

ABOUT US

Students Offering Support is a registered charity that mobilizes student volunteers nationwide to support a more equitable world. Working at over 20 universities, we deliver volunteer-run services that generate funding for community-driven projects focused on youth equity. Since 2004 we've contributed \$2.5 million through our *Impact Fund*, supporting +200 projects, in collaboration +20 partner organizations.

Our work is driven by a core set of values:

Another World is Possible

We're grounded in a commitment to social justice, equality, and global citizenship. We aim to support long-lasting solutions that get to the roots of the social challenges we focus on.

Getting Things Done

With passion comes responsibility. We're committed to following through on our word and improving our performance over time.

We're Better Together

It takes a giant, diverse community of people to make SOS work. We look to create fun and inclusive environments, built on the vibrant exchange of perspectives.

Lifelong Learning

We know the SOS experience is part of a broader personal journey. We seek to nurture wellness while enabling opportunities to continually learn and grow.

Dollars and Sense

SOS is founded upon a social enterprise model that enables focused, sustainable impact. We continually look to make the best use of the resources we have available.

SOS IN ACTION



Suje and Blanca, teachers in El Chile Nicaragua showcase the work of elementary school students supported by SOS.

In this rural, low-income community, SOS worked with the ANIDES Association to build and renovate classrooms, leading to improved learning conditions and increased school attendance.

This is one of +200 similar projects supported through the Impact Fund.



Volunteers at York University facilitate an academic support to 1st year students, in return for a \$20.00 donation towards the Impact Fund.

Student-run services, like the Exam Aid session shown above, are what propel our Impact Fund.

Over 90% of our revenues are generated through student-centered services.



Students from Carleton University and community members from Pueblo Viejo, Nicaragua connect as part of a two week global service-learning trip.

These trips provide an opportunity for reciprocal, experiential learning between student volunteers and Impact Fund partners

Over 1500 Canadian Youth have partaken in an SOS Service Learning Trip, with 96% saying they would recommend the experience to a friend.



OUR IMPACT

We've contributed over \$2.5 million towards over 200 projects supporting youth equity.

As a student-driven organization we are united in the belief to the global right to education. We've focused primarily on supporting local partners in rural communities of Latin America where we've determined our resources can have maximum impact.



Classroom Construction
and Renovations
(102 projects)



Health, Sanitation
and Nutrition
(69 projects)



Education Quality
(41 projects)



Recreational
Infrastructure
(23 projects)



The impact of one new schoolroom

In the rural regions we focus, a lack of education infrastructure leads to entire villages being unable to attend school or needing to do so in overcrowded and unsuitable learning circumstances. While local governments provide ongoing support for materials and teacher salaries, we help sponsor the up front construction which is often otherwise unfeasible in these regions.

24: unique students served per year*

25 years: average project lifespan

= 600 direct student beneficiaries served per project

At an average project cost of \$12,000 that means every \$20.00** invested supports approximately one student for one year of learning.

* These are considered conservative estimates. Exact attendance is difficult to estimate as many classrooms provide space for multiple classes at once, separate morning and afternoon sessions, secondary school students on weekends, and serving additional community needs at other times.

** This references costs associated with infrastructure only. Additional contributions are made by government for teacher salaries, educational materials, nutritional programs and more. Various in-kind contributions also made by parents and community members

OUR APPROACH

Project Governance:

Projects are proposed, designed and implemented through support to over 20 community partners like Gloria and Anides. Community needs assessments take place in May to August of each year as part of our project selection process and projects are typically completed within 10-15 months after selection.



Partner Profile: Anides Asociación de desarrollo de Nicaragua

Gloria Ordonez (left) was born and raised in the highlands of Matagalpa. Anides, formed in 2002, is the culmination of her lifetime's work which has stretched roles a nurse, a guerrilla fighter, a public theatre facilitator, and founder of women's co-operatives. Through ANIDES, Gloria supports holistic development initiatives in over 50 neighbourhoods around Matagalpa. Since 2012, SOS has collaborated with Anides on 22 initiatives in the region.

