

# FRIENDS OF ENCA FARM

## Annual Report 2016

*Exploring New Horizons*



Friends of ENCA Farm is a non-profit educational and advocacy organization supporting organic farmers and environmental conservation programs throughout the Philippines.

We are committed to supporting food security in the Philippines. Through educating and empowering farmers to return to the historical practice of saving seeds, farmers are no longer dependent on purchasing seeds after each planting and are no longer forced to use harmful chemicals to grow these seeds. Through our education and training programs, Filipino organic farmers gain the hands-on skills and knowledge they need to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. This empowers farmers to be self-sufficient and ensures that organic seeds are more readily available throughout the Philippines.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Supporters and Friends,

When I founded Friends of ENCA Farm in 2010 I could not have imagined the exciting growth, new collaborations, and expanded impact we have launched this year! 2016 has marked our largest year of revenue to date, our first year operating with a dedicated local staff member, and exciting expanded programs offering seed saving technical education and training programs to more smallholder farmers than ever before.

With newfound partnerships both in the United States and the Philippines, collaboration has truly been the key to our success this year. Our work with The Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and Denver Urban Gardens has allowed us to bring world-class expert trainers to the Philippines to teach seed saving and farm development tools to our farmers. Our partnerships have also allowed us to dive into more domestic collaborations: hosting a Seed School in a Day with Denver Urban Gardens, and connecting with a new community of seed activists throughout the United States that are invested in building this movement at home and abroad. We have truly found our place in the landscape of smallholder organic farmer development in the Philippines. While there are many organic farming movements and education opportunities, our focus and expertise in seed saving is unique and provides real value to our partner farmers.

The highlight of our success this year was organizing and facilitating the three day Seed School and Farmer Capacity Building Training in November in Baguio City. It was an incredible opportunity for both the participating farmers and our guest facilitators from the United States. This was our first time to work with farmers from outside of Benguet Province and participants from six different provinces attended this dynamic training. The most meaningful aspect of the seminar was the time not spent in formal lectures but the “down time” over meals and in the evening when farmers that had never interacted before had the opportunity to learn about each others unique culture, challenges, and successes in their home communities. Creating the space for farmers to exchange ideas and knowledge, and identifying new partnerships is incredibly important and not something that happens very often in the Philippines. The farmers we have the honor of working with are the best example of building and being the change we want to see in the world. Wendell Berry once said, “The threat to precious things will be our advantage. It clarifies our duty.” This is the time that we live in and Friends of ENCA Farm is energized with our new clarified duty and desire to empower Filipino Farmers to Seed and Farmer Up!

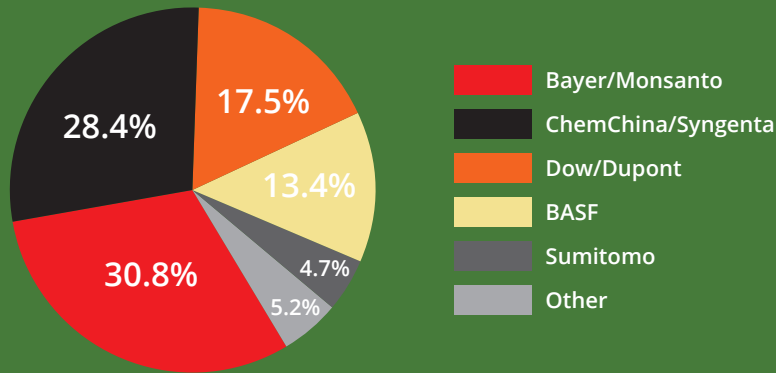
None of this work would be possible without the generosity of our donors and the vision and dedication of our partners in the Philippines. They are committed to building a more food secure future for their families and community, and I am humbled to be a part of their story and success. I am more excited than ever to see the work of Friends of ENCA Farm continue to grow with each seed our farmers sow, save, and replant for generations to come. Thanks for helping make this possible!

Sherry Manning  
Founder and Executive Director  
Friends of ENCA Farm

# 2016 IMPACT OVERVIEW

## Why Seed Saving?

Three biochemical companies own the world's seeds...



Our work helps to bring seeds back into the hands of farmers.



Almost 30% of the world's 7.4 billion people rely on food that is produced by small-holder farms.

In the Philippines, farmers save around \$100 annually through saving seeds, equivalent to roughly a month's earnings when saving seeds.

# PROGRAM STATISTICS

Trained over 100 farmers and community members in seed saving and permaculture practices.



Conducted over 500 hours of education and training programs.

Established core group of 10 "Seed Saver" Farmers in Benguet Province, representing over 100 acres of farmland and growing food for over 20,000 people.



Distributed \$7,000 to five farms to build more climate resilient infrastructure on their land.

## FARMER SPOTLIGHT:

### Meet Organic Farmer and Seed Saver

#### Pastor Andrew Bandiwan

Pastor Andrew is 40 years old and operates a 200 square meter farm in Ambassador, Tublay. He is a true bio-intensive farmer growing over thirty different varieties of fruits and vegetables in this small space to feed his family and community. He has created a dynamic and diverse eco-system, which ensures the health of the soil and leads to great productivity on his small farm. He is an active member of the association of Seed Savers and has been one of the most successful seed producers growing sugar peas, emperor beans, and lettuce varieties to seed.

