



Foundation for the
Children of Ecuador

Annual Report 2025



Message from the president

Still at the beginning of a major turning point...

Thanks to the commitment of a group of competent and dedicated volunteers on its Board of Directors, and led by a well-positioned director who excels in her work, the Foundation for the Children of Ecuador has moved forward this year with thoughtful steps, increasing its reach and resources to support more women heads of household in Ecuador.

Why speak of a turning point? Because the idea of Faro Verde (green lighthouse), conceived before the pandemic, has evolved from a project to build a vertical farm in Pascuales, to the Rosalia mission, and then to a broader vision of supporting more women across Ecuador, beyond the Guayaquil region.

Today, we find ourselves halfway through the second year of what has formally become the Faro Verde program: our commitment to financially support, each year, new women's groups that submit applications through a formal call for projects. Once the projects are selected by a committee, funds are transferred and follow-up begins.

The new stories emerging from the projects supported in the first edition of the Faro Verde program have already been shared with our donors. They were received with great enthusiasm, which motivates us to continue our efforts and invest even more in this program.



Speaking of investment, I cannot fail to mention the exceptional one-million-dollar donation from the Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation, specifically dedicated to this program.

Against the backdrop of all these activities, Ecuador has become a country whose social fabric has unfortunately been deeply torn in recent years. It sadly holds the record in Latin America for the highest number of homicides per 100,000 inhabitants.

Drug cartels and armed gangs have controlled entire neighborhoods and cities for several years, particularly along the Pacific coast. They have infiltrated the civil service, the military, and the police, leaving the most vulnerable populations living in daily fear.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank all our donors. Thanks to you, we believe we are making a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of women and children who continue to struggle in a country that is so dear to our hearts.

Yves Poiré

President of the board



Message from the director

Since joining the FEE three years ago, I have had the opportunity to experience a deeply meaningful human and professional journey, rich in learning. Through the many encounters along the way, I have met women of remarkable strength, mothers who continue moving forward despite often difficult realities. Their resilience, their ability to stand strong, to protect their children, and to continue believing in a possible future still deeply move me today. They are the ones who give profound meaning to my work, and it is with this mindset that I enter my fourth year within the FEE.

This year, our collaborations have expanded. As mentioned by Yves Poiré, Chair of the Board of Directors, we have begun a new, more structured and ambitious phase. The official launch of the Faroverde program, now in its second edition, is one of the most significant signs of this shift. It allows us to support a greater number of local organizations across several regions of Ecuador, working hand in hand with partners who are already engaged, competent, and driven by a mission aligned with our own.

These projects, firmly rooted in the realities of local communities, have deeply enriched me, both professionally and personally. Our ongoing commitment to the Rosalia Foundation remains essential. The daycare center, the women's center, psychological services, and the sponsorship program continue to serve as vital anchors in a neighborhood where insecurity and needs are steadily increasing.



I cannot help but pay tribute to our dear César Orbea, who served as the night security officer at the Rosalia Foundation for more than twenty years and who has recently passed away. His dedication and loyalty will remain at the heart of our collective memory.

Although we are a small foundation, the work we carry out, often discreetly but always alongside strong and committed partners, enables us to generate a concrete and lasting impact for the families we support. I am also fortunate to be able to rely on an engaged Board of Directors, whose support and availability accompany me on a daily basis.

I learn a great deal alongside them, and I would like to sincerely thank them for their trust and continued support.

Our mission remains clear: to support female heads of household and their children so that they may live with dignity.

Farah Minihadji
Executive Director

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1 M\$

Donation received from the
Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation

22 000\$

raised for the Faroverde Program during our benefit evening

104

sponsored children in Pascuales

4 provinces

Pichincha, Imbabura, Chimborazo, Guayas

Highlights of the year 2025

The year 2025 began in Ecuador within a context shaped by both political change and a fragile social situation. This reality underscored the importance of working with well-established local partners who are deeply rooted in their communities.

This period also provided an opportunity for the FEE to publish its first Faroverde program impact report, an exercise that allowed us to review the results of the first edition and to better understand the program's outcomes. The second edition was launched shortly thereafter, supported by a committed selection committee and a more structured vision for the year ahead. In parallel, the activities of the Rosalia Foundation in Pascuales continued steadily, despite the challenges related to insecurity and the growing needs of the community.

In terms of events and fundraising, the Faroverde Evening stood out as a key moment of the year. This event dedicated to Ecuador mobilized our network and strengthened our capacity to support projects implemented on the ground. These highlights shaped our year and laid the groundwork for the priorities that will guide our work in 2026.



