

IMPACT

Report

- 2017 -

OUR MISSION

To connect families with access to clean water and sanitation while cultivating a generation of global citizens through service-driven travel.





Our most basic human need is something that 844 million people worldwide live without - clean water.

For those who do not have a faucet they can turn on at home, collecting water for their family is a daily struggle that causes children to miss school, women to lose opportunities to earn an income, and kills more people every year than all forms of violence combined.

BLUE Missions was founded in 2010 with the belief that **united we could change this**. Siblings, Danny and Nicole Rodriguez started BLUE Missions as a way to contribute their personal drop in the bucket. As the demand grew for spots on service trips, so did our impact. BLUE Missions changes more lives every year than the last, and we have no intentions of slowing down.

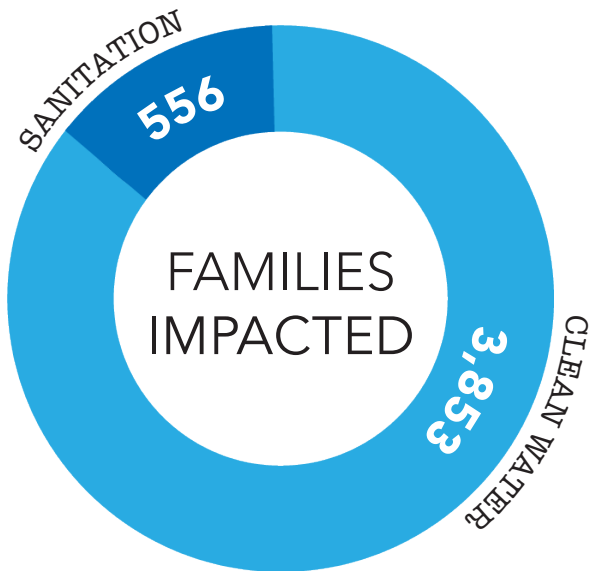
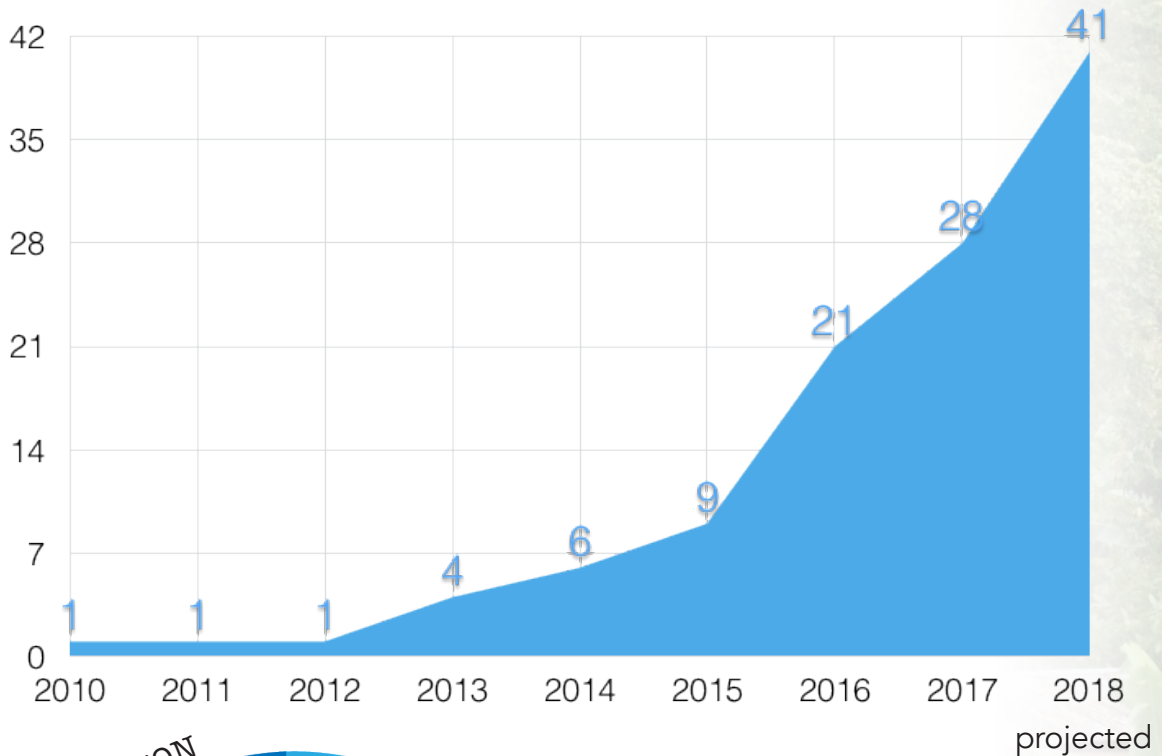
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SINCE 2010...

