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### BIGGEST YEAR YET

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Boy With a Ball is all about growing: growing young people, growing leaders, growing communities and growing impact. In 2015, we witnessed increase in each of these areas, making the year the biggest in our history and a launching pad for even greater things in the years to come.



t is completely human to want to see young people thrive. Our hearts want not only to see young people not hurt, but to see them flourishing to the greatest extent possible.

When we find that one of our children, our grandchildren or even a child in our community is in trouble or pain, we fight to do everything possible to make things better.

Boy With a Ball exists for this fight. We began by working to help individual hurting youth. Our efforts grew as we learned to help one young person after another overcome more and more complex struggles: insecurity, anger, drug abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse, gang involvement, juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy, suicidal tendencies, poverty and more. Our work then are in helping the families of the young people we

had grown to know and love. As God gave us success with families, we turned to tackle neighborhoods, communities and even entire cities.

I want to thank you so much for helping 2015 be an action-packed, high impact year in which we took huge strides as a team. We are now positioned for further dramatic growth.

In January, we traveled to San Antonio to help Boy With a Ball's oldest team in its work with young people in the city's struggling southside neighborhoods, where 50% high school dropout rates are commonplace.

In February, we traveled to encourage and support our team in Costa Rica, the young leaders they have nurtured and developed the *El Triangulo* 

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Boy With a Ball
Nicaraguan Team
Members, Esmeralda
Morales, and Heidy
Mairena doing a walkthrough in *Nueva Vida*.
MAY 2015

squatter's settlement are now serving as key leaders in leadership development camps for Lincoln international School. Lincoln students are the children of the country's current leaders and government officials.

In March, Boy With a Ball board members Ed and Sue Liebenthal took their amazing portable dental clinic from Kalamazoo, Michigan, into *Barrio Morales*, a slum on the outskirts of Managua, to provide free care for the neighborhood where BWAB's Nicaragua team is working.

In May, Boy With a Ball local leaders, board members, donors and friends gathered for the inaugural Boy With a Ball Global Leaders Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The historic event was the first time that representatives from every Boy With a Ball team were able to meet face-to-face and to share their experiences, challenges and breakthroughs with one another. This conference will be held annually and is an inspirational and life-changing platform for this growing community of everyday difference makers to come together around the transforming of their communities.

June brought us back to Costa Rica to support the team's growing impact in two slums through tutoring centers, scholarship programs, community walkthroughs and small groups.

In August, our team jumped back to San Antonio to help the team expand their walkthroughs to new areas.

In September, we traveled to see our teams in Africa, helping the Nigerian team with their community walkthroughs in the *Ikirike* slum and participating in FIKISHA/BWAB Kenya leader Moses Aboka's wedding.

In October, our team traveled to Memphis and Boston as part of scouting missions around the possibility of expansion into these two great cities.

In November, Boy With a Ball held our annual board retreat in Atlanta to talk through our progress in 2015 and to create a plan for the year ahead. We ended our travel for the year in December, participating in Nicaragua and Costa Rica team retreats thus closing out a wonderful year.

I hope you understand how critical your part is within the Boy With a Ball community. Each one of us is a member of a growing movement of individuals, families, churches, companies and communities. Alone, we can do very little. Together, we have an opportunity to bring about meaningful change by reaching and developing young people to reach their dreams and to transform their communities. We are just getting started. Thank you for a wonderful year. Imagine what God has for us in 2016!

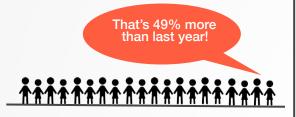
#### "Each of us is a member in a growing movement..."