Reminder of our 2023/2026 strategic plan

In 2023, our board of directors met to define the major directions that would guide the Foundation until 2026. As we approach the end of this period, we note that several important milestones have been reached!

Goals

- 1** Improve our reach and visibility

- 2** Developing our funding sources

- 3** Open a local Faroverde office

- 4** Launching and structuring the Faroverde program

Achievements

The website redesign was launched in three languages to better showcase our mission. Our social media presence has intensified, and several public events have been organized: a fundraising exhibition, a benefit concert, yoga sessions, etc. This has helped to raise awareness of FEE.

The year was marked by a major \$1 million donation from the Marcelle and Jean Coutu Foundation, complemented by an additional \$26,000 in support from the Sisters of Mercy. The Faroverde Evening also helped strengthen our financial capacity, while the sponsorship program continued to stabilize. Our goal remains to develop our funding sources.

The recruitment of a coordinator based in Guayaquil has allowed us to concretely begin opening the local office. Her integration within the Fundación Rosalia is being prepared to strengthen our monitoring and presence on the ground.

The impact report for the first edition has been published, and the second edition of the program has been launched with a dedicated committee. The selection methodology has been refined, and site visits have been conducted to the selected projects.

5 Optimize our operations

New collaborative tools and improved processes (Google Workspace, Slack, Zeffy, Gandi, Mailchimp) have been progressively adopted. Internal management has improved, particularly in terms of documentation and the automation of certain tasks. The board of directors has also been strengthened.



The Ecuador Children's Foundation is a Canadian non-profit organization actively involved in Ecuador. We work in two key areas: education and empowerment. We help women heads of households and their children living in poverty to improve their environment and their psychological and physical health.

Mission of the FEE



Our Annual General Meeting on June 9, 2025 brought together our board of directors and supporters to discuss the activity report, audited financial statements and the guidelines that will direct the Foundation in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who came!



Rosalia Cadron Jetté Foundation

In 2025, the Rosalia Foundation continued its central role in supporting the women and children of Pascuales, despite a start to the year marked by increased insecurity in the neighborhood, which temporarily slowed some activities. The daycare, women's center, psychology consultations, and mentoring programs were nevertheless able to gradually resume, allowing for continued support for families. The local team, comprised of educators, social workers, psychologists, and support staff, continued to provide close support tailored to the needs on the ground. Workshops for women, individual follow-up sessions, and various community activities were carried out throughout the year, demonstrating the foundation's resilience and unwavering commitment. Finally, Robert's role, who has been involved with the Rosalia Foundation for over twenty years, was revised to allow him to focus specifically on security issues and strengthen existing measures.

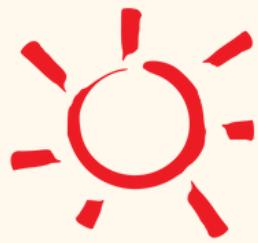
Easter: 23 years of history

- 104 students received direct support through scholarships.
- 59 women attended the dance workshops, offered three times a week free of charge.
- 10 children receive guitar lessons every Saturday of the year
- 28 women participated in the empowerment development workshops
- The child stimulation program is working and 19 children are benefiting from it.
- 38 monthly participants were registered in the social and spiritual support spaces





Sponsorship Program



The sponsorship program remains one of the FEE's historic pillars and an essential space of support for children and families in Pascuales. In 2025, the program supported 104 children, thanks to the continued commitment of 50 sponsors. This year was also marked by the integration of new children, all from single-parent families living in vulnerable situations, for whom sponsorship represents concrete support in accessing education under better conditions.

The program also saw three young adults complete their university studies, demonstrating the lasting impact of sustained support over the years. These educational paths, pursued in fields such as auditing, veterinary medicine, and computer education, illustrate the real and transformative reach of the sponsorship program.

The year 2025 also provided an opportunity to continue improving our tools and practices. The program's database was updated, and steps are currently underway to implement a more efficient management system, aimed at simplifying follow-up processes, improving communication, and offering a smoother experience for sponsors. Among the avenues being explored is the integration of tools to automate certain recurring tasks.

Discover the new sponsored kids!