..we have held cocktail parties, online fundraising campaigns, and even a giant water balloon fight to fund [more and more water & sanitation projects](#). As our family of bold supporters has grown, so has our ability to impact more communities.

PROJECTS COMPLETED BY YEAR



36
WATER PROJECTS

34
SANITATION PROJECTS

2017 IMPACT



28
COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:

El Aguacate (N° 19.40237, W° -71.51759)

El Limon (N° 19.61142, W° -70.11427)

Firme de Castillo (N° 19.28483, W° -70.03887)

La Jagua (N° 19.24205, W° -70.07285)

Higuero (N° 19.54304, W° -70.27027)

Atabalero (N° 19.40434, W° -70.29837)

Palmar Grande (N° 19.69382, W° -70.81975)

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:





Water Projects

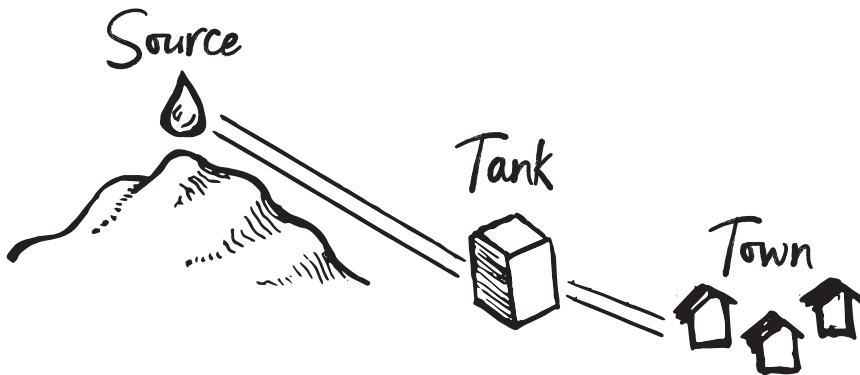
WATER PROJECTS

During a water project, BLUE Missions works with local leaders, families, and volunteers to construct a gravity-driven or pump-driven aqueduct to connect a clean water source to a faucet in every home.

IN 2017, WE CONNECTED

859

HOMES WITH CLEAN WATER



\$16

Avg. cost to connect one person with clean water

\$10,197

Avg. project cost

191,000

Meters of pipe used

EFFECTS OF CLEAN WATER



IMPROVED

HEALTH by reducing the risk of water related diseases, and child mortality rates.



ECONOMIC

OPPORTUNITY by allowing women to take back 6 hours a day on average to earn an income instead of collecting water.



HIGHER

EDUCATION as students are more likely to attend school instead of collecting water.

A photograph of two young children, a girl in the background and a boy in the foreground, both smiling broadly. They are holding shiny metal cups. The background is a textured wall, possibly made of stone or brick.

El Aguacate (N 8° 49' 37" W -71.51759)
El Limón (N 8° 52' 11" W -71.11487)
Firme de Oro (N 8° 52' 11" W -70.07887)
La Jigua (N 8° 52' 11" W -71.11487)
Higuerón (N 8° 52' 11" W -71.11487)
Acabales (N 8° 52' 11" W -71.11487)

The Water Committee

Before we begin the construction of a water system, we spend months working with a group of local community leaders to train and prepare them to maintain the project once it is completed. The Water Committee is responsible for making sure the aqueduct continues to provide a constant flow of water, and is also educated on ways to further the development of their community through local engagement, leadership, and solicitation of projects from other organizations.

