



FRIENDS OF COLOMBIA

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Dear Friends of Colombia,

In a year during which a global pandemic has dramatically changed our daily routines and taken far too many lives, your engagement, commitment, and resourcefulness have inspired and encouraged Friends of Colombia (FOC) to double down on our commitments. Instead of giving into the notion of 2020 being a “lost year” and pausing our outreach efforts, your enduring support allowed us to increase the scope of our impact in new and creative ways. This year, FOC:



- Raised \$6,637 for Colombian communities struggling with food shortages and food insecurity caused by COVID-19,
- Raised \$2,405 for artists in Cartagena whose livelihoods were fundamentally changed when Colombia closed its borders to tourists,
- Awarded \$4,305 to four inspiring organizations during our inaugural competitive grant competition,
- Launched a mentorship program for the 96 volunteers evacuated from Colombia,
- Hosted three virtual professional development events,
- Facilitated seven virtual reunions for our members to help them reconnect, and so much more.

At the moment, nuestra querida Colombia is not only battling the devastating effects of COVID-19, but Colombian activists defending natural resources and basic human rights are being assassinated at a heartbreaking rate.

According to an Amnesty International Report, at least 223 social leaders have been murdered this year alone. Struggling tremendously to comprehend this disturbing trend, I am reminded of the words of the U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, “The people closest to the pain, should be the closest to the power.” With the belief that small individual

actions have the power to lead to collective actions, Friends of Colombia is committed to supporting those that inspire systemic change through collective action.

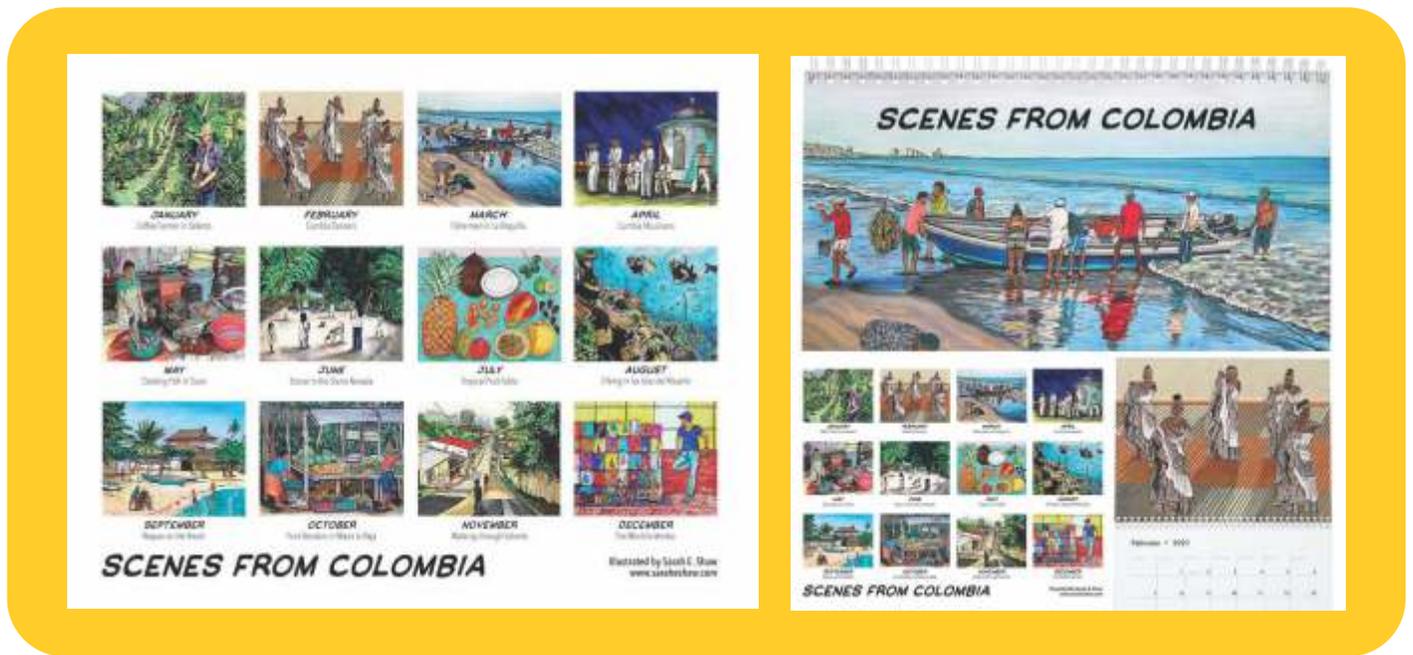
As we embark on our annual fundraising campaign, we aim to raise a total of \$8,000 to advance the meaningful work of our long-standing partners (The Colombia Project, The Marina Orth Foundation, Paso a Paso, and The Magdalena Foundation). With FOC's donation, these organizations will continue to provide educational and economic opportunities to people and communities closest to the pain.

With your support, we also hope to make a \$5,000 contribution to La Asociación de Mujeres Indígenas (ASOMI). ASOMI is an organization of female elders, healers, and knowledge-keepers from five different tribes spanning 100,000 acres in the Andean Amazon region of Colombia: Sionas, Kofanes, Koreguajes, Ingas, and Kamentsas. Their bravery to continue fighting for the preservation of their land, rights, and cultures through community-based initiatives and policy advocacy is all the more courageous given the increasing risks they face as social leaders.

