This was a year of many crises in the areas where we work. In Haiti, the government was forced to resign in July amidst widespread protest. In Nicaragua, the government remained in power following months of violence that left hundreds dead, despite widespread calls for Ortega to step down. In October, an earthquake in the north department of Haiti killed dozens of people and destroyed homes and other facilities in Gros Morne and the surrounding area.

Despite a tumultuous year, our work with partners in Nicaragua and Haiti has provided a source of hope. In Haiti, the Jean Marie Vincent Formation Center continued its efforts of reforestation and environmental renewal. In Nicaragua, the Institute of John XXIII weathered the crisis, and despite some delays was able to launch three new housing initiatives.

In the United States the Trump administration deepened its war against immigrants, using irresponsible rhetoric and fact free talking points to legitimate separating families, denying asylum to tens of thousands, and seeking to terminate Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, Nicaragua, El Salvador and several other countries. The Quixote Center launched InAlienable as part of a national movement to push back against these policies. Our work has been focused on the intersections of criminal justice and immigration policy, as well as accompaniment with immigrant communities in the D.C. metro area.

We also found time to celebrate. In April, we hosted a reunion of Quixote Center staff and friends. Over 100 people came together in College Park for an evening of reflection and fun, followed by a brief retreat the next day for former staff to reconnect after many years. It was a joyous reminder of the connections we have made through our 43 years of work toward building a world more justly loving.

In the following pages, we reflect on the work we have done over the last year, and provide a financial overview. Detailed audit reports and our annual 990 submissions are available online.
**Quest for Peace**

2018 was a rough year for Nicaragua. In April, protests against announced reforms to Nicaragua’s social security system led to violent clashes between police and demonstrators. At least 30 people were killed in the initial conflict. Over the next several months, tensions soared, as demonstrators established blockades across the country, bringing the economy to a halt. Though estimates vary widely, at least 200 people were killed. By mid-July, the violence had largely subsided as the government cleared the remaining blockades, but tensions remain high. There have been hundreds of arrests, and in December the government closed nine non-governmental organizations and two media outlets associated with the opposition.

The crisis led to a temporary suspension of construction for our housing program with the Institute of John XXIII, as transport was severely inhibited by the blockades. Institute staff were forced to work shortened schedules out of security concerns, but were soon able to continue delivery of most services. Once the blockades came down, and violence subsided, work began to get back to normal; however, the economic crisis has had an enormous impact. The banking sector in Nicaragua suspended new mortgages - which made full implementation of the housing program impossible. However, the community housing initiative, funded directly by your contributions, is moving forward, with three new communities selected for housing startups: San Dionisio, San Marcos, and Terrabona.

**Haiti Reborn**

Haiti has also been in the midst of a political crisis that came to a head in July, when anger with the government’s decision to reduce fuel subsidies became the spark that sent tens of thousands to the streets. As with Nicaragua’s social security reform, this unpopular policy decision was made under pressure from the International Monetary Fund. Protests led the government to suspend the change to fuel subsidies, and ultimately to the resignation of the Prime Minister and cabinet.

The political tensions have been felt in Gros Morne, but have not impacted our work with the Jean Marie Vincent Formation Center. As a result of the work, 80,000 trees have been planted throughout the area, dozens of workshops and trainings on agro-ecology have taken place, and new initiatives have been launched: a mobile veterinary clinic, community goat program, and soon a chicken coop to provide eggs for home and market.

On October 6, Gros Morne was struck by an earthquake. The epicenter was further north near Port-de-Paix, but damage in Gros Morne was extensive. Several schools lost buildings, the local pediatric ward was severely damaged, as was an auditorium. Almost all two-story buildings suffered some damage, as did hundreds of homes. With your support, we were able to raise emergency relief funds that are being used to provide assistance to families rebuilding their homes and livelihoods in the wake of the destruction.

**In Memoriam: John and Judy Harding**

John and Judy Harding were long time partners of the Quixote Center. Among other support, their contributions made a significant expansion of the Homes of Hope program possible. John passed in September, Judy in December. Their generosity touched many lives, and we will be forever thankful that they chose to walk a part of their life’s journey with us and in solidarity with the people of Nicaragua.

