

GRACES

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

A NOTE FROM PAULA BOHLAND

As many of you are aware, four years ago there was a management change at La Escuela Integrada. During the change of management, Guatemalan Relief Assistance for Children's Educational Services (GRACES) was formed as the US based not-for-profit organization that would support the school. Since receiving our charter, we have not taken our hearts or eyes off our mission — to provide education, food, medicine and social opportunities to the poorest Guatemalan children and adolescents.

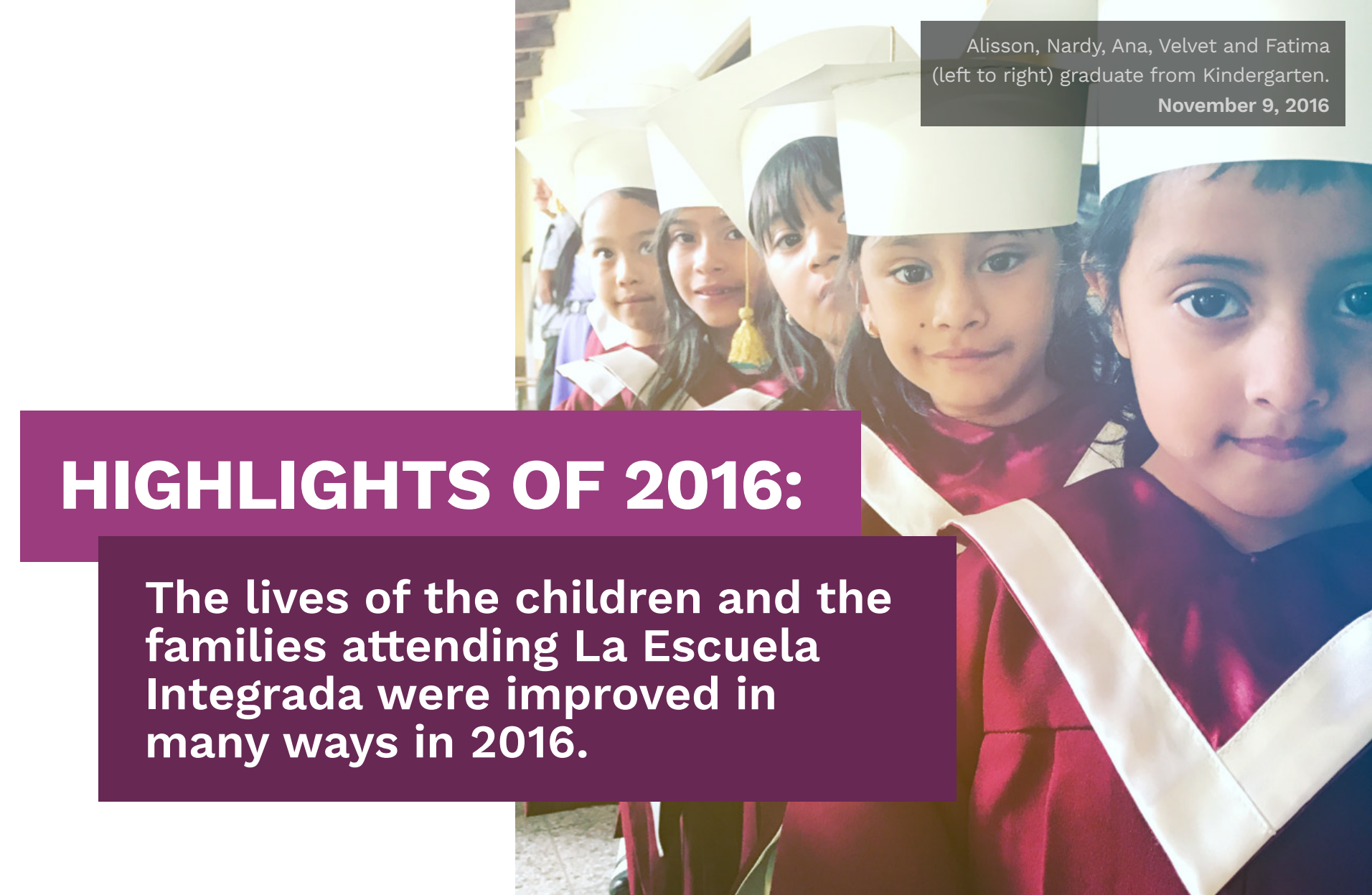
With a clear focus on the mission of our organization and the needs of the school, we are developing supportive partnerships, providing better nutrition, excellent learning environments and opportunities, and, most importantly, showing the children, their families and staff the true meaning of God's love. We know that each year of education, good nutrition and support provides exponential hope and positively impacts the lives of children living in severe poverty.

During the 2016 school year, we all experienced the amazing results of the positive path that we are walking together. Staff members are more content, relationships between the children and their sponsors are growing, the families are obtaining important tools for a better quality of life such as stoves and clean drinking water and, the finances are becoming sustainable. This path is creating better and new horizons such as planning for a new school, assisting more children and developing sustainability plans so that the school, children and families are active participants in the provision of hope and God's love in Guatemala.

I am honored to hold the title of Executive Director for GRACES and present the results of our work and partnerships during the past year.