Please help us reach our most ambitious annual fundraising goal ever by contributing to FOC online (<https://friendsofcolombia.org/donations/>) or by sending your tax-deductible contribution to:

Friends of Colombia
PO Box 15292
Chevy Chase, MD 20825

Everyone who donates \$50 or more will receive a 2021 calendar with illustrations from Sarah Shaw, the very talented artist and FOC member. Together we can help bring the people closest to the pain closer to the power!



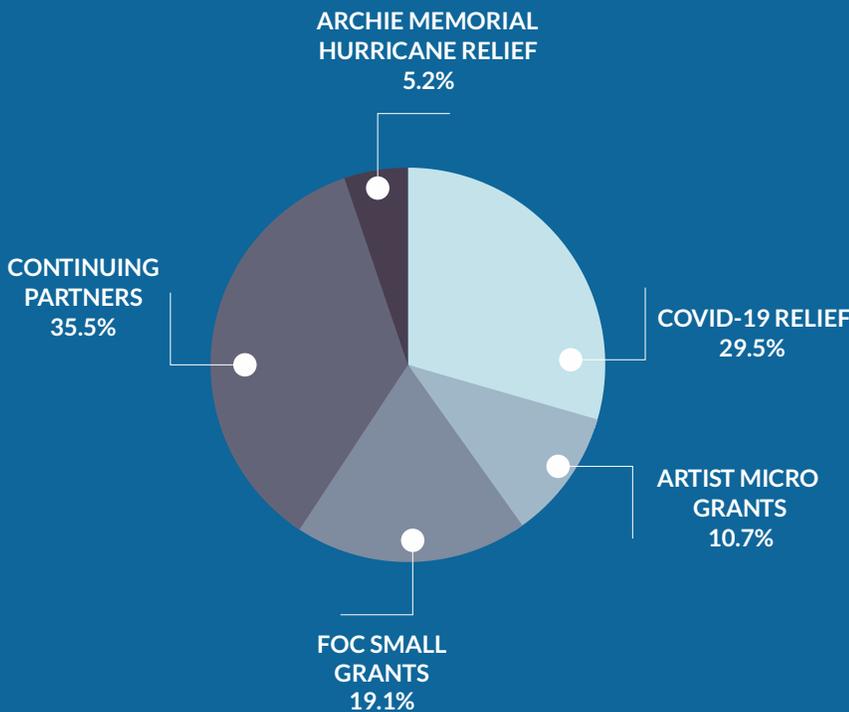
Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays,

Michael Band
President, Friends of Colombia
RPCV Colombia 2011-2014

2020 AT A GLANCE

Thanks to **205** separate contributions, FOC supported **14** community-based projects, donating a total of **\$28,441**

KEY SECTORS



EDUCATION



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



FOOD SECURITY



DISASTER RELIEF



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



COMMUNITY HEALTH



SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGICAL TOURISM



PARTNERS

- ASOMI
- Tierra Grata
- Camp GLOW
- Café Stepping Stone
- ICFES Radio Prep
- Marina Orth Foundation
- The Magdalena Foundation
- Foundation FISDE
- Paso a Paso
- DominoVolunteers
- TCP Global
- Foundation Serena del Mar

FOC'S GEOGRAPHIC IMPACT:



2020 FUNDRAISERS



In 2020, Friends of Colombia leveraged the talent of FOC members to create interactive learning opportunities to raise money to address immediate, emergent needs in Colombia. The proceeds from each fundraiser supported a community-based organization in Colombia working to meet those needs.

Cooking With Care



\$ 3,015
DONATED



240 MERCADITOS
DELIVERED



The COVID-19 pandemic and government-mandated lockdowns in Colombia left many vulnerable families in dire conditions. Food insecurity became a major issue for many communities. Although the Colombian government made efforts to provide small stimulus deposits into bank accounts, many people did not receive this support. In the outskirts of Santa Cruz de Lorica, a quiet fishing village in the Córdoba Department, countless families have been forgotten entirely.

In an effort to support these families, FOC partnered with Servir de Corazón, a small community organization that took on the mission of purchasing and delivering mercaditos (packages of food and supplies) to families in the remote towns surrounding Lorica. To raise funds for Servir de Corazón, two FOC members, Chef Carmen Galvis and Chef Jeremy Booth, led a virtual cooking class where they taught participants on Facebook Live how to make arroz con pollo.

Adry Esther Behaine Pacheco of Servir de Corazón says, “By working together, we were really able to make a difference in Lorica, Córdoba. Your donation helped us reach so many more families and has encouraged us to continue our commitment of serving others without the expectation of receiving anything in return. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.”



Comics For A Cause



\$2,405
DONATED



Strict city-wide lockdowns also effectively shut down Colombia's tourism industry with devastating effects for cities like Cartagena. Large swaths of Cartagena's population experienced income loss, including those who contribute to the city's thriving arts scene. Many artists now struggle to make ends meet.



In an effort to help artists and the city's art industry, talented artist and FOC Member Sarah Shaw organized a visual storytelling workshop. She shared her love of storytelling, illustration, and autobiographical comics with participants in an online minicomics workshop, while raising funds for two Cartagena-based organizations, Domino Volunteers and Café Stepping Stone. Together, we provided 13 small grants to artists and art service organizations in marginalized neighborhoods struggling to continue their operations.