New children sponsored in 2025



In 2025, eight children joined the sponsorship program. Daphne, Emily, Jeremy, Maybeth, Paulette, and Quiung-Soo, all between three and four years old, entered the initial level or daycare. Their inclusion in the program is primarily intended to ensure a stable start to their schooling, an environment suited to their development, and consistent support for their basic needs. Each family presents a different reality: some mothers work full time, while others dedicate themselves to household care, but all seek to provide their children with a continuous educational pathway.



Two older children were also welcomed into the program this year. Jesus Matias, now in fifth grade, joined the program to receive support that will help facilitate the continuation of his academic journey. Scarleth, in fourth grade, benefits from support that helps strengthen her academic progress while also contributing to the stability of the household.



The arrival of these eight new children reflects the program's primary objective: to offer educational continuity and support tailored to the specific needs of each family, taking into account their individual contexts while valuing their capacity to guide their children toward a more stable future.



Young people who have completed their time in the sponsor program



In 2025, three young adults who had been supported by the mentoring program for many years completed their university studies. Their success represents a significant moment for the FEE, as it illustrates the continuity and real impact of the support provided to Pascuales.

These young people grew up in environments marked by limited resources and often heavy family responsibilities. Thanks to sponsorship, they were able to pursue their studies beyond secondary school in demanding fields: auditing and management control, veterinary medicine, and computer science education. Each followed a long path, sometimes beginning as early as daycare or primary school, and was supported year after year by their sponsors and the Rosalia Foundation team.

For their families, this achievement represents much more than a diploma: it is the culmination of a collective effort, often undertaken in the face of adversity. For the FEE, these graduates underscore the importance of stable and structured educational support, capable of guiding a child from their earliest years through to adulthood.

We wish to emphasize the perseverance of these young people and the essential role played by their families and sponsors. Their journey inspires the younger participants in the program and reinforces our belief that every child supported today can achieve their goals tomorrow.



Tribute to César Orbea

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of César Orbea, night watchman at the Rosalia Foundation for over twenty years. César held a unique place within the organization. His constant and reassuring presence was part of the daily lives of everyone who passed through the Foundation's doors. More than just a watchman, he embodied quiet security and discreet vigilance. Every night, stationed near the entrance, he attentively observed what was happening, diligently recording the neighborhood's events in his notebook. In a community marked by insecurity, he was a beacon of light, known and respected by all. Thanks to him, the Foundation was able to operate peacefully for two decades.

César was also a warm colleague, deeply devoted to his family and appreciated by the entire team. His sense of duty and commitment to the Rosalia mission will remain in our memories. We wish to thank his family for the many years he dedicated to caring for the Foundation, its employees, and the women and children it serves. We will miss him, but his memory will live on in the Pascuales community.



A heartfelt thank you to the Sisters of Mercy

RAFIM 2025 marked a significant moment for the FEE: for the very first time, representatives of the Fundación Rosalia were present alongside us at the annual gathering of the International Family of Mercy. Their participation made it possible to share on-the-ground realities, strengthen dialogue between Montréal and Pascuales, and highlight the importance of the local mission in the continuity of our commitment.

This renewed connection is part of a broader history, deeply linked to the Sisters of Mercy of Montréal. The Fondation pour les Enfants de l'Équateur was founded in 2002 as an extension of their mission in Pascuales, a community affected by significant poverty. After fourteen years of presence, they had established a community center dedicated to single mothers and their children, with a focus on empowerment, education, and access to services.

The creation of the Fundación Rosalia, now managed by a fully local team, made it possible to sustain this legacy. Even after their return to Québec in 2011, the Sisters of Mercy continued to support the mission, notably through renewed financial support in 2025.

This year, their commitment was expressed in a particularly meaningful way. In addition to their annual donation, the Sisters of Mercy granted the FEE an exceptional additional contribution of \$26,005 to support the Faroverde program. This remarkable gesture reflects the trust they place in our work and in the mission we continue to carry out in Pascuales.



Faroverde Program

The Faroverde program is based on three complementary objectives:

- strengthening the autonomy of women heads of household
- supporting children's education and development
- collaborating with local organizations in various provinces of Ecuador to ensure their sustainability.

To achieve these objectives, projects are selected through a rigorous methodology conducted by a committee comprised of FEE board members, which evaluates the relevance of the proposals, organizational capacity, and expected impact.



