

Final Report on Use of The Hardship Fund, November 2022



Project Ref: FF 0608

Donation of **US\$5,000** from the **Fondation Eagle** received by the **Condor Trust for Education** on December 22nd 2021

Summary of expenditure:

	US\$
Amount received (December 2021):	5,000
Amount spent (December 2021 – November 2022):	4,800
Amount remaining (November 2022):	200
Number of people supported:	83

How the money has been spent – December 2021 – November 2022

Health-related problems:	\$300
- 3 appointments with a psychologist for a Condor student (\$100)	
Housing support:	\$390
- Contribution towards rent of one family (\$130 x 3 months)	
Educational support:	
- Computer repairs and configuration	\$740
Medical help:	
- Contribution to two medical treatments	\$510
Living support:	\$260
- Oven	
Family support:	\$2,600
- Family 1 (\$40 x 6 months)	
- Family 2 (\$100 x 3 months)	
- Family 3 (\$100 x 4 months)	
- Family 4 (\$100 x 4 months)	
- Family 5 (\$120 x 4 months)	
- Family 6 (\$120 x 4 months)	
- Family 7 (\$100 x 3 months)	
TOTAL spent:	\$4,800

See next pages for further details of expenditure

HARDSHIP FUND EXPENDITURE, December 2021 – November 2022

	Amount Spent (US\$)	Number of people helped	Comments
Health-related problems			
Sessions with a psychologist (3)	300	1	One of our brightest students struggled particularly severely during lock-down and was finding it almost impossible to fit back into the school system. In May 2022, we arranged a session with a psychologist specialising in educational problems. A further two sessions were necessary over the summer. The student is feeling better and seems to be making fair progress at school.
Housing support			
Contribution towards the rent of one family (\$130 x 3 months)	390	5	Although most of the families we support have managed to find some employment post-pandemic, albeit often precarious and sporadic, five remained without income at the beginning of 2022. We helped four of these families with general living costs (see below) and one with rent payments. If we had not been able to do this the family would have been evicted and homeless. Since April, however, the mother in this family has found some part-time work, so our payment has ceased.
Educational support			
Computer repairs & configuration: - \$270 - \$105 - \$265 - \$100	740	16	All our computers have continued to have very heavy use, as all schools – even though they are now open – are relying more than previously on home study and computer work. Two of our computers had to be repaired during this period and one had to be configured. Three needed new software to be installed, and a cable and other pieces of equipment also had to be replaced. The payments of \$270 and \$105 were for repairs to computers bought with the grant for \$3,700 which Fondation Eagle gave us in April 2018 (FF0443-03). The bill for \$100 also relates to computers bought with the 2018 Fondation Eagle grant. 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.
Medical support			
Treatment: - \$285 - \$225	510	2	Two students had unexpected medical costs in the past three months. We helped one by contributing half of the costs of a treatment for a skin ailment (\$285) and another by making a contribution towards treatment for an eating disorder (\$225).
Living support			
Oven	260	25 (estimate incl. community buyers)	Many of our families remain without a regular breadwinner (see over). The daughter of one of these families who we support educationally asked for help in buying a large oven, which she could use to bake bread, cakes and other food, not only for her family but to sell to other people in her local community at relatively low prices. She had already started doing this, but the equipment she had was too small and unreliable. Another of our students has been doing this over the past two years or so, and it has proved a very successful venture – both in giving him work experience and in providing much needed food.

HARDSHIP FUND EXPENDITURE, December 2021 – November 2022 (cont.)

	Amount Spent (US\$)	Number of people helped	Comments
Family support			
- Family 1 (\$40 x 6 months)	240	6	<p>As mentioned above, following long periods out of work, most families now have at least one person who is able to earn a wage, but the work is often irregular and the wages low. Our trustees have also 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>In one case, for example, one of our students was planning to travel across Quito very early every Saturday morning in order to work until late in the evening in a restaurant for a fraction of the legal minimum wage. This would have been dangerous, detrimental to her health and also to her schooling. The payment to the family made this unnecessary.</p>
- Family 2 (\$100 x 3 months)	300	5	
- Family 3 (\$100 x 4 months)	400	5	
- Family 4 (\$100 x 4 months)	400	4	
- Family 5 (\$120 x 4 months)	480	6	
- Family 6 (\$120 x 4 months)	480	5	
- Family 7 (\$100 x 3 months)	300	3	
Total – family support	2,600	34	
TOTAL	4,800	83	



Condor Trust students, Quito, Ecuador, September 2022