Beneficiaries of these grants include Corporación Batámbora and Corporación Cultural Kilele Son, two organizations in La Boquilla that work with community members to preserve traditional music and dance. Their grants purchased tools to make more drums. Furas in barrio Olaya works with female entrepreneurs. With their grant, they procured materials and packaging for their projects. Tu_la in barrio San Francisco purchased fabric and supplies so they could continue operations of their reusable bags. Four individual artists received grants so they could source painting supplies.

Domino Volunteers Founder and Returned Peace Corps Colombia Volunteer (2011-2014) Christina Kuntz says,

“These small grants make a large difference in supporting local Cartagenos become more self-sufficient, especially during this pandemic which has further demonstrated the vulnerability of much of the city who rely on employment and income from outside sources. Empowering local entrepreneurs is one great way to combat issues including inequality and systemic racism, among others.”







Cooking With Care #2



PARTNER
LA MESA DE
VÍCTIMAS

\$3,822
DONATED



238 MERCADITOS
DELIVERED

Communities in the lower and middle zones of Montes de María, Bolívar, also experienced particular economic difficulties and food shortages. Lockdowns came as this region reached the end of the dry season, when water and food stores are at their absolute lowest, and families desperately need support accessing food.

Chefs Carmen and Jeremy again hosted a cooking class online, this time teaching participants how to make Buñuelitos de Cabezas Negras (Baked Black-Eyed Pea Fritters) with Ají (dipping sauce). Proceeds benefited La Mesa de Víctimas, a local advocacy organization that works with community leaders from rural pueblos in the region. They had advocated for food assistance for the region, but that aid had only reached urban centers, leaving the most vulnerable families and communities in need of immediate assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, La Mesa de Víctimas delivered mercaditos to families in 10 rural communities in in 10 rural communities in Montes de María, serving between 1,900 - 2,380 people!