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

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2,929

Young people served by Boy With a Ball



220

Mentoring relationships

\$1,255,707



22

Staff internationally

COST per young person per year

\$208

\* Excluding volunteer in-kind donations

Global Income in 2015

158

Walkthroughs done worldwide

1,242



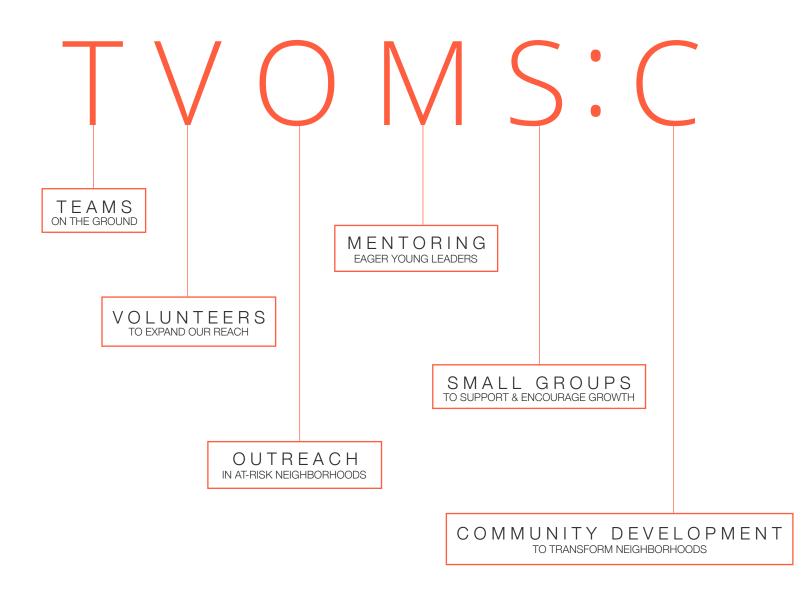
103© Scholarships

27,468

Total number of volunteer hours

# OUR SECRET SAUCE

# A POWERFUL TOOL FOR MOBILIZING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES.



FUNDED BY THE US STATE DEPARTMENT IN COSTA RICA. IMPLEMENTED IN 11 COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. IMPACTING 2,929 YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.



e begin with a neighborhood.
The southside of San Antonio is an economically disadvantaged community plagued by 50 percent dropout rates, rampant juvenile delinquency and teenage pregnancy, with little connection to the American Dream. Young people grow up in these 95% Mexican-American neighborhoods feeling neither fully Mexican nor fully American, caught in a cultural no-man's land, with little ambition and even less traction to achieve whatever dreams they do have.

Beneath the surface statistics and taco stands on every corner, the community is in fact a treasure chest of rich resources and assets: The Latino love of family, a deep value for children and young people and a profound capacity for community solidarity sit like dust-covered jewels, waiting to be uncovered and polished.

Sadly, often the U.S. educational system and culture, miss these hidden gems and as a result watch one generation after another drop out, sink down and fade away.

Boy With a Ball began in San Antonio in 2003 and has watched as our weekly community walkthroughs, and our Velocity cross-age mentoring program have connected these wonderful families, passionate and committed volunteers from across the community, and the young people themselves to create a new path that is leading to life-changing and community-transforming results.

IT STARTS WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD...



ive years ago a small group of youth asked if they could become a Boy With a Ball team. They were students from the remote island of *Ometepe* facing a fight to make it through college. So they proposed a deal: If BWAB provided even partial scholarships to help them with school, they would turn to help a poor neighborhood just up the hill from their university. Since agreeing to their exchange, this growing team has helped one another succeed academically while fighting to earn the trust of the hurting community they were so earnest to help.

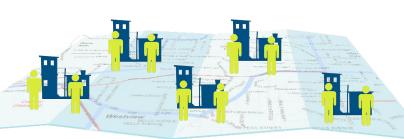
In April of 2015, BWAB Global board members Ed and Sue Liebenthal brought in a volunteer staff to set-up a portable dental clinic within *Barrio Morales*, providing free care for nearly 100 community members.

Nearly 30 BWAB Nicaragua team members and volunteers worked in shifts to help support the clinic and to take advantage of the tremendous

opportunity to talk with and get to know the community as they waited in line to be treated. Each evening the team would gather with the dental group and BWAB Global team members on the campus to share life-changing stories of all that God was accomplishing each day through their work.

This powerful week served as a springboard for the team in Nicaragua to both attract more volunteers, go deeper with the residents of Barrio Morales and to grow their team. These are powerful steps in the team's journey to build a movement of young people who will transform Nicaragua.

ADD A TEAM...







artnering with local universities, multinational corporations including Western Union, IBM, HP and others, international schools and local churches, Boy With a Ball CR has created a continual flow of talented and passionate individuals who give their hearts, skills and time. These volunteers, coordinated by team members, do community walkthroughs, provide tutoring in tutoring centers, teach English as a Second Language classes, and provide scholarship support groups and mentoring relationships.

