

# Final Report on Use of The Hardship Fund, November 2023



## Project Ref: FF 0657

Donation of **US\$5,000** from the **Fondation Eagle** received by the **Condor Trust for Education** on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

### Summary of expenditure:

	US\$
Amount outstanding at end of November 2022	200
Amount received (December 2022):	5,000
Amount spent (December 2022 – start November 2023):	4,575
<b>Amount remaining (November 2023):</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>Number of people supported:</b>	<b>60</b>

### How the money has been spent: December 2022 – November 2023

#### Medical and funeral expenses: **\$870**

- Help with medical expenses for the mother of one of our students and, unfortunately, ultimately with funeral expenses **\$580**
- Payment for medical care regarding gall stones and a urinary infection for one student **\$290**

#### Educational support: **\$1,285**

- Two printers, cartridges & paper **\$ 258**
- Computer repairs **\$ 423**
- Uniform **\$ 88**
- New computer **\$ 499**
- Replacement keyboard **\$ 17**

#### Family support: **\$2,420**

- Family 1 (100 x 5 months) **\$ 500**
- Family 2 (\$40 x 6 months) **\$ 240**
- Family 3 (\$40 x 6 months) **\$ 240**
- Family 4 (\$40 x 6 months) **\$ 240**
- Family 5 (\$100 x 5 months) **\$ 500**
- Family 6 (\$100 x 3 months) **\$ 300**
- Family 7 (\$100 x 4 months) **\$ 400**

#### **TOTAL spent: **\$4,575****

*See next two pages for further details of expenditure*

HARDSHIP FUND EXPENDITURE, December 2022 – Start November 2023			
	Amount Spent (US\$)	Number of people helped	Comments
<b>Medical and funeral expenses</b> - medical \$280 + \$290 - funeral \$300	<b>870</b>	<b>1</b>	<p>The mother, the sole breadwinner in the family, of one of our students, had been suffering from cancer for some time. At the beginning of this year, her situation deteriorated, and she was no longer able to work. We helped with the purchase of medicine (\$280 in total) and also with a monthly allowance of \$100 to allow our student to continue to go to school (amount included in family support section below). Sadly, the mother died at the beginning of May. We provided \$300 for the funeral.</p> <p>More happily, the student herself graduated from secondary school in June 2023. She did so well academically that, unusually, the school approved her graduation without her having to do the final exams. In September 2023, she began a training course in dental mechanics. Two weeks after she began, she began to feel ill and was finally diagnosed with gall stones and a urinary infection. We paid \$290 for treatment for these problems, and she is now once more studying.</p>
<b>Educational support – total</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>29</b>	
Computer repairs & configuration: - \$98 - \$40 - \$105 - \$180  New computer: - \$499  New computer keyboard: - \$17	<b>939</b>	<b>18</b>	<p>All our computers have continued to have very heavy use. Early in the year, one of the computers needed a new battery and cables, and another needed new programmes installed. In October, two further computers needed new parts installed (\$180). The work relates to computers bought with the 2018 Fondation Eagle grant. One of these computers also had to be replaced in September 2023. We purchased a computer for \$499 and had this, and one of the older computers, configured (re-configured) in September. A new computer keyboard was also needed.</p> <p>We use the father of an ex-Condor student to do the repairs. This means we pay below the commercial rate, support the family and also allow the family a chance to contribute to Condor – which they are very happy to do.</p>
Printers and computer supplies	<b>258</b>	<b>10</b>	Due to heavy use, two printers used by student groups on the outskirts of Quito had to be replaced. Although, in theory, students can go to print shops to make copies, this costs more in the long-run than using a home printer, and is considerably less convenient, particularly in these rather remote areas.
Replacement uniform	<b>88</b>	<b>1</b>	One of our students unexpectedly had to change schools mid-year and needed some new items of uniform, which her family could not afford and, without which, she could not attend school.

**HARDSHIP FUND EXPENDITURE, December 2022 –  
Start November 2023**

	<b>Amount Spent (US\$)</b>	<b>Number of people helped</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Family support – total</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>30</b>	
- Family 1 (\$100 x 5 months)	500	4	<p>The after-effects of the pandemic continue to be felt among our families. Although most parents now have some employment, several are not yet earning sufficient to keep their children in school. As we reported in late 2022, our trustees have made it clear that we cannot now give general support payments except in extreme cases, as our focus is on education. There have, however, been several families which have needed help, despite their own efforts, and in order to ensure the children remained at school we provided small amounts to each of them for limited periods.</p> <p>By summer 2023, families 1-4, who we helped early in the year, no longer needed additional support. In all cases, the mothers (single parents) managed to find sufficient work to keep their families going.</p> <p>Family 5, who we first gave extra help to in April, needed support for an additional four months. In the case of family 6, the mother has occasional work, but this was not enough to support the family during the July to September period. Since then, she has found an additional source of work. A similar situation arose for Family 7, but in this case four months’ support were needed before the family income stabilised.</p> <p>Family 1 expenditure relates to the student referred to above (see medical/funeral expenses). As she had no income, we helped her just before and after her mother’s death. She is now living with a distant relative.</p>
- Family 2 (\$40 x 6 months)	240	5	
- Family 3 (\$40 x 6 months)	240	5	
- Family 4 (\$40 x 6 months)	240	4	
- Family 5 (\$100 x 5 months)	500	3	
- Family 6 (\$100 x 3 months)	300	5	
- Family 7 (\$100 x 4 months)	400	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>60</b>	

