

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,



Thanks to the growing interest in our efforts to support quality education in Latin America, it has been an extraordinarily busy few months at Worldfund.

Our annual Education Leadership Award Dinner this past June, in honor of Claudio X. González, was a smashing success, raising \$1.6 million. We already have directed over US\$450,000 of the net proceeds to education programs, mostly in Mexico, and shall be directing more to our education partners in the coming months.

We are excited to announce that at our next Education Leadership Award Dinner, on 11 June 2007, we will honor GE Chairman Jeffrey Immelt, and CVRD Chairman Roger Agnelli. Proceeds from the dinner will be directed mostly to Brazil, where we are eager to grow our presence.

In August, we added a [Literature & Links](http://www.worldfund.org/index.php?q=Literature-Links.html) (<http://www.worldfund.org/index.php?q=Literature-Links.html>) page to our website which includes publications and links to websites that address the education gap in Latin America. If there are resources that you believe should be included, please let us know.

In September, Michelle Viegas and I visited our partner Mano Amiga School in San Salvador, El Salvador and were thoroughly impressed by the profound impact that the school has had in its community since its foundation four years ago.

Finally, several months of planning have culminated in the launch of Worldfund's Edu LatAm U.S. college campaign this month! Worldfund's [Braceletes Brasileiros](http://www.worldfund.org/index.php?q=Braceletes-Brasileiros.html) (<http://www.worldfund.org/index.php?q=Braceletes-Brasileiros.html>), which are now available online, and our new relationship with Better World Books will play significant roles in our campus outreach efforts.

We are very appreciative of the support that you provide to make these initiatives possible. Making a donation is easy. Just click the Donate Now button above. Together, we are helping to educate thousands of children in Latin America!

Warmest regards,
Luanne Zurlo

Succeeding Against the Odds: Arely's Story



A home near Arely's school

Nine-year-old Arely is a student at Worldfund's partner school in El Salvador.

Arely's father works as a carpenter when he can find tools and jobs and Arely's mother is a janitor at the school. Fortunately, the family recently moved into a special community affiliated with the school that provides them with housing, medical care and access to literacy, hygiene and other classes that help families live with dignity and transition out of poverty. Because Arely's family previously lacked access to health care facilities, her youngest brother died from a bout with diarrhea and one of her sisters suffers from the effects of severe malnutrition.



Today, financial support from Worldfund and local donors allows Arely and her siblings to attend Worldfund's partner school, where many students score at the highest levels on national exams. The family contributes \$0.50 a month for each child's tuition and the children receive a top-notch education that includes computer and English classes. While her mother is learning to read in a program for parents, Arely takes advantage of all that the school has to offer. She especially enjoys attending her Science, Environment and Health class, playing softball with her friends and serving as a member of the Student Welcome Committee.

The stark contrast between Arely's life before and after enrolling in Worldfund's partner school demonstrates the transformative effect that generous donations and high-quality education have on impoverished children's lives.

October Launch of Edu LatAm

This month, we launched our Edu LatAm campaign on U.S. college campuses! Pronounced "E-D-U LatAm," the campaign was designed with the help of students from Harvard University, Princeton University, the University of Notre Dame, Duke University, Luther College, Babson College and the University of Pennsylvania.

Edu LatAm's aim is to engage young people in initiatives that improve education in Latin America and thereby reduce poverty in the Western Hemisphere. Edu LatAm's two objectives are to raise awareness on campuses about the education crisis in the region and to raise funds that will directly support schools and education projects serving impoverished children.

The designers of Edu LatAm were inspired by the widespread impact that thousands of U.S. students could have on human, community and economic development in Latin America. Visit www.worldfund.org for information about how you can support this initiative!

Worldfund-Better World Books Partnership



David Murphy, CEO & President of Better World Books, and Luanne Zurlo

We are thrilled to announce that Worldfund has established a partnership with Better World Books. A for-profit social venture based in the United States, Better World Books supports literacy initiatives locally, nationally and internationally. To fulfill its mission, the company creates new value for old books by harnessing the power of commerce to generate a "social profit." Through campus textbook drives at 900 North American colleges and universities and agreements with 500 libraries and thrift stores, Better World Books has collected more than three million books. It evaluates every book collected to determine its best possible use and then sells it online to raise funds for its nonprofit literacy and education partners, sends it to one of its partners for direct use, or recycles it.

As of September 2006, Better World Books has:

- Raised more than \$1.3 million for nonprofit organizations in Africa, Asia and the United States.
- Provided more than 450,000 books to its non-profit literacy partners.
- Diverted more than five million pounds of books from landfills.

By partnering with Worldfund, Better World Books expands its reach to include Latin America. The relationship is of enormous significance for Worldfund, particularly as we launch our Edu LatAm college campaign. Online book sales on behalf of Worldfund will provide a sustainable source of revenue for our projects and partner programs. Please visit www.betterworldbooks.com if you would like to organize a corporate or college book drive. Thank you for your support!