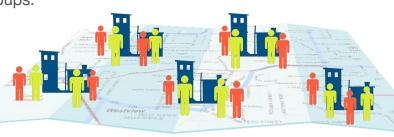
Volunteers provide an exponential labor force. They provide the human resource required to do outreaches, offer mentoring, and run small groups. As they help others, they themselves grow.

As they give their time and serve within neighborhoods most Costa Ricans would never even enter, these caring individuals learn what real community development requires and how

they can make a difference by turning and caring for a community.

Boy With a Ball CR's volunteers have been a part of the transformation the *El Triangulo de la Solidaridad* squatters settlement and have helped expand the work into a second slum, *Los Cuadros*. The volunteer leaders are bringing about historic change in their country, work that the US State Department is helping expand across Costa Rica's capital city of San Jose.

INVITE IN VOLUNTEERS...







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hen a group of young leaders walks into your neighborhood and up to your house, it is natural to wonder what they want? Why are they there?

In Nigeria's eastern state of Enugu, the capital center of the Igbo tribe, outsiders are particularly viewed with suspicion. So when Boy With a Ball Nigeria's team began doing community walkthroughs in the *Ikirike* slum, the community was slow to welcome them.

"Our presence was first met with skepticism and faces filled with questions," BWAB Nigeria Emeka Udeh noted. Little by little, conversation by conversation and week after week, the team watched the community's response to them change.

"As we walked to other homes telling them who we are, at first, they were skeptical and asked lots of questions, which we gave answered. Over time, they welcomed us and expected us back next week."

After a year of weekly walkthroughs in *Ikirike*, the community has grown. Children run alongside the team as they walk from house to house. Small groups have been established. Mentoring relationships have formed out of the relational connections the walkthroughs provide. Some families begin screaming and jumping up and down in delight when they see the team coming toward their home.

DO OUTREACH





n inner city Atlanta, Georgia, staying in school is difficult. Being a high-achieving student is even harder and requires students to focus only on their own success

Yet last year in Boy With a Ball's Velocity program, a miracle happened. Velocity is an after school drop-out prevention program where high school students are trained to become mentors for middle school students. Rather than heading home to do homework or to work to make money, high school students give a day of their week to forget about their own needs and to invest in a younger mentee.

The miracle began when Cam, a well-liked, solid student signed up for Velocity, looking to be paired with a smiling,

appreciative middle schooler. Instead, Cam was matched with Cesar, a sixth grader known for disruptive behaviors, hyperactivity and little self control. Rather than quitting the program, Cam stayed calm and got creative, walking around with Cesar to allow him to expend energy and becoming, Cesar would go on to say, "The only person I can talk to."

As the year and program came to a close, school counselors noted the change they saw in Cesar. He went into summer counting the days until the program would start again. Mentoring is giving Cesar a chance to grow and stay in school, while giving Cam a chance to change a life forever.

#### BEGIN MENTORING





n a busy Saturday afternoon, walking along the dusty roads that weave through Nairobi's Kawangware slum, an older woman reaches the Kawangware Lutheran Fellowship. This is where FIKISHA/Boy With a Ball Kenya gathers the FIKISHA Sacco, a small support group for the parents of students that FIKISHA has scholarshiped to attend boarding school.

"They have dedicated their time once in a month to come together encourage one another, contribution and learning together. The Sacco is really growing and we thank God for this growth," said FIKISHA Director Francis Ogot.

The group provides support for one another as well as workshops from FIKISHA about starting micro businesses, learning to manage their finances and learning to be better parents.

One of the group's most innovative features is that it serves as a micro bank in which each family deposits a small amount, sometimes as little as a dollar, each week. Deposits then are eligible to receive microloans to launch microenterprises. As small groups like the FIKISHA Sacco multiply from neighborhood to neighborhood, young people and their families in Kawangware are receiving the support they need to see their lives and community lifted up.

