Hi, it’s 2023 and this is the First Quarter issue of the AllPeopleBeHappy foundation newsletter. The quarter started very badly with the untimely death of our beloved Executive Director, Barbara Steen Tang, on January 23, 2023, and we are doing our best to hold it together and carry on.

At our Board Meeting on February 5th, we approved the awarding of two Challenge Grants (to Little Sisters Fund, Project Alianza), the renewal of three Project Grants (to A Breeze of Hope, Saha Global, Superkids Foundation), and the granting of one new Project Grant (to Yspaniola). The two Challenge Grants are described below.

Challenge Grant to Little Sisters Fund

The AllPeopleBeHappy foundation has awarded a 3-year (2023-2025) $60,000 Challenge Grant to Little Sisters Fund for “Teacher Training Academy (TTA),” working in Nepal. Since 2013, Little Sisters Fund (LSF) has been conducting teacher training workshops in child-centered teaching methodologies at Nepali schools. In this step-out project, LSF will be training new teachers at a set location, Niketan Secondary English School in Kathmandu. The program consists of two 3-month long workshops each year for 8 to 10 trainees each, led by lead educator Sangita Adhikara and 3 subject specific trainers. Each teacher-trainee will receive a monthly stipend and a certificate upon completion. The continuation of LSF’s in-school Basic Educator Training program, already impacted well over 100,000 students, coupled with the addition of the Teacher Training Academy will meaningfully influence the Nepali education system.
Challenge Grant to Project Allianza

The *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation has awarded a 3-year (2023-2025) $100,000 Challenge Grant to Project Allianza for expansion into Guatemala training of local women as Community Educators. Since 2014, Project Alianza has provided literacy instruction to 48,000 children living in remote, rural areas of Nicaragua and Honduras, and built 16 schools in Nicaragua. Specifically, Project Alianza will 1) partner with local organizations in Guatemala to co-sponsor and house community educators who will teach reading and writing foundational skills to children either during the school day working along regular schools or after school in tutoring sessions, and (2) infusing rural homes with literacy content by way of radio broadcasts and hands-on activities. The goal for the program is to hire, train, and deplore 3 Community Educators in year 1, and in years 2 and 3, deploy 27 more Community Educators. The hoped-for result is to improve the educational outcomes of 20,000 Guatemalan children through Community Educators and the radio programming.