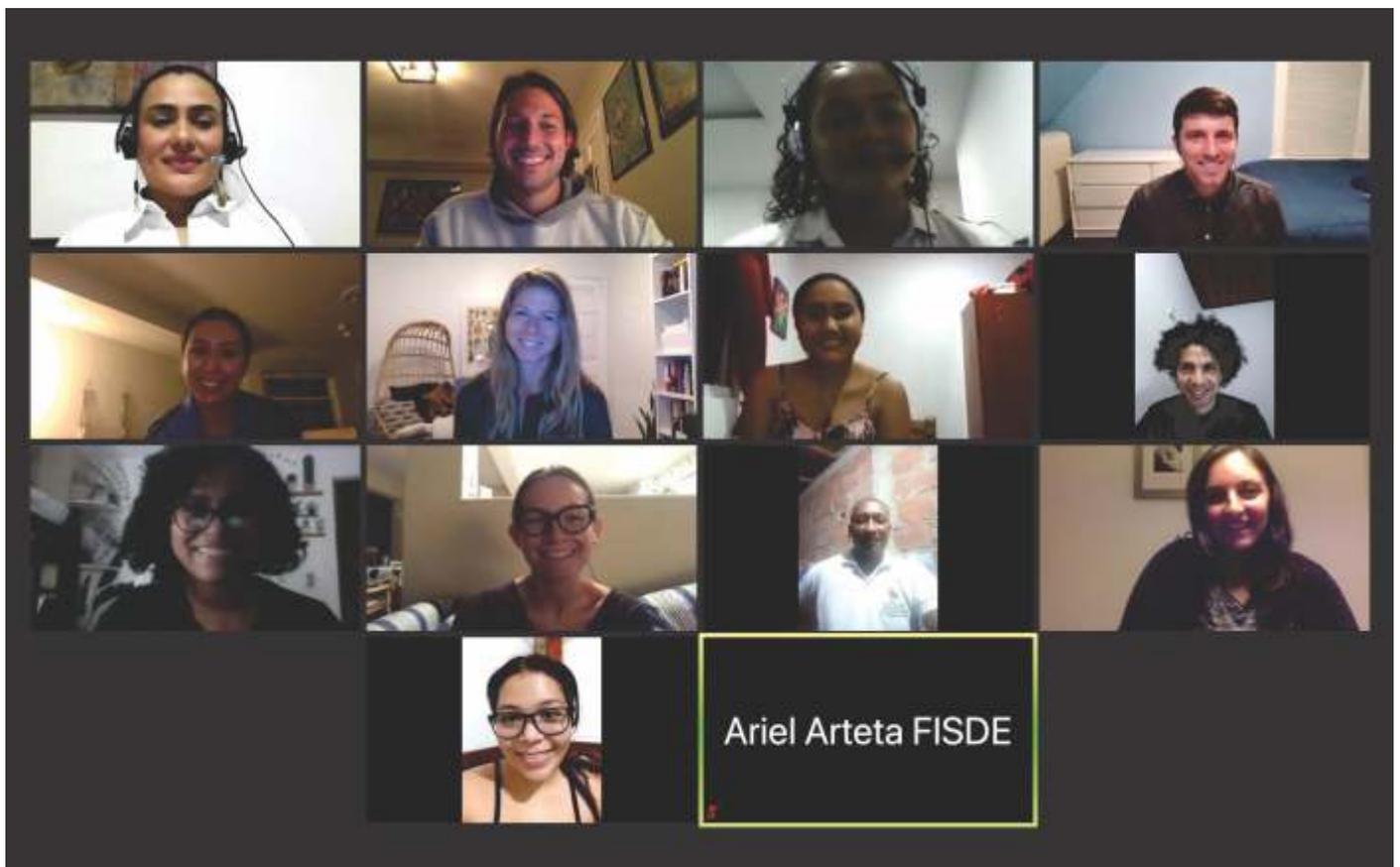
Small Grant Program

FOC's 1st
EVER SMALL GRANT
COMPETITION

FOC awarded
\$4,305 USD TO 4 GRANT WINNERS

This year, Friends of Colombia launched an innovative Small Grant Program to fund community projects in Colombia. We invited RPCVs, former counterparts, and grassroots organizations to apply for grants to fund their projects. In October, FOC awarded grants to the first winners of this competition: four grants totaling \$4,305. These funds arrived at a time of critical need, as many Colombian communities are suffering from the devastating effects of the global pandemic. Here are the project descriptions for our first grantees:

Grantee Welcome Call





Camp GLOW

Virtual reach across Colombia's Northern Coast \$1,180 USD

Since 2014, Peace Corps Colombia Volunteers and their counterparts throughout the Caribbean region of Colombia have supported Camp GLOW. Camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) aims to promote gender equality by empowering young women in their personal, academic, and professional lives.

Challenge:

Prior to the pandemic, Camp GLOW had 10 clubs with 136 participants throughout Colombia's Caribbean Coast. Each year, these clubs would convene for a multi-day camp, but it was not safe to host the in-person camp this year. Camp GLOW leadership realized they would need to pivot in order to continue their operations

Solution:

Camp GLOW found an opportunity to reach even more girls and young women by dispersing virtual materials and sharing recordings. Camp GLOW used its FOC grant to purchase Camp GLOW kits, which allowed 76 participants to continue the program remotely. All kits include t-shirts, antibacterial gel, face masks, folders, printing costs, oatmeal, cereal bars, and phone chips with prepaid internet. The grant also covered the cost of packaging and shipping the kits to all camp participants.



Yulieth Martinez, Camp Glow

“Opportunities for learning and empowerment have decreased during the global pandemic. Meanwhile, increases in violence and inequality have continued to grow. For these reasons it is critical that Camp GLOW continue to offer its suit of workshops to young women on the caribbean coast of Colombia. Thanks to our grant from FOC, Camp GLOW was able to provide our campers with internet access, educational material, snacks, facemasks, and hand sanitizer. Without this grant, our campers would not have been able to benefit from our virtual workshops.”



Tierra Grata

Vereda Unidas, en Montelíbano, Córdoba.
\$975 USD

In the midst of the global pandemic, 30 percent of the population on Colombia's northern coast lacks access to clean drinking water and safe sanitation. Established in 2014, Tierra Grata is a social enterprise that has worked to reduce social inequities in rural Colombia through the introduction of clean technologies.

Challenge:

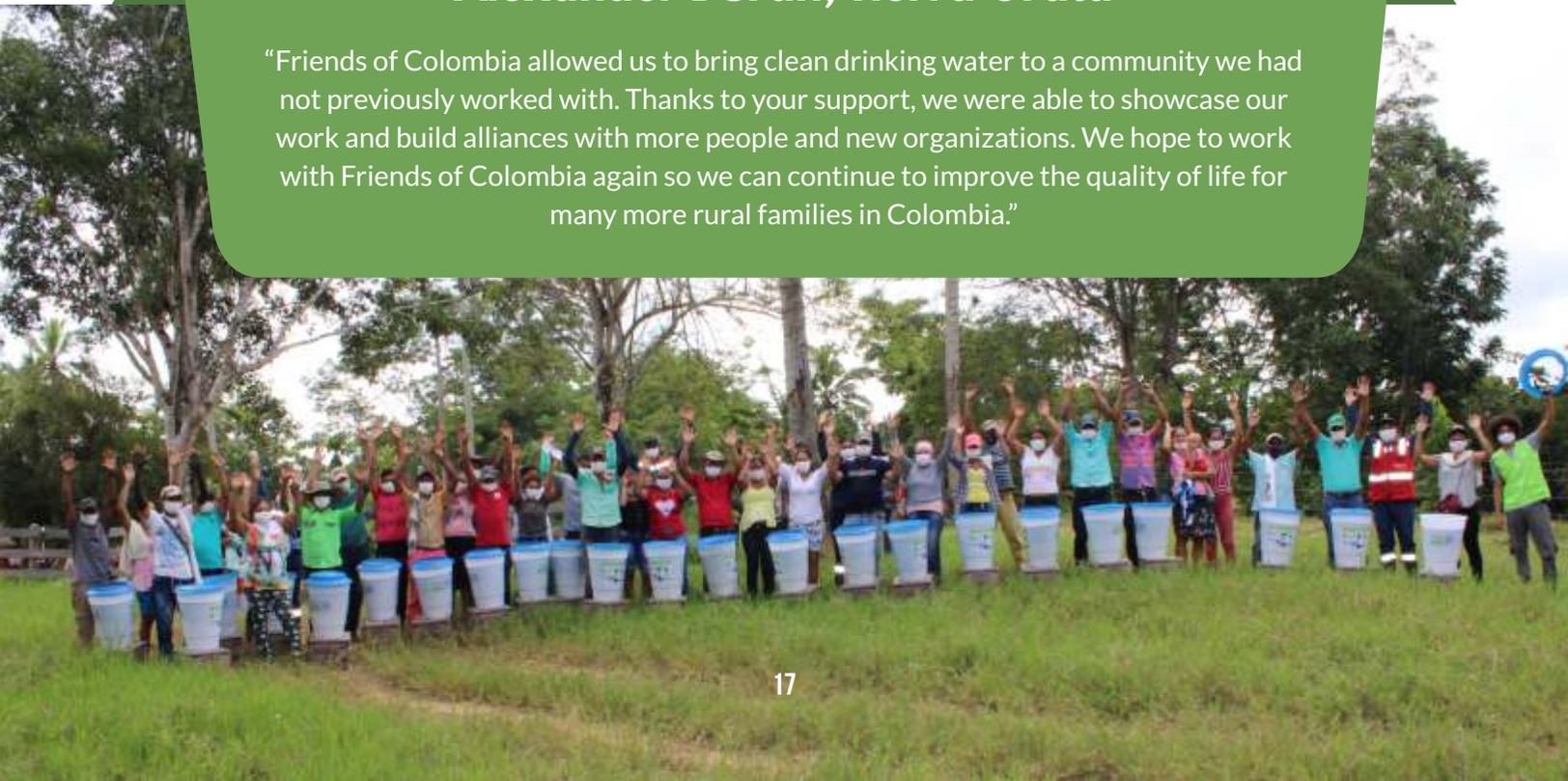
Families in Veredas Unidas, a small community in Montelíbano, Córdoba, lack access to electricity and hygienic sanitation facilities. Without running water, collecting rainwater is the only source of water for families in this community. However, tests revealed that the collected rainwater wasn't potable.

Solution:

Tierra Grata's FOC grant enabled the purchase and installation of 20-liter gravity water filters for 25 households, benefiting a total of 127 individuals. Access to clean drinking water will improve the health of all 127 people that now have access to these filters. This grant also allowed Tierra Grata to improve the hygienic sanitation facility in the community's plaza through the additional purchase and installation of a water collection tank and portable sink.

Alexander Durán, Tierra Grata

“Friends of Colombia allowed us to bring clean drinking water to a community we had not previously worked with. Thanks to your support, we were able to showcase our work and build alliances with more people and new organizations. We hope to work with Friends of Colombia again so we can continue to improve the quality of life for many more rural families in Colombia.”



Pre-ICFES By Radio

Maicao, La Guajira
\$1,200 USD

Each year, Colombian high school students sit for the ICFES Exam, a national standardized test like the American SAT or ACT, which impacts opportunities to pursue higher education and receive financial aid.

Challenge:

With in-person classes suspended due to the pandemic, low-income students in remote areas without access to laptops, tablets, or reliable internet connections found themselves further disadvantaged.

Solution:

To assist these students, a group of teachers in Maicao, La Guajira, created the Pre-ICFES by Radio program. Partnering with the nearby Colombian National Army base and making use of their FM radio station, the program went live in April. With its FOC grant, Pre-ICFES By Radio will purchase a multifunction printer and spiral binding machine to print and distribute learning resources to accompany each set of lessons delivered by radio. Once printed, the Colombian National Army unit stationed at Maicao will assist in distributing the booklets to 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students in the municipalities of Maicao, Uribia, and Manaure.

Sirleis Díaz, Pre-ICFES by Radio

“Thanks to the support we received from Friends of Colombia, we were able to continue printing and delivering education materials to students in Maicao, La Guajira. These materials allowed our students to achieve their learning goals during a very challenging time. Thank you for being part of our social, community, and educational project that helped improve the academic outlook for so many students.”



Fundación para la Integración Social y el Desarrollo (FISDE)

Luruaco, Atlántico
\$950.00 USD

Social and economic inequality is pervasive in the Atlántico Department of Colombia. Located between the tourist hubs of Cartagena and Santa Marta, Atlántico could capitalize on expanding its tourism industry to create better employment opportunities for local residents.

Challenge:

Luruaco is a small municipality in Atlántico that sits on the highway between Cartagena and Santa Marta. With every bus traveling between these tourism hubs stopping in Luruaco, the locals have an opportunity to engage tourists. However, many tourism guides in Luruaco lack organization and training.

Solution:

FISDE, a foundation that works on social integration and development in Luruaco, will use its FOC grant to train and equip informal guides in Luruaco.

FISDE will provide 10 local guides with the training and equipment needed to do their jobs effectively – uniforms, brochures, materials advertising the local attractions, and an office located beside the bus stop. They will also encourage the guides to promote local, sustainable ecological tourism by promoting local hiking trails in the area as well as the municipality's diverse flora and fauna.