FORM SMALL GROUPS



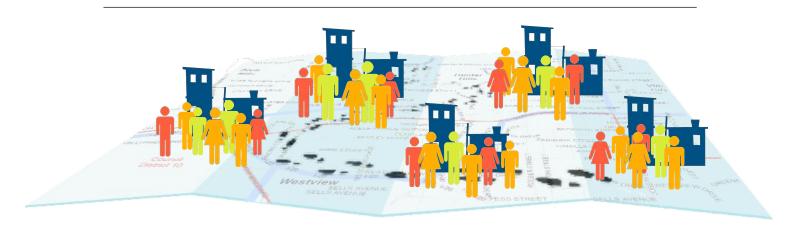
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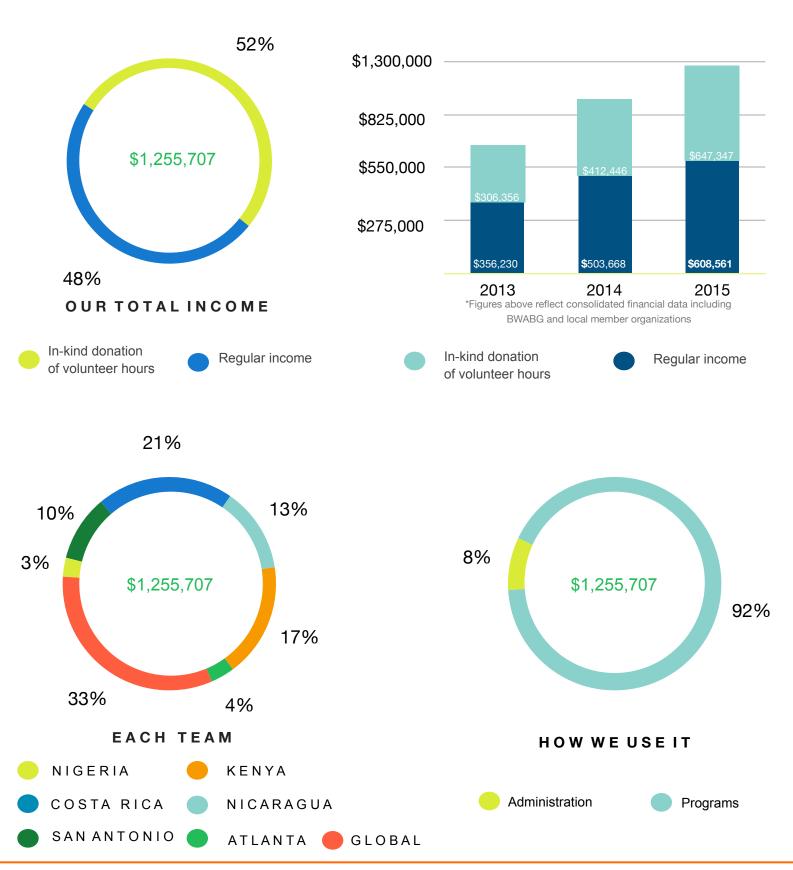


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# FINANCIALS & OUR TEAM

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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#### **Thank You**

Boy With a Ball is not first an organization but a community. The community includes a few staff, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of young people and family members, all choosing to see their own lives changing while serving at-risk communities. There is another group within the community that is essential: You our investor's.

This community of change makers is a wonderful tapestry of individuals, families, churches, businesses and foundations who give to help others and who receive the incomparable reward of growing themselves in the process. On behalf of all of us, we say thank you to those who have given financially to make all that happened in 2015 possible. We hope that you will see this Annual Report as a small representation of the fruit that your investment has made in the lives of young people and communities across the world!

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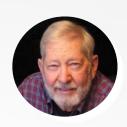
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2035 - BWAB team in every major city over 1 million people.

2015 - BWABCON established as annual gathering for Boy With a Ball global community.

2004 - Boy With a Ball launches team into and moves headquarters to Costa Rica.

2010-14 - Boy With a Ball Global team established. Boy With a Ball San Antonio and Boy With a Ball Nicaragua launched. Boy With a Ball headquarters moves to Atlanta. Boy With a Ball Nigeria and Boy With a Ball Atlanta launched. FIKISHA joins Boy With a Ball becoming Boy With a Ball Kenya.

1992 - Jamie Johnson has original vision for building a team-based approach to youth development in major population centers.

**2001** - Boy With a Ball is founded officially as non-profit organization with one staffer.





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