula

APRIL
Held our 7th annual Vino Y Chocolate event in New York City with the help of our generous friends at Wine & Spirits Magazine and Maribel Chocolates

MAY
Libros Y Familia brought together hundreds of students and their families to celebrate a day of literacy

MAY
Hannah Bryant joined the BECA family as our In-Country Director

JULY
Our largest group of Summer Camp volunteers ran a great 3-week camp

SEPTEMBER
Launched our annual Back to School campaign. This year’s theme: ABCD’s of BECA

OCTOBER
Presented at the Sustainable Honduras Conference on Equity and Empowerment through Education

DECEMBER
Our most successful holiday giving season brought in $19,128!
We’re growing! Each year, through the generosity of our donors, we welcome two new classes to our partner schools, ADJ and SMBS. This past year we will have seen those schools grow by 45 students!

**METRICS**

**YEARLY STUDENT POPULATION**

![](chart1.png)

**INNOVATIONS**

**PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS PROGRAM**

Founded in the principles of task-based language learning, BECA’s new Professional Pathways Program is a continuing education option offered to graduates of BECA schools. It emphasizes authentic, communication-driven tasks that simultaneously promote language acquisition and prepare students to use their linguistic skills in meaningful interactions outside the classroom.

**SCIENCE CURRICULUM UPGRADE**

Thanks to former BECA volunteer, Katie MacDiarmid, our Science Curriculum received a substantial update. The new curriculum emphasizes scientific fundamentals and explores the use of critical thinking to solve real-world problems.

**COMPUTER LABS**

Thanks to generous donations, BECA’s schools have fully equipped computer labs. The computers give BECA students a technological edge in the emerging Honduran workforce.

**98.2% high school enrollment**

![](chart2.png)
BECA BY THE NUMBERS

- 200+ BECA volunteers
- 3 community partner schools
- 613 total students educated
- 115 graduates
- 11% yearly student growth
- 98% high school enrollment
- 73% university enrollment
- 613 total students educated
OUR PARTNERS
Our Partners

PARTNERSHIPS

BECA does not own and operate the schools with whom we work. Instead, we collaborate with local partners who bring community knowledge and investments to the project. Our partners are responsible for hiring Honduran teachers, managing school finances, reporting to the Ministry of Education, and assisting BECA in support of the foreign teachers. Our equal-footing partnerships result in close, long-lasting relationships between BECA teachers and community members.

PARTNER LED PROJECTS 2015

San Jeronimo Bilingual School

MURALS -- The students in 4th - 9th grade painted murals around the auditorium displaying values that we strive towards as BECA students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL -- Our first automated bell was installed to help our middle school students change classes.

IN WITH THE NEW -- SJBS library received new books and to make space donated older books to local schools.

VOLLEYBALL -- SJBS once again has a volleyball net, one more fun outlet for BECA students.

Santa Monica Bilingual School

CLASSROOM DESIGN -- A finalized design was approved by Pro Honduras and our partners at SMBS for the upcoming Middle School building.

STUDENT BATHROOMS -- A new set of bathrooms was completed.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM -- No longer will the playground flood on rainy days.

Amigos de Jesus

NEW CLASSROOMS -- Construction has begun on new classrooms that will house the ever growing ADJ student community.

TEACHER VISITS -- BECA teachers are conducting two weekly visits to the children’s home dormitories to work with caregivers on supporting the children with homework.

SOCCER GAMES -- Monthly soccer matches have begun bringing all of the teachers together in a fun, team-bonding activity.

Only if we work together with respect, honesty, integrity, and equality, do we believe we will accomplish our goal of achieving a sustainable educational and economic transformation.
OUR CAMPAIGNS
BACK TO SCHOOL

Investing in education is the single most effective way to reduce poverty. At BECA, students in communities across Honduras are given the tools necessary to become leaders in their home country.

As students were stepping into classrooms, people all over North America rallied together to send 113 BECA kids to school.

$16,887 DOLLARS RAISED

113 STUDENTS FUNDED

GIVING STATS

LEARN THE ABCDs OF BECA

DONATE NOW

FACEBOOK STATS

4,177 ENGAGEMENT

64,815 REACH

62 NEW PAGE LIKES

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GIVING STATS

TOTAL RAISED $16,887

AVERAGE DONATION $123

NUMBER OF DONORS 137

LARGEST DONATION $5,000
HOLIDAY GIVING

Over the holiday season our goal was to fund 5 classrooms. Without BECA, most of the students in these classrooms would find themselves in overcrowded public school classrooms where many school days are canceled in any given year.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we surpassed our goals and funded six BECA classrooms for 2016!

$20,364
DOLLARS RAISED

136
STUDENTS FUNDED

GIVING STATS

TOTAL RAISED $20,364

NUMBER OF DONORS 76

AVERAGE DONATION $268

LARGEST DONATION $5,000

VINO Y CHOCOLATE

Our seventh annual Vino Y Chocolate event, hosted in New York City, celebrated BECA’s partners and students alike. The event was attended by staff, alumni, donors, friends and family.

Every child deserves a high quality education, and as the event demonstrated, there are hundreds working alongside BECA to make this a reality.

$21,020
DOLLARS RAISED

140
STUDENTS FUNDED

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Black Friday - Cyber Monday
#GIVINGTUESDAY
December 1, 2015

Wine & Spirits
BECA IN THE PRESS

BECA is a truly inspiring organization, operating a unique model where decision making and responsibility are shared with its local community partners. These equal-footing partnerships have proven to be highly successful.

- Pocket Robin

The objective of the [BECA] school is to give low-income Hondurans the skills they need to be successful in their own country. And, their approach seems to be working.

- VICE News

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT IN 2015

Increase in Social Media Followers 591

262,622 Social Media Reach

Social Media Followers 3,259

12,714 Facebook Engagement

341 Social Media Posts
OUR FAMILY
Our Family

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Special thanks to our members who went on to new things in 2015.

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OUR FINANCIALS
Our Financials

SUPPORT INCOME

- Foundations: $74,375 (56%)
- Individuals: $49,011 (37%)
- Grants: $6,000 (5%)
- Corporate: $2,308 (2%)

TOTAL SUPPORT INCOME: $131,695
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