Sanitation Projects



COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:

Naranjito (N° 19.28602, W° -71.49813)
Tinajita (N° 19.57544, W° -70.6281)
Carrasco (N° 19.48787, W° -70.04392)
Ranchito de los Peralta (N° 19.75528, W° -70.92736)
La Cueva (N° 18.90629, W° -70.10356)
Las Rosas (N° 19.28625, W° -71.56849)
Cruce de Yaroa (N° 19.58186, W° -70.60295)
Santa Maria (N° 19.55298, W° -69.99189)
Baul (N° 19.32171, W° -71.62501)
Alto de Pilon (N° 19.35054, W° -70.19449)



Piragua (N° 19.56012, W° -70.28752)

El Jobo (N° 19.4266, W° -70.38655)

El Catey (N° 19.53965, W° -70.2131)

Guanabano (N° 19.58781, W° -70.23061)

Villa Anacaona (N° 19.24264, W° -71.68501)

Yaroa Rio Abajo (N° 19.59351, W° -70.59767)

El Petigre (N° 19.61138, W° -70.11423)

La Coyera (N° 19.51044, W° -70.08539)

Arroyo Sabana (N° 19.51966, W° -70.07801)

El Puerto (N° 19.76169, W° -70.81066)

Palmarito (N° 19.48827, W° -70.09706)

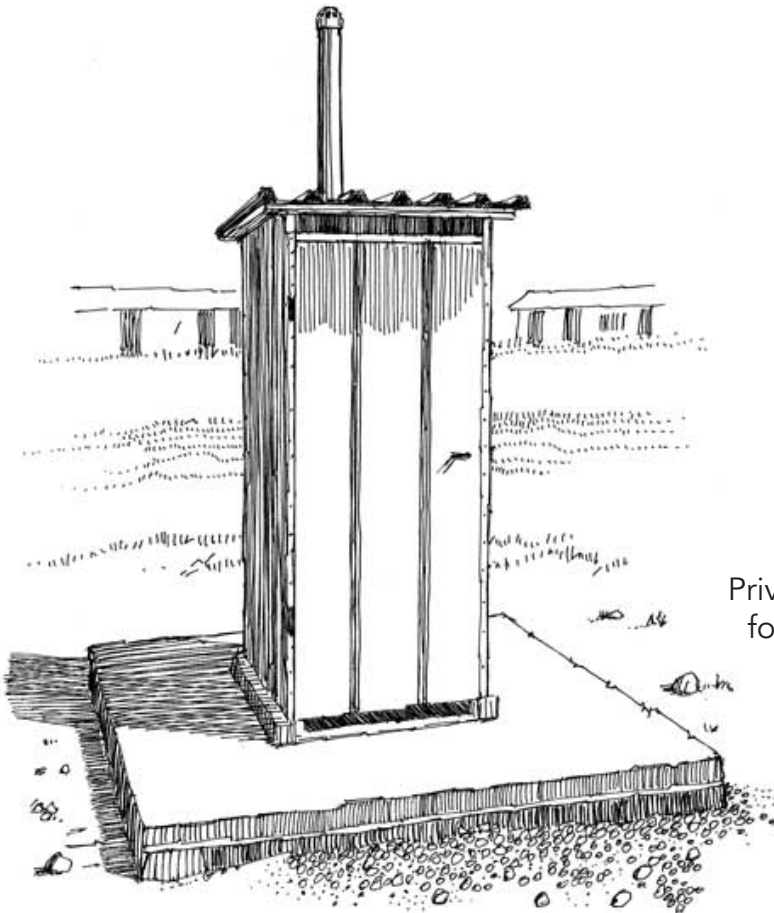
SANITATION PROJECTS

During a sanitation project, our staff works with volunteers and benefitting families to construct Ventilated Improved Pit latrines. Families that lack access to a private, sanitary bathroom are at a higher risk for illnesses and diseases caused by ingesting contaminated fruits and vegetables.

IN 2017, WE CONNECTED

328

HOMES WITH PROPER SANITATION



\$320

Avg. cost to build one latrine,
benefitting one family.

\$5,000

Avg. project cost

GENDER EQUALITY

Private bathrooms create safe spaces
for women and girls and reduce the
risk of gender violence.

HYGIENE

Well-built pit latrines are easy to
keep clean and reduce the risk of
contamination.



BEFORE



AFTER

SERVICE TRIPS

1,414

VOLUNTEERS HAVE TRAVELLED WITH US TO
WORK ON WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS
AND EARNED A TOTAL OF

292,602

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.

VOLUNTEERS PER YEAR



Volunteers

Since 2010, over 1,400 volunteers have served in the Dominican Republic with BLUE Missions. Our volunteers cover the cost of their trip to live and work alongside locals in rural communities. Volunteers leave our trips after 8 days with their perspectives completely shifted, their purpose reconsidered, and the discovery of their potential to change the world.

