



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

## Board of Directors of Brillo de Sol, USA:

Michael Fraas, President  
Sabrina Cooper, President Emeritus  
Joe Phebus, Treasurer  
Steven Cooper, Secretary

## Board Members

Ravi Srinivasan  
Suja Srinivasan  
Steve Brazel







2022



## About Brillo de Sol USA

### Mission

To provide education and rehabilitation support to the children of Guatemala while respecting their unique and individual learning abilities, building self-esteem, fostering creativity, and promoting discovery.

### Vision

Allowing Brillo de Sol Guatemala to be a self-sustaining, model learning center that champions the unique learning abilities of Guatemalan children, promoting equity & celebrating diversity for all.

### Purpose

Brillo de Sol was founded in 2004 by Letty López Contreras to serve the needs of children with a variety of learning abilities. In her words...

*“I work every day to maintain excellence in education and rehabilitation of our students, always ensuring that their education is appropriate to their needs.”*

Brillo de Sol does not discriminate against any student because of his/her age, religion, learning style, or failure to pass the same grade. We provide a quality education with well-trained teachers and specific methodology that fits the individual needs of each student.

Located in San Gaspar Vivar, Guatemala, Brillo de Sol provides students with a safe, encouraging, and empowering environment where they can learn and grow.





## Message from the President: Michael Fraas



It has been another challenging year at Brillo de Sol. But I am proud to say that the students and teachers, once again, handled the situation with humility and grace. I am appreciative to our wonderful donors, who stepped up to support the school, sponsored a record number of students, and helped us to meet our goals for 2022.

Over the past year, we were able to offer educational sponsorships to 54 students. We worked closely with the Brillo staff to ensure that the school was able to meet strict governmental COVID-19 guidelines and re-open safely this year. We were also able to provide the school with 30 Chromebook computers, which will truly enhance the students' educational experience.

There were several changes that took place this year. Luis Fernando Sipaque Ramon has stepped down as President of Brillo de Sol, Guatemala. Stepping into his role is Letty's son, Christyan. Together with Director, Lorenzo Sipac, and Letty as Organizational Ambassador, we wish Christyan all the best as he leads the charge in 2023. We also said goodbye to our long-time Secretary, Brian Nocella, as he embarks on a new career with the US State Department. Good luck, Brian. It has been a pleasure working with you. Joining the Board of Directors at Brillo de Sol, USA is Dr. Steve Brazel, an audiologist from Olympia, WA. Welcome aboard, Steve.

We have an ambitious agenda for the coming year. In addition to providing scholarships to students, we will work with BDS Guatemala to help them achieve their dream of building a school of their own. The growth in student enrollment over the last few years has begun to exceed the capacity of the current rented facility, which has seen better days. We are currently researching land opportunities and building costs. We will update you on our progress and provide you with opportunities to support this initiative.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year to come.  
Michael Fraas, Ph.D.