Municipality of Luruaco, Atlántico. Photo: Government of Atlántico



Speaker Series

This year, Friends of Colombia made it a priority to help our members and the 96 evacuated Peace Corps Colombia volunteers navigate this difficult transition and find job opportunities. Throughout the year, FOC hosted three virtual Speaker Series events. Topics included *Navigating USAJobs*, *Breaking into the Education Sector*, and *Joining the Foreign Service*. During each session, volunteer panelists shared stories about their personal experiences, offered advice on applying for jobs, shared insider tips, and answered questions from the audience. In total, the three Speaker Series events drew more than 50 participants. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all 12 FOC members who generously volunteered their time to participate in these professional development opportunities.



Navigating USAJobs

- Regina Ernst (PCV 2013-2015, U.S. Coast Guard)
- Mike Deloge (PCV 2011-2014, U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- Andrea Doyle (PCV 2012-2014, Peace Corps HQ)



Breaking into the Education Sector

- Alli Spring (PCV 2012-2014, Founding Principal at NCIC-Immersion School)
- Don Wise (PCV 1972-1976, Postsecondary Educator)
- Michelle Dilesio (PCV 2016-2019, Boston Children's Museum and YMCA International Learning Center)
- Lindsay Schiltz (PCV 2016-2018, Evanston Township High School)
- Jeremy Booth (PCV 2013-2015, Childhood Education International)
- Nate Mullen (PCV 2012-2014, Strive Prep)



Joining the Foreign Service

- Caroline Iglesias (PCV 2012-2014, Consular Officer at US Consulate in Guayaquil, Ecuador)
- Danny Butterfoss (PCV 2014-2015, Foreign Service Generalist - Economic Track)
- Constance Ray (PCV 2012-2014, Consular Fellow- Department of State)

Mentorship Program

In an effort to provide support to the 96 Peace Corps Colombia evacuees and other recently returned volunteers, Friends of Colombia started a Mentorship Program. FOC mentors offered their mentees job search assistance along with emotional and transitional support.

In the program's inaugural year, FOC paired 32 mentees with 45 mentors. All Mentorship Program participants benefited from the strength of a broader network, the experiences of others, and the power of connection.

Mentor: Constance Ray, 2012-2014

“This opportunity allowed me to reconnect not only to Peace Corps Colombia, but with the many ways the agency has changed my professional and personal life. Serving as a mentor was an empowering experience and the extra little bit of connection, amidst so much uncertainty, was just what the doctor ordered.”

Mentee: Kenny Tran, 2018 -2020

“As an evacuated RPCV, working with a former PCV in order to readjust to American lifestyle, keeping in consideration the drastic and dramatic changes that took place so quickly was a blessing. Readjustment is always a difficult process, and it is great to have a mentor in order to talk through the process and think out loud with. Not everyone understands the Peace Corps experience, and I'm beyond grateful for the wise words and advice that my mentor has left for me.”

Mentor: Caroline Iglesias, 2012-2014

“I really enjoyed being a mentor and sharing my experience of using non-competitive eligibility to get a government job. I know I would have benefited from having someone mentor me as I was transitioning back to the U.S.”

**To become an FOC Mentor
or Mentee in 2021, email
president.friendsofcolombia@gmail.com!**

**Mentee:
Elyse Magen,
2018 - 2020**

“I feel thankful for Maya and FOC for their support with my job search. FOC also helped me refinance my USAID grant [after being evacuated], and thus deliver on my unfinished business [at site]. I feel forever grateful for the tremendous support I received from my fellow RPCV Colombia community.”

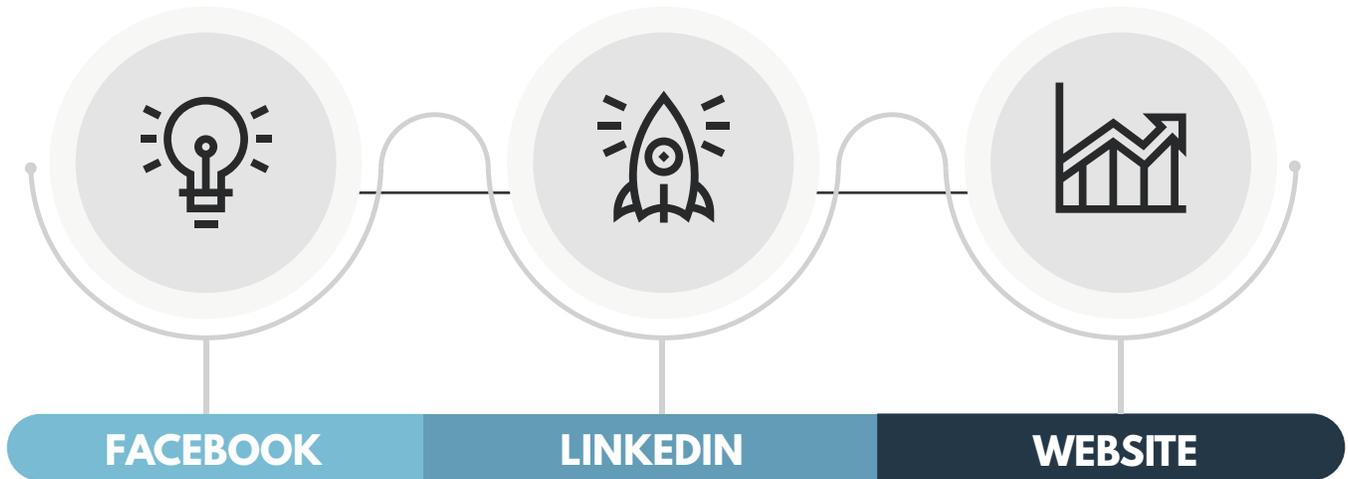
**Mentor:
Sue Forster-Cox,
1977-1979**

“My mentee is a passionate, mature and serious student, and she's adapted well to the rigorous academic path she is on, earning the MSW/MPH dual degrees. She reminds me of the can-do attitude of a PCV/RPCV, love of community, quest to take on new challenges, and determination to conquer obstacles that may arise on one's path.”

