

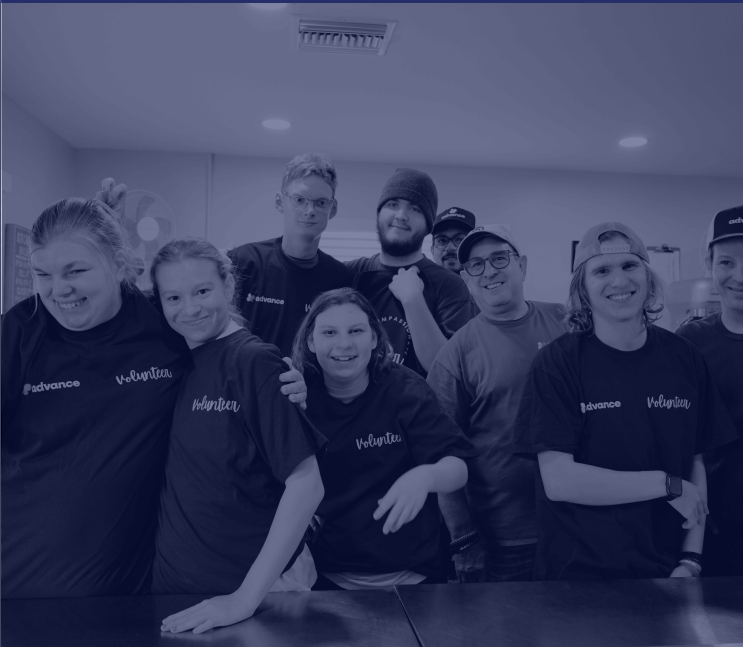


# IMPACT REPORT 2024



## Our Vision

We believe in a world where every person is thriving, creating new possibilities and promising futures.



## Our Mission

We build optimal health in under-resourced communities in Arizona and across the globe.

# Our Core Values

At Advance, we believe the community always comes first. Our core values reflect a commitment to collaboration and trust.

We work alongside the communities we serve to remove barriers, meet real needs, and offer direct, meaningful support.

Our role isn't to decide what people need. It's to listen.



## Compassion

We meet every person with care, dignity, and respect. We honor their lived experience and recognize our shared responsibility to one another.



## Cultural Awareness

We believe meaningful impact starts with understanding. We recognize that culture shapes experience and commit to honoring identities and building programs that reflect the communities we serve.



## Integrity

We center our work around the needs of each community, not a predetermined set of solutions. We stay honest, responsive, and accountable in everything we do.



## Tenacity

We show up for our community, especially when things are hard. Through challenges, we remain committed to showing up, stepping in, and moving forward together.

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Dear Friends and Partners,

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective impact we've made together. At Advance, our mission has always been rooted in the belief that meaningful change begins with community, and this past year, that belief has never been more evident.

FY24 was a year of bold steps and deeper connections. We expanded our reach, strengthened our partnerships, and most importantly, listened closely to the voices of those we serve. From launching new workforce development programs to increasing access to healthy food, every initiative was guided by our commitment to equity, inclusion, and sustainable growth.



Thanks to your support, we were able to:

- Empower over 2,900 individuals through our Health and Wellness program, offering them education, training, and mentorship designed to build lasting habits.
- Distribute 9,504 food boxes to families in Bolivia, helping improve nutrition and food security across the region.
- Partner with more than 150 local organizations to amplify community-led solutions.
- Invest in innovative programs that address systemic barriers and promote long-term resilience.

These milestones are more than numbers. They represent real lives changed, opportunities created, and futures transformed.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our vision: to build thriving communities where everyone can succeed. FY25 has brought new challenges, but also new possibilities. With your continued partnership, we meet them with courage, compassion, and a shared purpose.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Together, we are advancing impact –one community at a time.

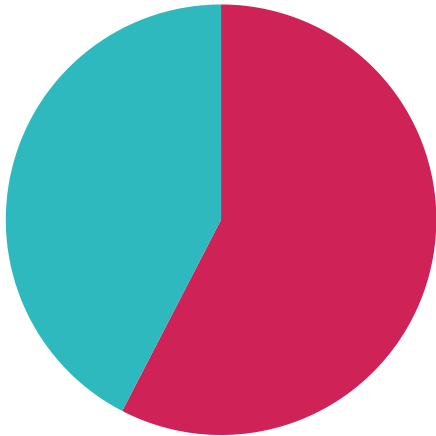
With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeri Royce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jeri" and "Royce" being capitalized and prominent.