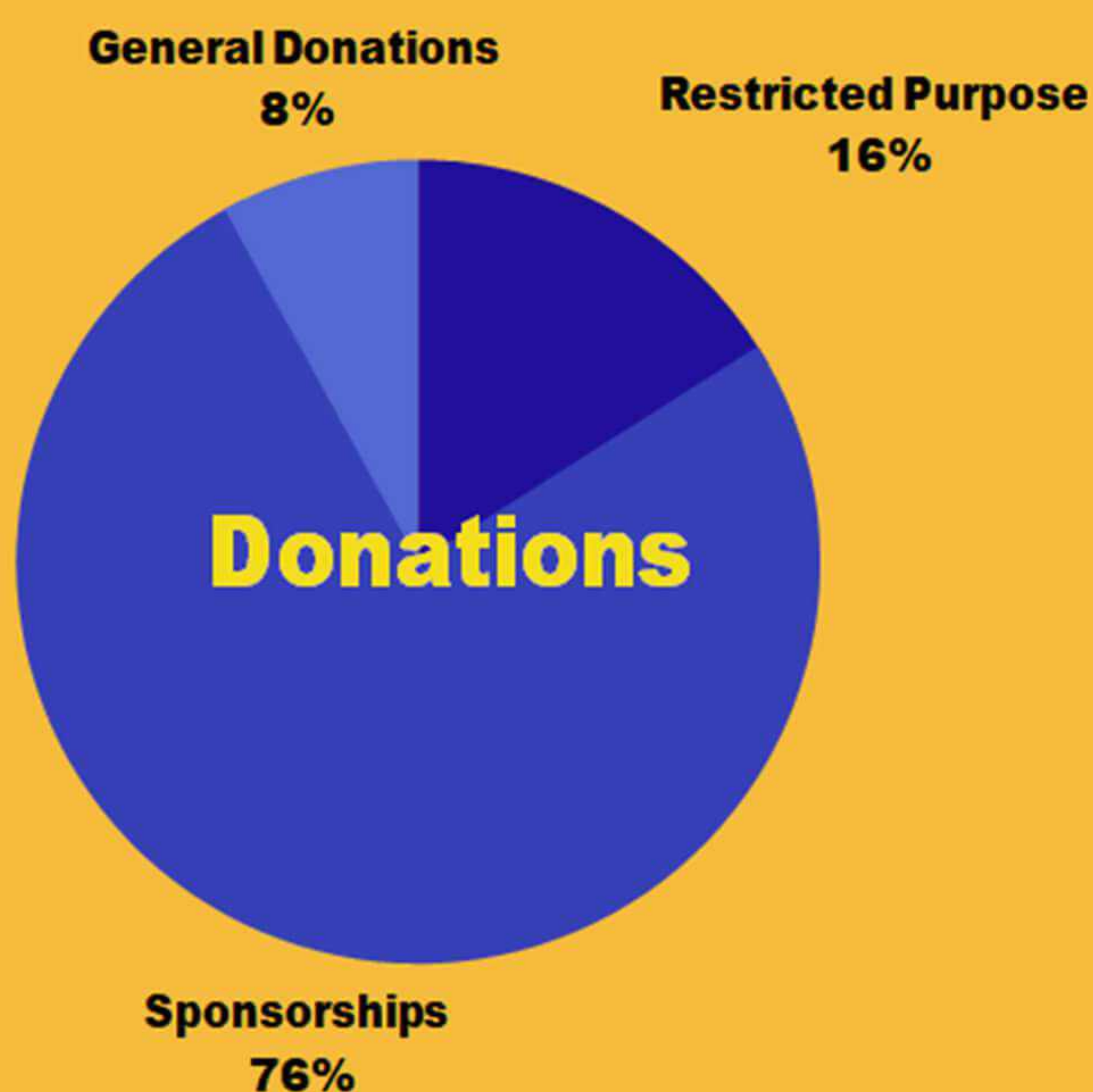




# BRILLO DE SOL USA

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
General Donations	3,723	8
Restricted Purpose	7,253	16
Sponsorship	35,440	76
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$46,415</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Disbursement to BDS Guatemala:		
Discretionary Funds	775	1
Designated Purpose - Other	340	1
Family Food Campaign	6,880	12
Computers for Lab/Online Learning	10,209	18
Sponsored Students - Tuition and Fees	36,010	63
<b>Total Disbursements to Brillo de Sol Guatemala</b>	<b>54,214</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Fundraising Fees, Website, and Communications</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Service Fees and Other Expenses</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>54,808</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>NET INCOME(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (10,391)</b>	<b>0%</b>







# Other Donations

## **\$1,000 +**

Jane Benson  
Kathy Davis  
Amy Fox  
Gwen Howard  
Rotaract Club, Central Coast,  
Tasmania, Australia

## **\$500 - \$999**

Chris Kirshbaum  
John McFadden  
Nina Lorch & Andrew Mulcahy  
Ravi and Suja Srinivasan

## **\$100 - \$499**

Maxime Blais  
Steven and Sabrina  
Cooper  
Kara Faraclas  
Christine Jau  
Cathy Howes  
Kathryn King  
Bill Mackey  
Letty J. Manne  
Jim Maguire  
Caroline Price  
Karen L. Stewart  
Katina Watson  
Kathy White



## **\$10 - \$99**

Jennifer Fisher  
Donna Gilomen  
Francis Gray (Memorial)  
Robin Mancus  
Sandra Marsch  
Craig Nocella  
Joe Phebus





# 2022: At A Glance

## EDUCATION

- 54 students sponsored with \$35,440 in sponsored education
- Chromebook computers and online learning support totaling \$10,209 will greatly enhance the education of Brillo students.

## DONOR SUPPORT

- BDS USA graciously received \$46,415 in donations in 2022
- A special thank you to all our donors for your continued generosity and support

## FAMILY RELIEF

- Over 2000 meals provided to children and families with \$6,880 in donations to the Family Relief Food Campaign
- Families affected by the Covid-19 virus were supported with medical necessities.



I like studying at Brillo de Sol: Because it is a very fun school and the teachers are patient with us and they teaches us with love.

-Luis Ángel David Zelada Bautista

Hi, I'm Sofia, I can speak a Little bit but nobody makes fun of me and everyone helps me and encourages me.

-Sofia Victoria Perez Garcia



I feel very good and happy to be at Brillo de Sol because they teach me at the pace that I need to learn.

-Joshmar Jefferson Arnoldo Diaz Flores





## My experience at Brillo de Sol

"Three years ago I started this beautiful experience of belonging to the Brillo de Sol family and there is no doubt that every day is a unique experience that remains in the memory and the heart.

For me, Brillo de Sol means being constantly learning. I not only teach but also learn from the children. During this time I have realized the great work that is done since we are not only involved in the children's learning but we are involved in all aspects with the families.

I feel very happy to be able to contribute to make a change in society with inclusive education and the care we provide at Brillo de Sol."

-Teacher Carmen Luis







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## PLEASE SPREAD THE LOVE ♡♡♡♡♡

Brillo de Sol USA is grateful for all the support it receives each year from our donors, sponsors and volunteers. By spreading the word you are giving these children the greatest gift, the opportunity of a brighter future.



### Follow

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Like our posts and share them with friends and family to help us grow.



### Share

Share what we are doing with friends and family. Word of mouth goes a long way to build our community.



### Volunteer

We are always in need of volunteers to help on our board in various areas. Ask us how you can help.



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