**Mentee:
Autumn Sprunk,
2017-2020**

“I was lucky enough to get paired with a couple of different mentors through the Friends of Colombia mentorship program. This was one of the indicators of how strong the Peace Corps network is after service, as much as during service. I was able to connect with a variety of people and talk through the pros and cons as I thought about what path to take: government, private sector, or a graduate degree.”

Communications



FOC regularly shared Colombian news and virtual events with the 470 people that like our Facebook page.

This year, FOC created a LinkedIn page and regularly shared job and professional development opportunities.

Four FOC members wrote feature stories for our website's Memories and Return Visits page.

If you would like to share your own story with FOC, please email president.friendsofcolombia@gmail.com.

Continue to visit FOC's Facebook page, LinkedIn page, and website to stay up-to-date on all things FOC!



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Meeting FOC's Communications Intern:



In July, FOC announced a paid internship opportunity with our Communications Team. Later that month, the board welcomed Laura Leiva to FOC. Get to know Laura here:

Laura, can you tell us a bit about yourself?

My name is Laura Leiva Vargas. I am from Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. I studied communications at Universidad de Cartagena, and I graduated in June 2020. I've worked in radio, media and journalism. Right now, I'm working with the department of communications in the environmental office of the city (Establecimiento público ambiental - EPA), and I am an intern for Friends of Colombia.

What is your connection to Peace Corps Colombia and FOC?

My family had the opportunity to be a host family for a Peace Corps Volunteer between 2013-2014. And at that time, my mom was working in a public school in Pasacaballos, where another PCV lived and worked. Through my family's connection to the Peace Corps, we met many more volunteers working in and around Cartagena. To this day, we are still friends with many of them. After working in Pasacaballos, my mom started working in La Boquilla, where she met Mike, FOC's current President.

So, my mom introduced me to both Peace Corps Colombia and Friends of Colombia. She was the one who told me about the internship opportunity with FOC!

What has your role been with FOC so far?

I've been working with the Communications Team. As part of this team, I have helped organize, create, and coordinate content for social media and the

FOC website. I am trying to formalize a brand and strategic communications plan for FOC. I hope my work can expand the connection between the projects, people who have been benefited, and FOC members/PCVs/RPCVs.

Can you describe what working with FOC has been like for you so far?

It's amazing. It has helped me develop my teamwork skills and gain more experience in the field of communications. It's a new experience for me also because I am using my skills in a different language, and it's a challenge, but I am learning that I am capable and able to complete everything that is asked of me. I have really enjoyed working with the brilliant, creative, and experienced Communications Team.

What is one of your goals during this internship?

I hope my work helps FOC become more recognized in Colombia. I would like to help spread the word about FOC in my home country in a way that helps Colombians connect with FOC's work and their efforts to contribute to Colombia.

Anything else FOC members should know about you?

I love to learn new things all the time so German is the next language that I am going to be learning. I love to bake, and I'm planning on creating a blog about Colombian cuisine and the history behind it.

Social Events



Right Proper Brewing Company

In January, 20 FOC members based in Washington, DC, gathered at Right Proper Brewing Company, which is owned and operated by former FOC President Arleen Cheston's son. After an in-depth tour of the brewery, the group enjoyed some great local beer. This setting provided the ideal location for the new leadership team to introduce themselves and discuss the organization's goals for 2020.

Virtual HH with EPCVs

This March, all Peace Corps Colombia volunteers were evacuated and forced to return to the United States. FOC helped welcome the 96 evacuated Colombia Peace Corps volunteers by hosting a virtual happy hour. In total, 45 people joined the Zoom call. Attendees ranged from Peace Corps volunteers that served in the 1960s-1970s, 2010s, recently evacuated PCVs, and NPCA staff.

In addition to reminiscing about parties on patios in plastic chairs and exchanging stories about working and living in Colombia, we were able to hold a productive conversation concerning the immediate needs of evacuated volunteers and how FOC could help assist the 96 evacuees in their readjustment. It was this conversation that led to the formation of FOC's inaugural Mentorship Program and our Speaker Series events.



FOC also hosted virtual reunions for 7 cohorts on our Zoom account!

- Michael Band, CII-3 (2011-2014)
- Alyssa Galik, CII-8 (2016-2018)
- Barry Bem, Colombia 13 (1963-1965)
- Carolyn Denton, (1964-1966)
- Irv Dubinsky, Colombia VI (1963-1965)
- Constance Ray, CII-4 (2012-2014)
- Sheila Goggin, Colombia 55 (1967-1969)

Like many organizations and businesses, FOC was forced to adjust in order to continue operations during the global pandemic. One of the first things we did was purchase a Zoom account.