*"The Seed Savers Program is a big help to me and my co-farmers because we have been looking for a source of organic seeds. We have now learned to produce our own organic seeds and will be sharing this knowledge and seeds with other farmers and communities. We are so thankful for this opportunity and your support."*

*- Pastor Andrew Bandiwan*



## COLLABORATION LEADS TO SUCCESS

Thanks to the generosity of the Posner Center for International Development's International Collaboration Fund, we received a \$10,000 grant that launched our collaboration with The Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance (RMSA) and Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) in 2016. This collaboration allowed us to dive into domestic education, co-hosting and facilitating a Seed School in a Day in August with 30 participants from the Denver Urban Gardens network at Delany Community Farm. This dynamic collaboration culminated in a 3-day Seed School and Farmer Capacity Building Seminar in the Philippines. The training was facilitated by our expert partners at The Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and Denver Urban Gardens and created a dynamic cross-cultural exchange for all participants.



50 farmers representing six different provinces throughout the Philippines joined this dynamic program. After participating in a seed swap where farmers exchanged seeds amongst themselves, each participant left the seminar with hands on knowledge of how to save seeds, a new-found connection to the global landscape of seed saving, and a tangible plan for how to implement their recently acquired seed saving knowledge at their farms and within their communities. Another large accomplishment of the seminar was the fact there were farmers present from all over the Philippines.

This rare opportunity for farmers to gather from the many regions of the country created a dynamic space for everyone to learn from each other, exchange best practices, and identify areas where they can continue to collaborate and support each other.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### 2nd Annual Film Screening Event: Seeds of Time

In April we co-hosted a dynamic evening of seed education and discussion with Denver Urban Gardens, screening the documentary film *Seeds of Time* at the Posner Center for International Development. *Seeds of Time* follows agriculture pioneer Cary Fowler as he races against time to protect the future of our food. Seed banks around the world are crumbling, crop failures are producing starvation and rioting, and the accelerating effects of climate change are affecting farmers globally.

We held a post screening discussion with three seed saving and sustainable agriculture practitioners. Colin Khoury is a Crop Diversity Specialist at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Colombia, and a researcher at the USDA National Laboratory for Genetic Resources Preservation in Fort Collins, Colorado. Penn Parmenter, and her husband, have been growing food at 8,120 ft. in the Wet Mountains of south-central Colorado since the early 1990s. The Parmenters are seed growers and founded Miss Penn's Mountain Seeds in 2014. Dr. Sarada Krishnan is Director of Horticulture for the Center for Global Initiatives at Denver Botanic Gardens where she is responsible for directing the design and maintenance of the horticulture displays and collections along with developing and leading global projects.



## 6th Annual Nourish Event, A Great Success

On October 22nd, over 125 people filled the Posner Center for our 6th Annual Nourish Event Brunch. With a silent auction featuring a wide array of items, delicious food prepared by local Filipino food truck, The Orange Crunch, and dynamic guest Speaker Dennis Apuan, the Nourish Event enjoyed record attendance in support of our food security programs in the Philippines. Dennis is a prominent figure in the Filipino-American Community in Colorado. He was the first Filipino-American to be elected to the Colorado State House where he served two terms. He is an activist, community organizer, and non-profit leader dedicated to building a more just and sustainable local and global community. Dennis shared powerful words about what justice means in the context of our work in increasing food security in the Philippines:



*“Food justice starts from the conviction that access to healthy food is a human rights issue and goes beyond advocacy and direct service... It calls for organized responses to food security problems, responses that are locally driven and owned.”*

Raising over \$16,000, this year's Nourish Event success ensures that we can serve more organic farmers throughout the Philippines in the coming year.



## FRIENDS OF ENCA FARM FINANCIALS

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2016

REVENUE	TOTAL (USD)
Individual Contributions	19,641.84
Foundations and Grants	11,710.08
Special Events	17,132.80
Bank Interest	2.61
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>48,487.33</b>
EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Philippine Program Services	30,644.00
U.S. Staff Salaries / Contractor Services	8,677.00
U.S. Office Rent	2,372.00
Marketing	1,176.00
Fundraising	6,103.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>48,992.00</b>
Net Assets / Fund Balances Start of Year 2016	10,928.00
Net Assets / Fund Balances End of Year 2016	10,423.00

Friends of ENCA Farm had a tremendous year of revenue growth in 2016. We more than doubled our revenue from the year prior and also started the year with over \$10,000.00 in the bank. In addition we grew the size of our programs serving double the number of farmers, offered three new signature training programs, and paid both our Philippines and US Staff for the first time in the history of the organization. We broke even in 2016 ending the year with nearly the same amount of funds in the bank as we began with at the start of the year. We look forward to continuing to grow our revenue and program impact for many years to follow.

## STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### STAFF

Sherry Manning - Founder and Executive Director  
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## 2016 KEY SUPPORTERS

Burners Without Borders

Global Giving

New Earth Foundation

Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Posner Center for International Development

## NEW COLLABORATORS

Denver Urban Gardens

Good Food Community

La Trinidad Organic Farming Practitioners  
Association (LaTOP)

Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary

The IDEA Lab at Red Rocks Community College

The Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance

Tublay Municipal Agriculture Office

Zarraga Integrated Diversified Organic Farmers  
Association (ZIDOFA)



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