

Fabretto



growing  
**TOGETHER**

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





# Our Mission & Vision

## **OUR MISSION**

Fabretto's mission is to empower underserved children and youth to learn and thrive through partnerships and opportunities that leverage our knowledge and networks.

## **OUR VISION**

We envision empowered generations who build resilient, prosperous communities and continue Padre Fabretto's legacy of service.

# Fabretto

**Dear Friends,**

Looking back at 2025, I'm filled with gratitude as I reflect on a year of growth for Fabretto.

This year's annual report highlights that growth: more impact partners joining our network, expansion of programs like digital education and CaTec to Guatemala, new youth training programs, local production crops beginning to bear fruit and much more.

This year, our team, Board, and wider *Comunidad Fabretto* collaborated on a strategic plan for Fabretto's next chapter. We reaffirmed our commitment to Fabretto's core mission since Padre Fabretto first arrived in Nicaragua: serving children and youth by creating opportunities for them to thrive. How and where we work has changed, but we continue to give life to his spirit of service across Guatemala and Honduras.

2025 also strengthened the *Comunidad Fabretto*, our partner network. A highlight of the year was our regional event that united this growing community of like-minded organizations to learn together.

All of the incredible Fabretto supporters have made our growth possible with a strong financial foundation. I am deeply grateful for the trust and partnership from people around the world who share our vision and believe in the power of education to change children's lives.

In partnership,



# Our Reach 2025

**2.8 Million**

**school meals served**

**43,500+**

**students**

**370+**

**teachers and staff trained**

**12**

**impact partners**



# Our Programs



## Education Innovation

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Accelerating educational approaches that lead to deep, meaningful learning.



## Food Security and Nutrition

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Alleviating hunger and malnutrition today through school meals, while simultaneously investing in local production and leadership.



## Youth Development

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Empowering the next generation to thrive through education, training, and service to the community.





# Impact Partners

Our partner network grew to 12 Impact Partners during 2025.

## Honduras



Fundación ACOES



Asociación BAYAN



Asociación Compartir



Educate2Envision



Un Mundo



CEPUDO

## Guatemala



Asociación Ak'Tenamit



FUNDEMI Talita Kumi



Asociación Q'eqchi' Xch'ool Ixim



Fundap



Seeds for Progress



Caritas Arquidiocesana



# Comunidad Fabretto

The **Comunidad Fabretto Partner Network** is driven by a shared vision of education as a motor for community transformation. In 2025, we hosted our first-ever Comunidad Fabretto gathering. The workshop, led by Miguel Tello, built capacity in a key technical area: measuring and communicating social impact.

**10** organizations

**30** participants

**3** days of exchange learning, and institutional strengthening

**The Comunidad Fabretto** is action-oriented and collaborative - and we're just beginning. Together, we can go further for children and youth.

*"It's truly exciting to hear the stories of organizations that have done incredible work and to connect them with what we are doing. It reminds you that you are not alone, and that when we join forces, we can achieve so much more. Together, we can do so much more."*

**Alejandro Martínez, Executive Director, Asociación BAYAN**



# A Partnership that met the need

In a region where opportunities are scarce and challenges are part of everyday life, every partnership matters. In the Cangrejal River area of Honduras, young people with big dreams face limited access to education and employment. For years, **Un Mundo** has worked alongside these communities, and in 2025, Fabretto joined as a partner to strengthen that work and open new opportunities for youth.

Through the Youth Entrepreneurship Program, developed in partnership with Un Mundo, Fabretto has opened new opportunities for 9 young people and supported the creation of 7 entrepreneurial ideas.

Beyond this partnership, Fabretto's youth entrepreneurship programs across Honduras have trained 165 young people this year and supported the development of 28 new businesses.

In 2025, through programs implemented with multiple local partners, Fabretto trained 165 young people in entrepreneurship and supported the development of 28 new business ideas in Honduras.

Together with our partners, Fabretto is not only strengthening individual communities, but also helping build a more resilient future for young people across Central America.