Jeri Royce, President & CEO  
*Advance Community*

# Financial Summary

## Impact and Expenses



Domestic Program Expenses	57.59%
International Program Expenses	42.41%

**Total Expenses: \$1,561,604**

## Funding and Revenue



Unrestricted Contributions	42.14%
Investments	26.75%
Grants	21.94%
Special Events	1.60%
Restricted Contributions	7.57%

**Total Revenue: \$2,754,898**



While every donor plays a vital role in helping build healthier, more hopeful communities, our *Friends of Hope* Donor Clubs recognize those who choose to deepen their impact through recurring or annual giving. These clubs offer opportunities to stay more closely connected to the mission through special communications, events, and tokens of appreciation.

**Builders**

**\$88,250**

**Change-Makers**

**\$179,910**

*Total contributions by donor club members: \$358,565*

At Advance Community, volunteers are the heart of our mission. Their time, energy, and compassion power everything we do. Whether they're packing nutrition boxes, supporting our administrative team, or lending a hand at events, our volunteers make lasting impact possible.

*"I told my friend when I come here, I am happy, I feel good, and have no care in the world." - Mirna Bautista, on volunteering in the Advance kitchen.*

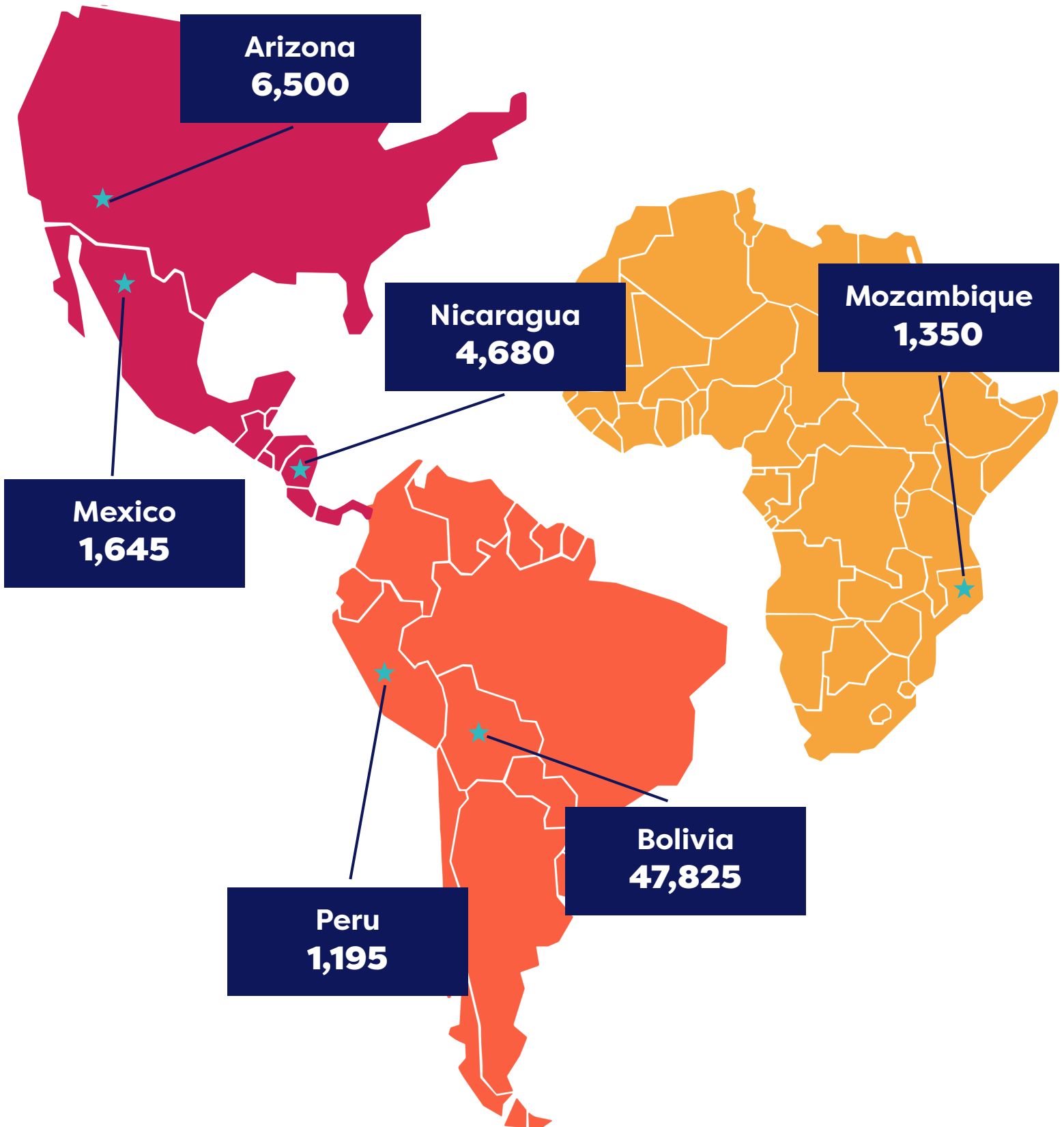


**Want To Get involved?**

Volunteers help drive our mission by preparing meals, packing nutrition boxes, supporting our community garden, and assisting with special projects and opportunities throughout the year. **Scan the QR Code to Learn More!**



# 63,195 Lives Transformed in 2024







6,500 individuals in Phoenix, **Arizona**, benefited from chronic disease prevention, nutrition education, oral health, wellness education, and improved access to healthy foods.



Across **Bolivia**, 47,825 people were connected with tools for education, food stability, and clean water.



Through international medical missions, 1,645 individuals in **Mexico** received life-changing dental care.



Community-based programs in **Mozambique** reached 1,350 individuals with education, nutrition, and agricultural resources.



Advance Community supported 4,680 individuals in **Nicaragua** through initiatives centered on water access, nutrition, and food security.



In **Peru**, 1,195 people gained access to critical support in education, agriculture, and housing through our global partnerships.

# The Impact of AVODEC

## *The Story of Luis Benicio Guido Zelaya*

In the mountains of the Jinotega Department, in the community of Valerio, lives a 24-year-old young man named Luis Benicio Guido Zelaya. Single, with a younger sister, and living with his parents, Luis is a young man full of aspirations and dreams. He is currently in his second year of an Agricultural Engineering degree, an achievement that once seemed out of reach before he encountered AVODEC, a nonprofit organization transforming lives in rural communities like his.