IN 2017...

553

VOLUNTEERS TRAVELED
WITH US



110,600

COMMUNITY SERVICE
HOURS WERE EARNED



Genevieve Barquet

Genevieve traveled for the second time with BLUE Missions this summer to work on the construction of latrines in Arroyo Sabana, Dominican Republic. She said, "Nothing beats nailing in that last nail, standing back, and realizing that it only took some wood, nails, cement, and dedication to change the lives of a family forever." Since returning from her trip, Genevieve has been committed to helping BLUE spread the word about our work. "BLUE has made me realize that you don't have to wait until you are older to make an impact."





Altagracia

We met Altagracia in the community of Atabalero, where she lives with her husband, daughter and grandson. She was born and raised in this community where she recalls walking to collect water from a nearby river since she was a little girl. She told us while washing the dishes in her home, "In times of drought our situation was very difficult. There was no water. I'm so grateful to have a faucet in my home with running water."

OUTREACH

#REACH4Change

This year, BLUE Missions launched an educational outreach program, R.E.A.C.H., which stands for Reflection, Education, and Action to Connect Humanity. Through monthly meetings, local community service opportunities, and mentorship, R.E.A.C.H. is educating high school students about global issues and providing them with the tools to be part of the solutions.

GLOBAL AWARENESS



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SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



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LOCAL SERVICE



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We educated students on **GLOBAL ISSUES** through

11

meetings hosted at different high-schools featuring speakers who are creating solutions.

Students signed up to **RAISE AWARENESS** about the water crisis, and represent BLUE Missions in

36

high schools and universities around the country.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES were offered locally, amounting to over

200

community service hours. Our REACH students cleaned beaches, collected donations for hurricane victims, and assisted special needs children.



R.E.A.C.H.



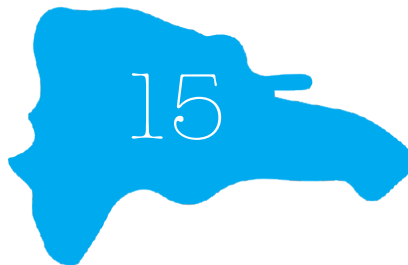
OUR TEAM

This year, we welcomed a few new members to our team.

We hired a Creative Director, and added a new BLUE Fellow - bringing our team in the US to

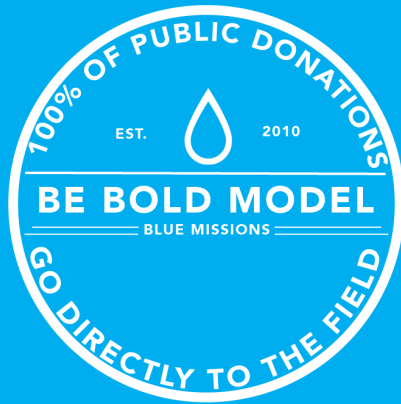


This summer, we had



Dominican employees working on projects.

We were also joined by **18** summer interns from May to August in the Dominican Republic.

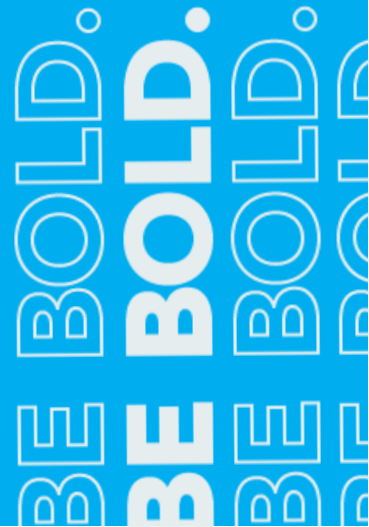


THIS YEAR, LIKE EVERY YEAR,

100%

OF PUBLIC DONATIONS

WENT DIRECTLY TO THE FIELD.



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\$2,000 - \$5,000

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Alex Agurcia
Rafiz Vargas
Nancy Rodriguez
Ajay Dhawan

\$1,000

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Daisy Gomez
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Pete Suarez
Franz Hoed de Beche
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Uniting Everyone

A wooden ladder is leaning against a wall. The wall has horizontal siding that is painted in two colors: a light teal or green on top and a darker blue on the bottom. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and has three rungs. The rungs are secured to the side rails with screws. The ladder is positioned vertically, leaning against the wall.

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