**“The partnership between Fabretto and Un Mundo came at exactly the right time. We had just completed a needs assessment of our programs and identified youth entrepreneurship as a key priority when Fabretto joined us. It has been a true blessing, providing us with knowledge, tools, and financial support to develop a pilot project that will be critical in shaping how we implement and expand the program in the future.”**

***Denis, Director of  
Un Mundo in Honduras***

# Education Innovation



## By the Numbers



**224**

teachers and  
staff trained  
in tech  
integration



**2,500+**

students  
learning  
with digital  
technology



**47**

schools  
supported  
through 4  
partners



**621**

children with  
new libraries at  
their schools

## Project Spotlight: Kolibri Factory

As Honduran teachers learned to integrate technology in the classroom, they identified a gap: digital learning resources that fit their curriculum and context. Kolibri Factory emerged in response to this need. This intensive “bootcamp” brought together 19 teachers and coordinators. Led by Fabretto’s team, these teachers developed 66 brand new digital learning resources, all of which are now on Fabretto’s open channel. Through innovation and collaboration, we are designing solutions to improve education for all.



# Food Security and Nutrition



## By the Numbers



**10**

MannaPack partners in  
Guatemala & Honduras



**2.8M+**

school meals served



**240,700**

Pounds of corn  
produced

### Project Spotlight: Local Production for Food Security

Beginning in 2024, Fabretto collaborated with Zamorano University in Honduras on a project that strengthened youth skills and food security in communities served by our partner, Fundación ACOES.

In 2025, youth received training and guidance from Zamorano experts. Together, they reactivated a greenhouse on the ACOES campus and learned agricultural techniques.

**The result:** 8,400+ pounds of vegetables (green peppers, cucumbers, beans, cabbage) for school meals, all produced on the ACOES farm.



# Going Deeper through Locally-Led Initiatives

Six of our partners launched community initiatives to improve how MannaPack fortified soy, donated by the organization Feed My Starving Children, is used in schools. These efforts reached 11,070 students and community members, helping expand access to nutritious meals while strengthening community engagement.

**306 people trained**

**3 new recipe books**

**1 community fair**

# Youth Development



**CaTec** is Fabretto's youth development program that trains young people in agriculture and entrepreneurship skills, while also strengthening soft skills and community engagement.



**452**



CaTec students  
(51% girls)