Our partners include:

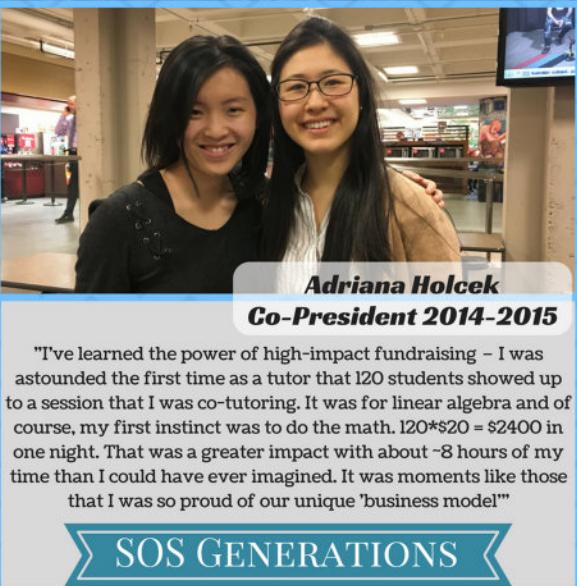


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EXAM AID SERVICES

8.57 / 10
Average
Session
Rating

Over
100,000
past Exam Aid
participants



Our Exam Aid services are the flagship of our on-campus programming, helping build peer-to-peer communities committed to academic excellence while raising funds for our Impact Projects.

A+ student volunteers in **3rd or 4th year** volunteer their time to support students in first or second year. All volunteers are screened through an **intensive application process** and trained to deliver high quality sessions through an approach learned from our **10 years of experience**.

Exam Aids are typically three-hour sessions to review key concepts in a high-energy, relatable manner that are intended to ignite students passion for learning. Services are focused on pre-requisite courses in Sciences and Business, but our chapters are enabled to offer additional supports.

Our on-campus volunteers are supported in creating additional offerings always with a commitment to supporting academic excellence.

Examples of additional offerings include:

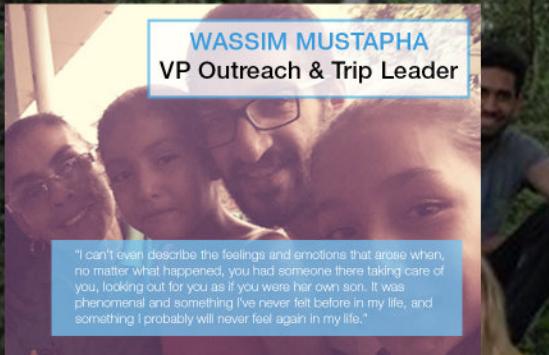
- Academic trivia nights
- Residence study nights
- Digital recordings of sessions
- Takehome study packages

Our Exam Aids are less than ½ half the cost of for-profit competitors!

Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Requested Donation
\$50-115	\$50	\$20-30*

For the love of learning

SERVICE LEARNING TRIPS



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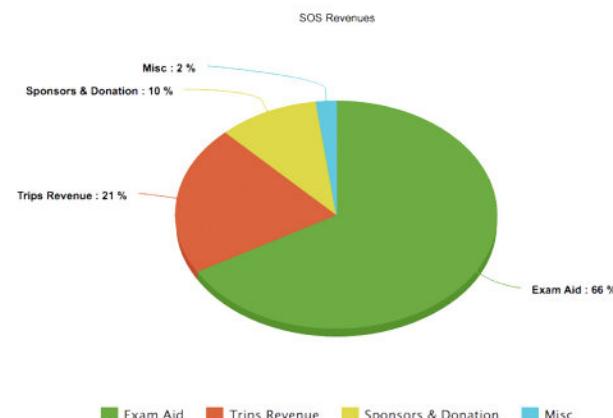
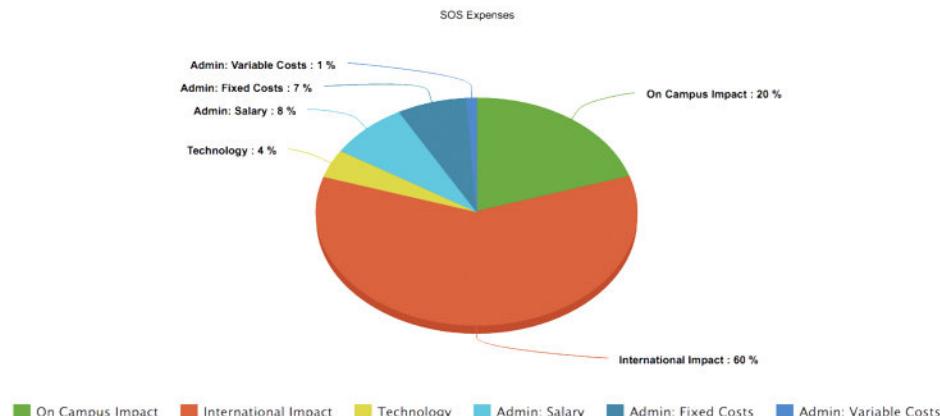
These experiences are intended to help volunteers develop a holistic understanding of our *Impact Fund* while sparking a commitment to global citizenship in all aspects of how they live, work and play.