**Catholics Speak Out**

This was a tumultuous year for the church. Yet another detailed report was issued that documented the scale of sexual abuse in the church. This time the report was from a grand jury investigation into abuse in five Pennsylvania dioceses. However, the story was the same one that has been revealed everywhere sex abuse by church officials has been studied. Catholics, and everybody who cares about kids and other vulnerable people, are angry at the further evidence of abuse, and the inability of the bishops and the Vatican to commit to a substantive reform agenda.

In partnership with other members of the Catholic Organizations for Renewal, the Quixote Center has provided leadership and support for national grassroots organizing. We also continued to provide the Inclusive Lectionary and other publications.
InAlienable
This year the Quixote Center launched a new program on immigration policy. InAlienable grows out of the Center’s historical work on criminal justice reform, and is also rooted in our advocacy in solidarity with people in Central America and Haiti.

Over the last year InAlienable staff have been involved in doing research on detention policies and the companies that profit from the immigration enforcement machine currently in place. The results of this research have been published in articles on the Quixote Center blog, and were used to create a workshop that was delivered at the Call to Action Conference in November. As we are writing, we are also preparing the release of a report that documents the carbon footprint of ICE activity.

We have been involved in coalition work and advocating for changes in policy. Examples are providing information to allow people to provide comment to the federal register, and joining the Detention Watch Network, a coalition that documents detention practices and advocates for change. Staff have participated in protests aimed at changing policy, and we also maintain an update of news about immigration policy on our blog, The Daily Dispatch.

Finally, as we began work on InAlienable, Quixote Center staff were also involved in various accompaniment projects, providing direct solidarity to individuals who were required to attend check-ins with ICE and private contractors working with ICE. Out of these personal volunteer efforts, and in an effort to promote such work, we have developed a local action database of volunteer opportunities for anyone in the country to get involved in direct service or advocacy in support of immigrants. The database will be a living document, and should be online shortly. Take a look, and feel free to let us know of any projects in your area that we have not included.

Activist in Residence
Last year we made the decision to launch a new initiative at the Quixote Center through the Bill Callahan Memorial Fund. The idea was to support an emerging activist with an idea for social change with the resources, mentoring, and infrastructure to carry their idea forward.

In the fall, we sought out proposals for the Activist in Residence, but only received a handful of responses. So we decided to re-vision the program by providing more support over a shorter period of time for a more intensive experience.

The new program provides the equivalent of a full-time salary over the summer months to an activist with an idea for a project they can carry out from the Center. Application forms are ready now at quixote.org/air. Help spread the word!

QC Reunion
On April 13-14, 2018, the Quixote Center Reunion gathered long-standing QC friends and former and current staff to celebrate our shared history of pursuing impossible dreams.

Over the last 43 years, the Quixote Center has reached out to many different communities. Our partners from the Institute of John XXIII in Nicaragua joined us, along with nearly 100 former staff including Bill DeBlasio, former Quest for Peace staffer and current mayor of New York City. Thanks to all who could be there! We missed all those who were not able to join us.

In Loving Memory
We honor Frank and Rae Wilken, who generously remembered the Quixote Center in their will.

We also remember David Buckel, Mark Cotton, Hermine Dahmen, and Lucy Fuchs, for whom gifts were made in their memory.
Financial Report July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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Expenses by Program

- **Quest for Peace**: 301,132
- **Haiti Reborn**: 59,744
- **Bill C Memorial**: 37,808
- **InAlienable**: 32,031
- **Catholics Speak Out**: 17,887

**Total Program Expenses**: 448,602

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Other Ways to Make a Financial Impact

**Bequests**
When you include the Center in your will, your work for justice lives on. You can designate a specific sum of money, or an asset, such as stock, or a percentage of your estate to the Quixote Center.

**Gifts of Stock**
Gifts of stock augment the generous donations the Center receives. You may be able to deduct the total current value of the stock as a charitable donation, and avoid the capital gains tax.

**RMD**
You may donate a portion or all of your Required Minimum Distribution directly from your IRA to the Quixote Center if you are 71 or older.

**Monthly Giving**
We invite you to become a monthly giver! This growing group of supporters helps ensure that the Quixote Center has a steady source of funding needed to keep tilting at windmills.

People at the Quixote Center

**Quixote Center Staff**
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- Roz Fischer
- Tee Kendall
- John Marchese
- Dolly Pomerleau
- Tom Ricker
- Jocelyn Trainer

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- Deborah Manley**
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- Nancy Sulfridge

*Finished service in 2018
**Starting service in 2019

**Volunteers / Interns**
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