AVODEC operates in five municipalities of Jinotega (Jinotega, La Concordia, El Cuá, Bocay, and Wiwili). From potable water and sanitation systems to health and food security programs, their focus is on building a sustainable future for families and communities. For young people like Luis, AVODEC represents an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Luis vividly recalls how AVODEC supported him from the very beginning. In 2024, the organization provided him with financial aid to continue his university studies, significantly reducing his associated costs. This support marked a turning point in his life: he no longer viewed his education as an unattainable dream but as a path to a better future.

But AVODEC's impact didn't stop there. Luis became an agroecological promoter, leading a group of farmers in sustainable agricultural practices. He has learned to produce organic fertilizers, biofertilizers, and other natural inputs—skills that have not only transformed how he works the land but also reshaped his understanding of the importance of caring for the environment. Thanks to this knowledge, he is now able to promote healthy, high-quality production in his community. One of Luis's dreams is to own his own land.



*Community photo provided by Luis*

Through the loan fund that AVODEC offers to women and young people, he plans to purchase 50 acres of land to produce his own food. "I want to reduce my dependence on sharecropping, where the landowner benefits more than the person doing all the work," he explains. This step will be crucial to achieving his goal of economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Luis has not only gained technical knowledge but also confidence in himself and his ability to lead and undertake projects. He participates in forums, fairs, and self-evaluation processes, tools that have helped him grow as a community leader. He acknowledges that the involvement and support of his family have been fundamental along his journey.

Today, Luis is proud to be part of AVODEC and grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow with the organization. "Thanks to AVODEC, little by little I've gained knowledge and now lead a group of farmers who work agroecologically. My greatest wish is to keep learning, work my own land, and, within a year, share how much I managed to produce, what my income was, and how I paid off my land."

Luis's story is a testament to the impact AVODEC has on the lives of young people, women, and entire communities. Their work not only fosters environmental and economic sustainability but also hope and empowerment for those who need it most.

Luis Benicio Guido Zelaya, a dreamer, a hard worker, and a dedicated individual, is proof that with support, knowledge, and determination, dreams can become a reality.



Photo provided by Luis

**We're grateful for our international partners who help us build optimal health in countries across the globe.**



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Materna - El Salvador



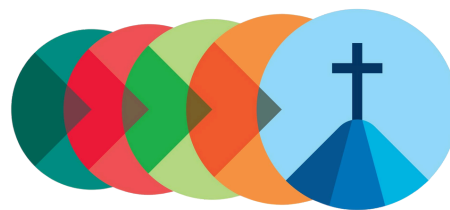
**CADEP - Peru**



**AVODEC - Nicaragua**



**Esperanza - Bolivia**



**AVIS - Guatemala**

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