WE PARTNER with community based nonprofit organizations, who leverage their experience and expertise to ensure the sustainability and success of our projects.

OUR STRATEGY is to support locally informed giving. We believe that locals within the community are best positioned to drive meaningful, long lasting change.

TRF SUPPORTS LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ACROSS THE AMERICAS.
2021 AT A GLANCE

146 PROJECTS SUPPORTED

$3.5M FUNDS GRANTED

17 COUNTRIES SUPPORTED
WHERE WE WORKED IN 2021

- CANADA: 24 programs
- CHILE: 8 programs
- BRAZIL: 34 programs
- ARGENTINA: 7 programs
- PERU: 5 programs
- DOMINICA: 3 programs
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 5 programs
- PANAMA: 1 program
- TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: 1 program
- BELIZE: 1 program
- GUATEMALA: 2 programs
- MEXICO: 38 programs
- HONDURAS: 5 programs
- ECUADOR: 1 program
- COLOMBIA: 9 programs
- PERU: 5 programs
- VENEZUELA: 1 program
- BAHAMAS: 1 program
- PANAMA: 1 program
- TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: 1 program
- BELIZE: 1 program
- GUATEMALA: 2 programs
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"Considering that this was our first experience with international organizations, I want to emphasize that the attention, respect and professionalism given to Itacolomi by the team at The Resource Foundation was very accommodating and left us calm and safe at all stages of the process. In addition, [the] financial contribution allowed us to improve our financial situation and get ready to resume face-to-face activities."

Leandro Chrispim, Director & President, Itacolomi
Gol de Letra is a UNESCO-recognized non-profit working in São Paulo to transform young peoples' lives by offering them otherwise inaccessible extracurricular opportunities. During the pandemic, Gol de Letra observed many young people losing their confidence, motivation and self-worth, and so created a Life Skills program to help restore their dignity. The program enabled 121 adolescents to learn new skills in areas like dance, theater, street art and audiovisual production. Though initially overwhelmed and unsure, participants became proud of their newfound abilities and accomplishments, with many wanting to continue pursuing their new creative outlets.

"The classes are great now! Much better than when they were online. Here I have more space and I can dance in a more free way (without family judgment). The dynamics of physical expression are important because it helps us - experiencing movement from other perspectives... I really enjoyed fixing my posture, I felt like a model! It's amazing how many things can be improved using dance! These techniques made me understand better how to use my body and make a presence when walking or arriving in a place.

- N. S. G. 15 years old"
Chicas en Tecnología seeks to close the significant gender gap in Latin America’s technology sector. In 2021, Chicas en Tecnología developed seven programs which gave 4,000 young women the opportunity to participate in this typically male-dominated field. In the Female Leaders in Tech panel event, 490 women learned about the technology industry, many for the first time.

In Programming a Better World, 15 women from four countries worked with mentors to develop technological solutions to problems that impact society. After working with Chicas en Tecnología, women said that they felt inspired, motivated and empowered.

“Loved it! Great information, and great community thinking together about the future job market and the importance of new jobs in the future.”

- Nicol, 24 years old, Tucuman, Argentina
Food Banks Canada partners with 4,700 organizations to fight food insecurity across Canada. The After the Bell program provides weekly food packs to children in the summer, when school nutrition programs are not in session. After the Bell serves 173 communities, and has recently increased its focus on Indigenous communities such as Nunavut. In 2021, After the Bell delivered 150,000 packs of healthy food to every territory and province in Canada.

The high cost of fresh produce in the Arctic often means many kids do not have regular access to it in their homes. We were able to offer a variety of fresh fruit to kids in the After the Bell bags this summer. Kids and their families were always excited to receive it and told us how much they looked forward to it. For some kids it was the only fruit they’d have that week.

- Niqinik Nuatsivik Nunavut Food Bank, Iqaluit, Nunavut
Led by the School of Nursing, the University of the West Indies created a psychological trauma and mental health training program. Run through the Saint Augustine campus in Trinidad and Tobago, it is the second phase of a three-year project aimed at strengthening nurses’ capacity to respond to the region’s high rate of natural disasters. 17 nurses from eight Caribbean islands participated in the four-day course. Participants learned how to compassionately serve patients with psychological trauma and mental health conditions, practice self-care and pass on their newly-acquired knowledge to colleagues.