**92%**



graduation rate

**22**



CaTec community facilitators trained

**36**



productive projects led by CaTec students

## Project spotlight Fabretto Innova: Design Thinking for Honduran Youth

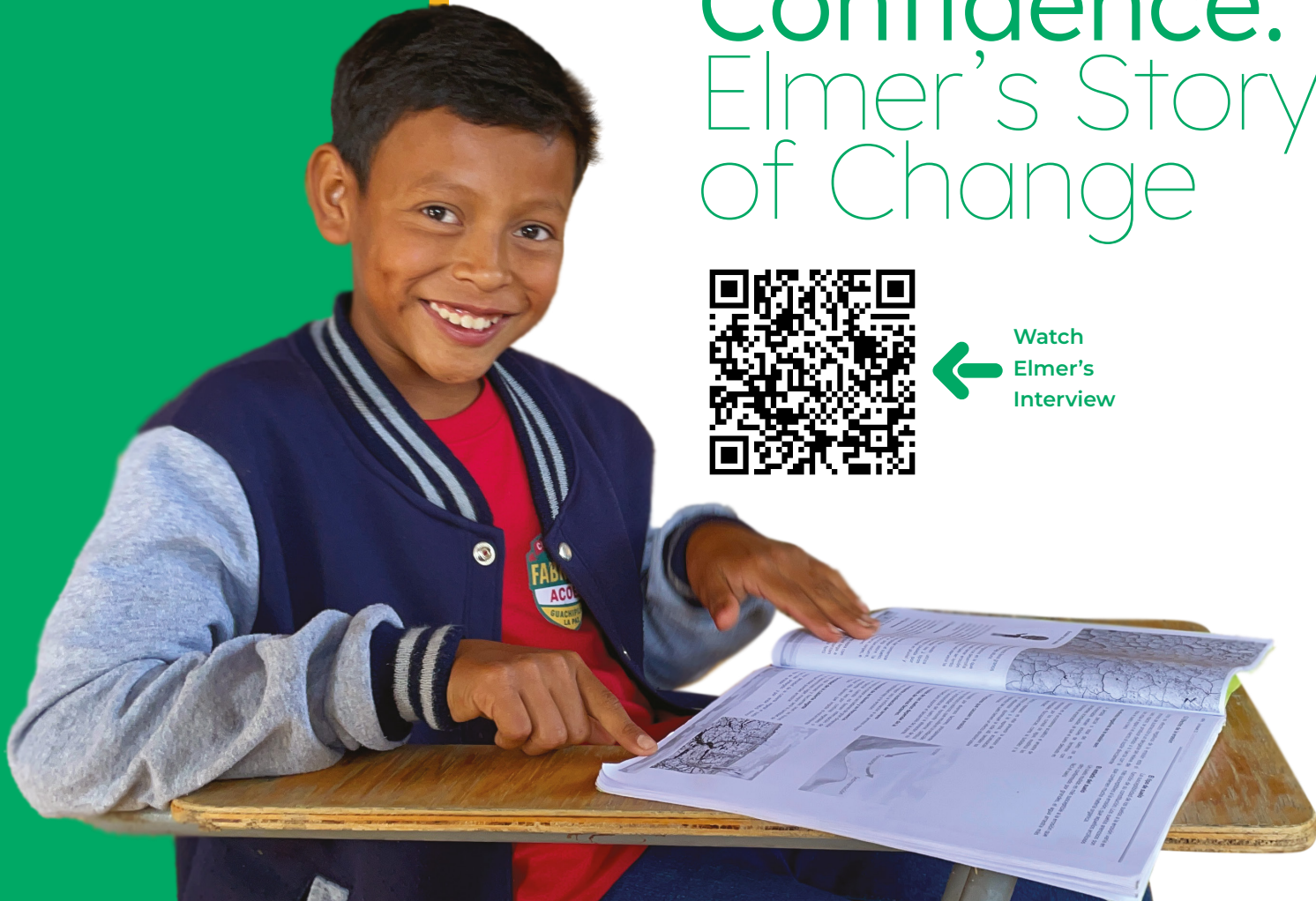
48 youth and teacher-leaders participated in Fabretto Innova, an intensive camp teaching youth to use Design Thinking for innovation, in response to challenges in their communities. Our goal is to plant the seed of innovation and leadership in young people - the future leaders of their communities. This resulted in 4 youth-led community innovation projects to motivate peers using technology, promote digital learning, protect the environment and improve access to clean water.

# Fabretto

## Harvesting Confidence: Elmer's Story of Change



Watch  
Elmer's  
Interview





When Elmer, a 12-year-old from Guachipilín, Honduras, joined Fabretto's CaTec program implemented by our partner Fundación ACOES, he arrived feeling shy and unsure of himself. Surrounded by supportive classmates and a welcoming teacher, Tania, he quickly began forming friendships and gaining confidence.

In the classroom and the field, Elmer is developing practical agricultural skills such as soil rotation and land care. These hands-on lessons have helped him understand the importance of caring for the environment and see how what he learns can benefit his community. For Elmer, CaTec is not just a school program; it is a space where learning feels meaningful and connected to real life.

With strong support from his family and positive role models at school, Elmer has learned to make responsible choices, even when facing peer pressure. Today, he is more confident and motivated, and committed to his future. His journey reflects how Fabretto's learning environments foster not only technical skills, but also belonging and community.

# Digital Learning for Climate Action



Dara Adamolekuna recent Harvard College graduate, volunteered with Fabretto in Honduras and worked closely with our team to develop a hands-on learning module for youth. Using Fabretto's proven methodology, the module strengthens digital skills while supporting climate-responsible coffee production by training students to georeference coffee farms using smartphones.

New European Union regulations require farms to demonstrate that coffee production has not contributed to deforestation. Through this training, youth can support small coffee producers with the mapping and documentation they need.