Without the option to travel this year, FOC decided to offer our members access to our Zoom account to host virtual reunions with their Peace Corps Groups. Please email FOC if you would like to use our Zoom account for a cohort reunion in the future!



Photo from virtual reunion: PC Colombia 1964-66



Photo from virtual reunion: Colombia XIII Educational Television

Virtual Reunion Testimonials:

Carolyn Denton, “Offering the Zoom through FOC was a lifesaver. Since we were going to have an in-person reunion in September which could not happen because of COVID-19, it was just what we needed to solve our dilemma.”

Irv Dubinsky, “The group was happy to visually see one another on the zoom call. Last year, eight of us had a reunion in Times Square in September 2019. So the Zoom call was another opportunity to connect as a group, which was greatly appreciated.”

Pat Kelly Colombia XIII, “It didn't matter that 57 years had passed, or that we were all meeting once again via Zoom rather than in person. More than 20 members of the original group of Educational Television Volunteers (1963-65) were just the same ... old friends enthusiastically catching up on our lives. Our last actual reunion was more than two years ago. Now, thanks to Friends of Colombia, we found each other virtually through the organization's Zoom account. RPCVs checked in from all over the world and the U.S.: Tel Aviv, Cali, Puerto Rico, both U.S. coasts (California, Florida, and DC), and many points in between.

What are we all up to now? Enjoying current projects and watching our grandchildren thrive. Helping new immigrants settle into American life. Working for peace and reconciliation. Helping communities with food needs during the pandemic. Teaching. Writing. Still learning. And always remembering – and cherishing – our days in Colombia.

Before we knew it, our time on the call was up. But we ended with a plan ... we will “Zoom” again soon!”



Photo from virtual reunion: CII-8

Financial Report

2020 Financials (current as of 12/9/2020)

Revenue	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Membership & Donations	\$ 26,091.50	Programs & Grants	\$ 19,965.99
Other Revenue	\$ 83.46	Administration	\$ 1,736.14
Total Revenue	\$ 26,174.96	Fundraising	\$ 2,239.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 23,941.13

Earmarked Donations (still need to donate)	Amount
Marina Orth Foundation	\$125.00
TCP Global	\$325.00
Paso a Paso	\$250.00
Magdalena Foundation	\$100.00
Total	\$800.00

Board Members



President
Michael Band
2011-2014, CII-3,
Education
La Boquilla, Bolívar



Vice President
Alyssa Galik
2016-2018, CII-8,
Education
Manzanillo Del Mar,
Bolívar



Treasurer
Jenna Glickman
2012-2015, CII-4,
Education
Barranquilla,
Atlántico



NPCA Liaison
Pat Wand
1962-1965, CI-8,
Buesaco, Nariño

Committee Members

Communications Team

Manage communication strategy and operations for Facebook, LinkedIn, the FOC Newsletter, and other outreach.

Cesar Castro, 2012-2015, CII-4, Tubará, Atlántico

Jerry Norris, 1961-1963, CI-6, La Plata, Huila

Jeremy Booth, 2013-2015, CII-5,
Barranquilla, Atlántico

Ned Chalker, 1961-1963, CI-1, Titiribi, Antioquia

Brianna Thompson, 2016-2018 C2-8,
Puerto Colombia, Atlántico

Autumn Sprunk, 2017-2020, CII-11,
Galerazamba, Bolívar

Membership Committee

Manage the Mentorship program, LinkedIn page, and networking / career panels and other opportunities.

Maya Cross, 2016-2019, CII-8, Manatí, Atlántico

Alli Spring, 2012-2014, CII-3, Cartagena, Bolívar

Michelle Dileso, 2016- 2019, CII-8,
San Jacinto, Bolívar

Social Events/Fundraising Committee

Organize social events like virtual cooking and art classes, DC happy hours, and FOC fundraising/marketing materials.

Sarah Shaw, 2014-2016, CII-5,
La Boquilla, Bolívar

Carmen Galvis, Peace Corps Language Facilitator,
2013 & 2016

Grantmaking, Monitoring & Evaluation Team

Manage FOC grant application process and evaluation/reporting standards. Review and select grantees.

Brianna Castro, 2012-2015, CII-4,
Tubará, Atlántico

Danny Butterfoss, 2015-2016, CII-7 Response,
Suan, Atlántico

Christina Kuntz, 2012-2014, CII-3,
Cartagena, Bolívar

Laura Zoellner, 2017-2019, CII-10,
Santa Ana, Magdalena

Thank You

FOC needs your support! Our work is entirely funded by your generous gifts. Your donations make all of our programs possible. There are many ways you can support FOC:

- Make an online donation here: <https://friendsofcolombia.org/donations/> or send your gift to Friends of Colombia, PO Box 15292, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.
- Select Friends of Colombia Corporation as your charity on <https://smile.amazon.com/>.
- Write a story for our website.
- Sign up to be a mentor.
- Tell your friends about FOC and share this report with them.
- Follow us on [Facebook and LinkedIn](#).

Thank you to everyone — members, donors, leadership teams, and partners in the field — who has helped us in our pursuit of bringing the people closest to the pain closer to the power.

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