“The workshop taught me how to assist those who may be in distress. I hope to share that information with key stakeholders in the Bahamas. It also examined self-care. We are so involved with our duties but we need to have downtime for ourselves, so we can regroup and provide care in a better and more competent way. It gave me a clearer picture on how to be more prepared for future disasters.

- Patrice Forde-Hall, Mental Health Nurse, The Bahamas
Instituto Pró-Saber promotes literacy among vulnerable children from under-resourced families in São Paulo's Paraisópolis community. Seeing that Coronavirus was disrupting students' access to education and causing some to fall behind, Pró-Saber launched its Read & Play initiative. As part of Read & Play, Pró-Saber held a 100 Books Party that challenged students to read a total of more than 100 books within the year. Read & Play's ABC program also provided more thorough literacy support to students who were falling behind. Overall, Pró-Saber’s Read & Play initiative reached 125 children via daily hybrid instruction and achieved a 70% literacy rate. Some parents even mentioned that students started coming home from the program telling stories, singing songs and pleading with family-members to read them a book.

“Now Ana wants to talk more, before she felt more quiet at home. She stays at home telling stories, singing and dancing. She wants to teach the music she learned to everyone, and wants people to sing together, jumping like a pirate or a mermaid. She even wants to play more with her younger sister, which improved their relationship. Her interest in reading has increased a lot. She wants us to read to her, and never stops writing her name and trying to write her sister’s name, which makes me very happy.

- Vanessa, Ana Sophia's mother
The Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Tec Monterrey) is a renowned university in Monterrey, Mexico. Responding to the very real need for fast, low cost COVID-19 diagnosis methods, a team of scientists is creating an artificial intelligence program that can diagnose Coronavirus by analyzing x-rays. So far, the team has trained the algorithm with 200,000 radiological images, including normal cases, COVID-19 as well as other pathologies. The algorithm can now analyze x-rays with a similar success rate to human radiologists. In fact, while human radiologists take up to five minutes per x-ray, the algorithm takes only five seconds. If Tec Monterrey's artificial intelligence program is ultimately implemented across hospitals, it will offer another quick and affordable COVID-19 diagnostic method.

To learn more about Tec Monterrey’s research please click here.
Instituto de Nutrición de Centro América y Panamá (INCAP) collaborates with Latin American countries to design nutrition and food security programs. In 2020, INCAP observed that health care providers frequently suffered emotional exhaustion and psychological distress, leaving them vulnerable to various diseases and harming their ability to care for patients. Seeing the very real need for a health care training program with a focus on self-care, INCAP launched the Self-Care Course for Health Care Providers in Central America. 3,889 people participated, coming from Guatemala, El Salvador and Panama. Upon course completion, participants reacted to stressful situations more thoughtfully, developed healthier life-habits, experienced less turnover and provided an elevated standard of care to a total of 38,892 patients.

“This course provided a unique opportunity to learn how other health care providers are managing stress when working on the front lines of a global pandemic. The shared experience gave us a sense of motivation while also validating our feelings.”
- Anonymous Program Tutor
“The Estée Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation is proud of our partnership with The Resource Foundation, which helps support and strengthen our goal of investing in quality education and access to leadership skills for girls and young women. Through The Resource Foundation, we are able to support locally-led education initiatives in Brazil and Mexico, which bring about sustainable change for young girls, their families and communities.”

– Nancy Mahon, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship and Sustainability, The Estée Lauder Companies
TRF is proud to share that 11 of the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals were addressed through our partnerships and projects in 2021.

The Resource Foundation helps donors to meet their philanthropic goals, while centering key Sustainable Development Goals.

Through collaboration and perseverance, we are working to meet the UN 2030 target: achieving a better and more sustainable future for all by 2030.

The UN created the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) so multiple stakeholders could share a blueprint to promote global prosperity, peace and wellbeing. The SDGs seek to end poverty and inequality, and to protect the planet by fighting climate change from multiple angles. Progress is being made towards the SDGs across governments, the private and civil sector. With support from donors, organizations around the world are working to meet these vital goals by 2030.
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