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# Familia Fabretto

La Familia Fabretto - volunteers, donors, Board Directors, Friends of Fabretto - is the motor that powers our growth. Here, we share some highlights from 2025.

## Friends of Fabretto 2025

FOF 2025 took Fabretto Board members and leaders on a journey through Honduras & Guatemala. Along bumpy roads and across rivers, our directors stepped into the shoes of students and saw first hand our programs in action. Stay tuned for more opportunities to visit in 2026!

## Night for Niños

Our four Night for Niños events (NYC, DC, Chicago, and Miami) brought together more than 425 individuals to raise awareness and critical funds for our mission.

In October, we proudly honored Carl Marinacci, founder of Fabretto Children's Foundation, at the Chicago Night for Niños event. Carl's vision, leadership, and deep compassion have guided the organization for more than 35 years. Surrounded by a devoted community of supporters at our Chicago Night for Niños, we celebrated a legacy that continues to shape brighter futures for children across Central America.



# Child Sponsors

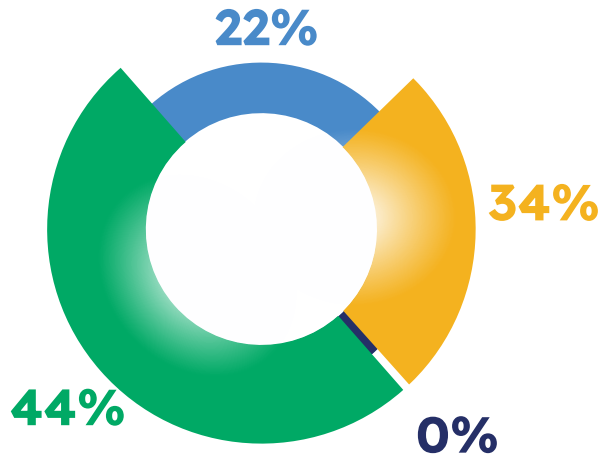
Thanks to Fabretto's child sponsors, 159 children in Honduras have access to education, nutrition, and a supportive community. In 2025, we multiplied the impact for the whole classroom with projects to improve handwashing stations and bathrooms, provide classroom supplies, and train teachers in Universal Design for Learning. Thank you, child sponsors!

**If you are interested in volunteering, visiting, or sponsoring, please reach out to us: [info@fabretto.org](mailto:info@fabretto.org).**

# Financials

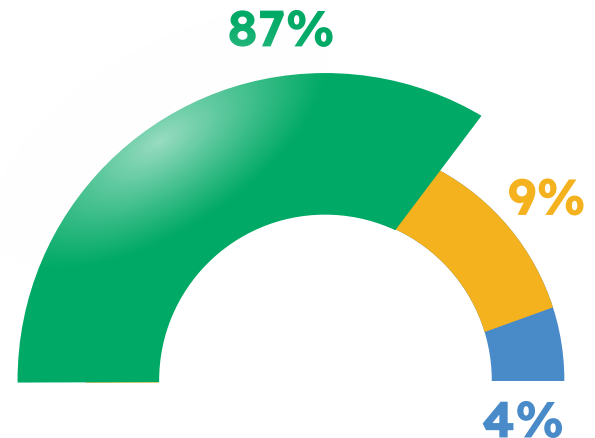
Total revenue:  
**\$4M**

- In Kind
- Foundations and Corporations
- Government Grants
- Individual Giving



Total Expenses:  
**\$3.9M**

- Programs
- Development
- Administration



# Fabretto's Next Chapter: Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Through a collaborative process during 2025, we created a plan for growth in Fabretto's next chapter, as we pursue our vision of children and youth with opportunities to learn and thrive, across Honduras and Guatemala. To achieve this vision, we will grow our partner network, while deepening the impact of our core programs.

## 3 Pillars for Strategic Growth:

Strength Fabretto  
Partner  
Community



Grow Core Fabretto  
Programs and  
Document Impact



Energize  
Audiences to  
Fuel the Mission





  
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