God's Blessings,

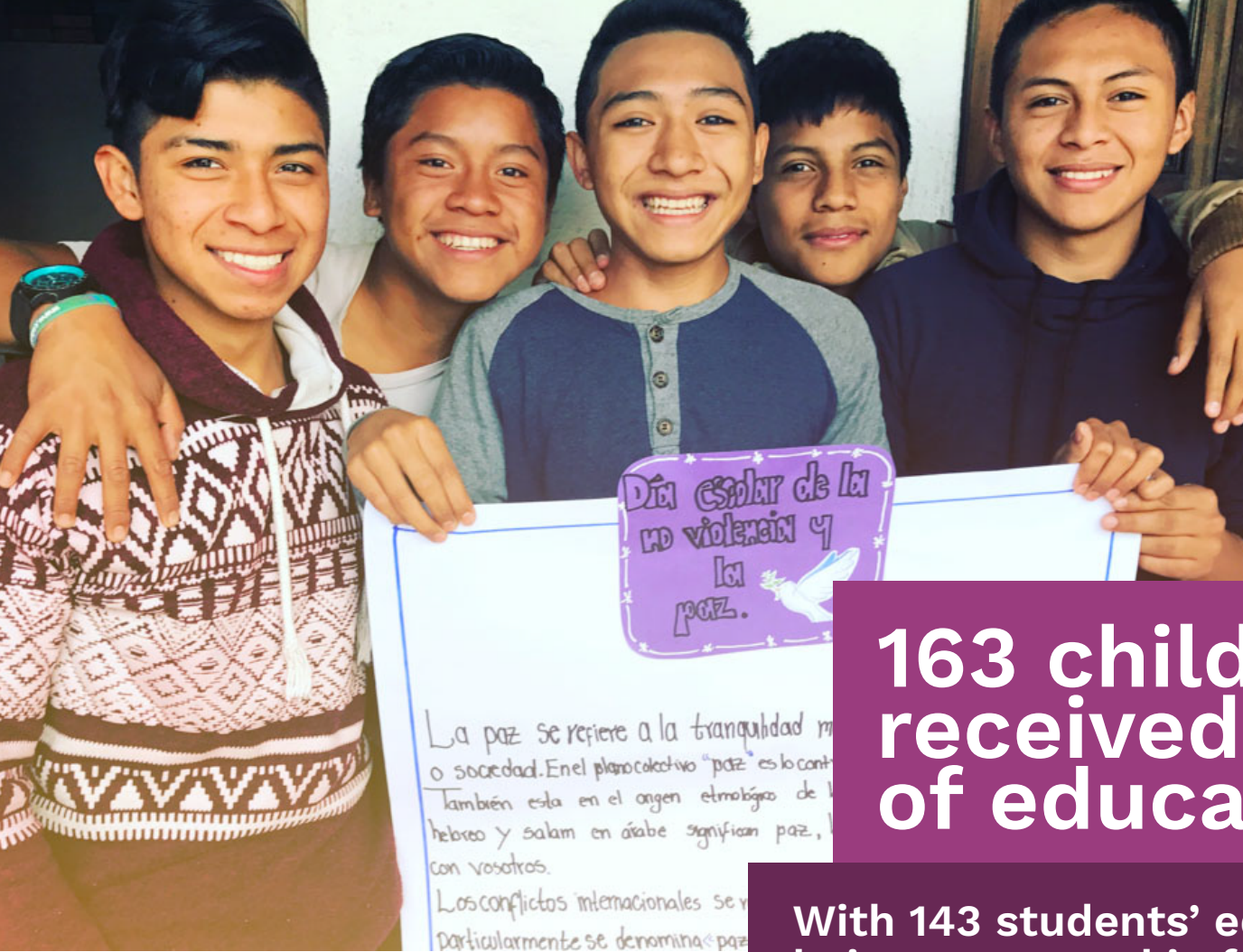
Paula Bohland
Executive Director
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A group of young children, likely graduates from kindergarten, are shown in a line. They are wearing white graduation caps with gold tassels and maroon gowns with white stoles. The children are of various ethnicities and are smiling or looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a brick wall.

Alisson, Nardy, Ana, Velvet and Fatima
(left to right) graduate from Kindergarten.
November 9, 2016

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016:

The lives of the children and the families attending La Escuela Integrada were improved in many ways in 2016.



**163 children
received a year
of education.**

**With 143 students' education
being sponsored in full.**

**More than
58,800 meals
served.**



6th graders eat a traditional Guatemalan meal called "Hilachas."
February 5, 2016



325+ pairs of new shoes donated to children & families.

Made possible by:



The Lifeonaire team brings and distributes shoes to all children at the school.

August 15, 2016

**Every family
received a water
filter.**

**Each family now has a safe
source of drinking water in their
homes.**

Made possible by:



Ana from kindergarten and her mother
receive a water filter.

August 26, 2016





**145 bags of
food donated.**

**The bags were delivered to the
homes of the families, children,
and school staff.**

Elsy in kindergarten and her family
receive a food bag.

February 7, 2016

3 homes built.

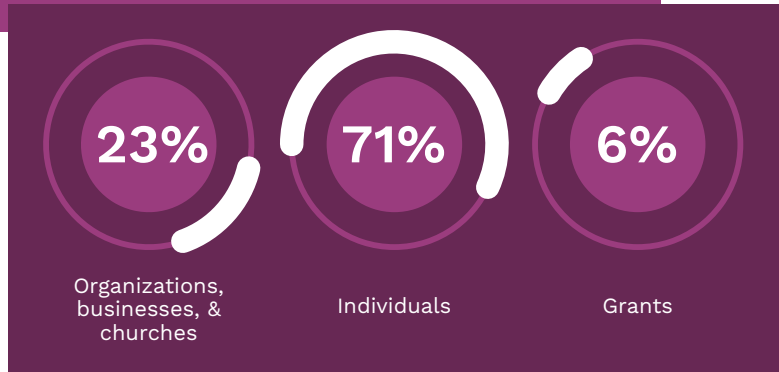
The homes were provided for families in need of a place to live.



The First United Methodist College Team
build a bathroom for one of the families.
May 18, 2016

FINANCES:

\$298k in total donations.



87% of enrolled students sponsored.



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