1 Healing Together

Organization: Fundación Vida Plena

City: Otavalo et Ibarra, Imbabura

Contribution: 20 000 CAD

Duration: 8 months

Project Summary: Sanando Juntas aims to improve access to mental health for women living in rural and Indigenous communities in Imbabura, where psychological services are scarce, often nonexistent, and rarely offered in their native language. The project trains local facilitators in the Interpersonal Group Therapy (IPT-G) method, enabling these women to participate in safe spaces for discussion, facilitated in Kichwa or Spanish. The groups address topics such as depression, trauma, parenthood, and self-esteem. After supporting more than 1,600 women in Quito, Vida Plena is expanding this approach by supporting 240 rural women. The project is coordinated by a specialized team that ensures culturally relevant and appropriate support.



2

The roots of women

Organization: Fundación Kinti Social

City: Quito, Pichincha Province

Contribution: CAD 10,500

Duration: 5 months

Project Summary

Mujeres Raíz is designed for women working in the informal sector in Quito, including street vendors, domestic workers, and migrant women, who often live in the shadows and face heavy family responsibilities as well as various forms of violence.

The project establishes eight community support circles, each consisting of eight sessions facilitated by a psychologist and a mediator. Participants address issues related to gender-based violence, access to rights, self-confidence, and protection strategies.

During the meetings, a recreational space is provided for their children in order to facilitate participation. Some women also receive individual psychological support.

At the end of the year, a community event will provide an opportunity to share learnings and to amplify the women's voices.







3

Sinchi Warmi / Valiant Women

Organization: Fondation Nosotras con Equidad

City: Riobamba, Chimborazo Province

Contribution: 15,000 CAD

Duration: 6 months

Project Summary: This project strengthens the well-being of women, children, and adolescents through awareness campaigns on their right to a life free from violence in the parishes of Cajabamba and Sicalpa, in the Colta canton of Chimborazo province. By empowering girls and boys, this project combats violence and discrimination linked to socioeconomic, political, cultural, ethnic, and gender factors. Through targeted actions, the project mobilizes local institutional actors in the fight against violence. More than 700 people have received free training, and some victims of domestic violence have already initiated legal proceedings to defend their rights. This project is sowing the seeds for lasting change.





4

My Own Life / Mi propia vida

Organization: Fundación Pueblito La Ternura

City: Mitad del Mundo (Quito), Pichincha

Contribution: 20,000 CAD

Duration: 1 year

Project Summary: Mi Propia Vida supports five young women aged 15 to 22 who have experienced violence, abandonment, or family breakdown. The project aims to support their academic or technical training so they can obtain a diploma, enter the workforce, and develop their independence. Each young woman receives an allowance covering transportation, food, and part of her housing, ensuring stability and security. They are seen several times a month by a multidisciplinary team consisting of a psychologist, a social worker, an educator, and a coordinator. The goal is to strengthen their confidence, mental health, and ability to build a more dignified future.



Benefit event

The Faroverde benefit evening, held in the spring of 2025 at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, was a highlight of our annual programming. Designed as a warm gathering bringing together donors, partners, and friends of the FEE, the evening aimed to showcase the cultural richness of Ecuador while reaffirming the deep meaning of our commitment to women and children.

The event was carried by a carefully curated artistic program. Musicians Iván Fabara and Melisa Mogrovejo offered a performance marked by sensitivity, adding an emotional dimension that deeply resonated with the audience. Their concert was accompanied by storyteller Mireya Bayancela, whose presence rooted the evening in a living and generous Ecuadorian narrative tradition.



Faroverde Evening

Thanks to this collective effort, the evening generated a profit of \$22,000, a result far exceeding initial projections. These funds will be directly reinvested in supporting the partner organizations of the Faroverde 2025 program, helping to strengthen the implementation of their activities and their impact on local communities.

The catering service, provided by the Ecuadorian restaurant La Hueca, played a vital role in creating a convivial atmosphere that showcased the country's flavors. We extend our warmest thanks to David Jaramillo and Margaux Ferreira for their attentive collaboration and generosity.

FEÉ thanks all those who took part in this evening who, through their presence and commitment, contributed to strengthening a community united around a common mission.



A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, smiling broadly. She is wearing a white blouse with colorful embroidery on the shoulders and a blue skirt with a vibrant, multi-colored floral belt. She is holding a maraca in her right hand and a long, thin, light-colored stick or rattle in her left hand, which is raised. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Committed partners by our side

The Faroverde benefit evening received crucial support from the Canada Charity Fund, thanks to a \$10,000 contribution funded by the Mathieu Sabourin Foundation. This gesture demonstrates a deep confidence in FEE and in the role that the Faroverde program plays for women and partner organizations in Ecuador.

In addition to this valuable support, we also thank Fierra Capital, Boily Handfield and Optable for their generous contributions.