SOS Trips are 1-2 week experiences that enable reciprocal exchange between student participants and host communities, rooted in principles of social responsibility, local ownership, and participatory development. Students provide hands-on support to projects designed by local partners (associated with an SOS-funded project), while learning about local history, politics, and culture. Students live and eat with community members and contribute to projects while also engaging local labourers where appropriate. Students spend 80-90% of their time in the community, with the remainder dedicated to rest-day activities. Community members benefit from increased economic activity, exposure to new cultures and language, and hands-on support to locally-identified projects.



OUR OPERATIONS

Our impact is made possible by our international partners and student volunteers working coast-to-coast. They are enabled by a team of four full-time staff working at our National Headquarters supported by volunteer advisors and a Board of Directors.

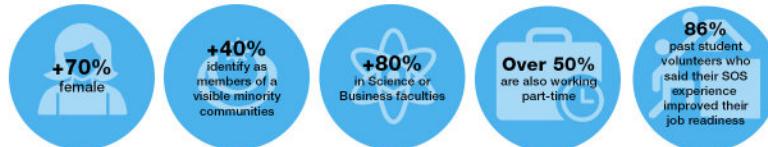


Head Office Team (from left to right): Krista Mihevc, Director of Campus Programming; Laura Viselli, Director of International Impact; James Arron, Executive Director; Ryan Woo, IT Director



Our Volunteers:

Campus teams are driven by high-achieving students driven by social impact and personal development. In total we engage over 1000 volunteers per year.



BECOME A PARTNER

We're always on the look out for strategic partnerships to help us grow our impact.

Promotional Partners

If you're looking to promote your product or service to students we can help. With over 15,000 Exam Aid attendees each year, we have a significant campus presence at more than 20 universities coast to coast.

Opportunities include:

- Distribution of sample products and promotional materials (at campus events and during registration of Exam Aid sessions)
- Pre- Exam Aid session

Programming Partners

If your organization is interested in promoting youth leadership, social enterprise, and international cooperation, we would love to work with you to deliver on-campus educational and skill development programming.

Opportunities include:

- Speaker sessions
- Conference coordination
- Creation of toolkits, videos, webinars, etc

Corporate Social Responsibility

We create experiential opportunities for companies committed to CSR to support employee engagement and retention, and build public awareness.

Opportunities include:

- Coordination of an international service trip for your team
- Mentorship opportunities with our student volunteers
- Engagement with corporate donation programs to support tangible results that you can promote with your key stakeholders

Recruitment Partners

We're here to help you build your talent pipeline of top graduates. Our +1500 volunteers per year boast impressive academic achievements along with a proven skillsets in teamwork, planning, and organization.

Opportunities include:

- Coordination of on campus recruitment events
- Online promotion of job openings
- In-depth support with identifying and validating relevant candidates



For the love of learning

Join a community of over 5000 past and current volunteers working towards a more equitable world.

Visit www.StudentsOfferingSupport.ca/contribute to see how you can make a difference

