

# SUSTAINABLE ROOTS

"Planting the seed of Sustainability"

Annual report 2012

The mission of Sustainable Roots is to initiate and support projects that empower communities to preserve their cultural and natural resources.

The year 2012 was our second full year of work in Cosanga, Ecuador and brought about many exciting new developments for the organization.

## Greenhouse Building

Using supplies we bought in 2011 we completed our second greenhouse benefiting four families. The families put the greenhouse into immediate production and utilize the resource well selling the excess to local birding lodge San Isidro.



Above: the finished greenhouse

## Educational Programs

This year saw many advances in our educational programs. We have continued with English teaching in the primary school and are still running and developing the high school English program. In addition we were asked by local officials to take over planning and execution of both the summer school course and the afterschool program. The nearby town of Baeza has been asking for English help since we began our work in Cosanga, this year we were able to comply with that request. We help in Baeza one to two days a week and are hearing positive feedback from the residents of that town.

Below: Students in the afterschool program playing with 'oobleck' to learn about liquids and solids





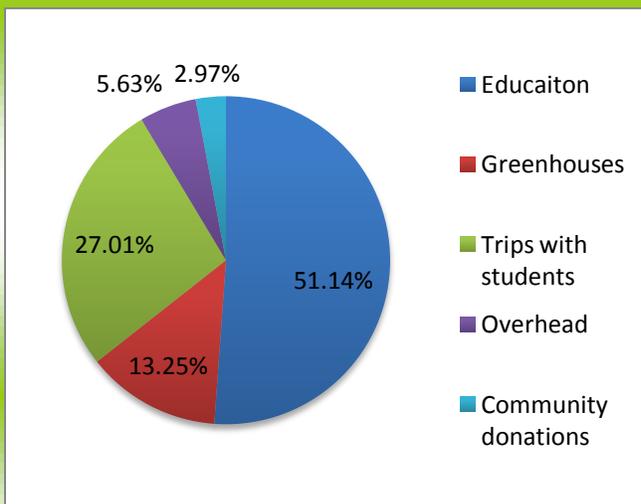
### Trips with Students

We reward students that regularly attend our high school English class with various trips around their country.

This year we were able to take a trip to the Amazon basin, visiting a Quechua community and museum, and going for an educational hike in the jungle.

We also took a small group of students on a trip to the coast, students “paid” for their trip by volunteering painting a small preschool. We took them to see mangrove forests, went whale watching, and snorkeling.

These trips provide students with a perspective of their country that they would not otherwise have, opening their eyes to the world and possibilities around them. These trips are positively life-changing experiences for the students that go on them.



Education	4499.75
Greenhouses	1166.14
Trips with students	2376.64
Overhead	495.35
Community donations	261.3