We also benefited from the support of Ecuadorian photographer Marcia Loor, who covered the event free of charge and helped to highlight the authentic spirit of the evening.





2024 Financial Statements

Postes	General Fund	Dotation Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
PRODUCT				
Corporative donation	77 800	-	77 800	73 400
Fondation Marcelle et Jean Coutu donation	80 000	-	80 000	75 000
Donation from particular	6 643	-	6643	40399
Sponsorship	2468	-	2468	14597
Reinvested Investment Fund Distributions	-	152102	152102	60336
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	-	-40451	-40451	57720
Gain (perte) réalisé sur	-	76314	76314	51576
Total product	166911	187965	354876	373028
CHARGES				
Projects in Ecuador	352646	-	352646	317272
Salaries and Employee	39372	-	39372	38201
Investment Management	9903	-	9903	10688
Office rent	4168	-	4168	3466
Publicity and promotion	3885	-	3885	-
Professional Fees	3219	-	3219	3280
IT Support	1938	-	1938	930
Office Supplies and Postage	1284	-	1284	1187
Télécommunications	609	-	609	489
Membership Fees and Subscriptions	509	-	509	546
Fees OBE	500	-	500	-
Interest and Bank Charges	229	-	229	513
Travel and Representation	131	-	131	1752
Benefice activity	-	-	-	12721
Total Charges	418393	-	418393	391045
INSUFFISANCE DES RESSOURCES	(251 482) \$	187 965 \$	(63 517) \$	(18 017) \$

	General Fund	Dotation Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
Current Assets				
Cash	147 547 \$	-	147 547\$	68 527 \$
Sales Taxes	4475	-	4475	3064
Subtotal – Current Assets	152022	-	152022	71591
Investments, at Fair Value	34802	1617929	1652731	1795462
Advances to the Endowment Fund	130639	-	130639	273370
Total Actif	317 463 \$	1 617 929 \$	1 935 392 \$	2 140 423 \$
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	8 421 \$	-	8 421\$	7 204 \$
Advances from the General Fund	-	130639	130639	273370
Subtotal – Liabilities	8421	130639	139060	280574
Net Assets				
General Fund	309 042	-	309 042	372 559
Dotation Fund	-	1 487 290	1 487 290	1 487 290
Subtotal – Net Assets	309 042	1 487 290	1 796 332	1 859 849
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	317 463 \$	1 617 929 \$	1 935 392 \$	2 140 423 \$

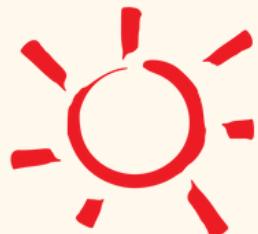
Board of directors

The FÉÉ Board of Directors plays a vital role in ensuring the continuity and quality of our mission. In 2025, the board remains the same, having supported the organization with dedication and unwavering commitment. Their constant engagement, attentiveness, and diverse expertise have been crucial in guiding our actions, strengthening our programs, and providing daily support to the team.

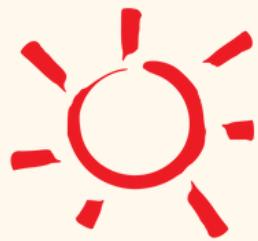
Thank you so much!

Board members

- Yves Poiré, President
- Cynthia Tremblay, Vice-President
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- Valérie Dufour, Administrator



2026 Objectives



In 2026, FEE will pursue its strategic objectives to consolidate its work and ensure the sustainability of its mission. We aim to develop new strategic alliances, attract new donors, and further enhance our online presence. In Ecuador, supporting the Rosalia Foundation will remain a priority, particularly through strengthening the local board of directors and providing increased support to the existing leadership in Pascuales.

For the Faroverde program, this year will be dedicated to finalizing ongoing projects, launching the third edition of the program, and strengthening the Faroverde brand with our partners and community. The establishment of a local committee will also enhance operational monitoring on the ground and ensure better coordination with the supported organizations.

Finally, the FEE plans to organize several events in 2026 to mobilize its network, increase its visibility and support the funding of its initiatives.

Great projects!

Stay with us!

The Foundation for the Children of Ecuador continues its work thanks to the support of individuals and partners who believe in the power of solidarity. Every contribution, large or small, allows us to support more women, mothers, and children toward a more stable and dignified future.

You can support

- the activities of the Rosalia Foundation
- the projects of the Faroverde program
- the sponsorship program
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