

2024-2025

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Breaking the cycle of
poverty through
education.





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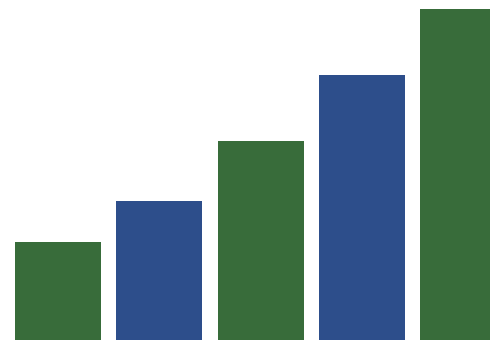
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About us

Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans is on a mission to lift children out of poverty by providing them with an education.

Founded in 2014 by Vicki Horsfield and William Garcia, our organization supports students facing poverty-related barriers to education to stay in school. Children living in poverty are sponsored to go to school and receive the educational support they need to pass their grade.

Sponsorship covers the costs of tuition, school supplies, uniforms, and medicine if the child falls sick. At our after-school program, students receive homework help, math tutoring and English classes.

Our Vision

To empower Guatemalans to break out of the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient as a result of receiving an education.



2024-2025 Achievements



What a great year we have had!!

- Six of our students graduated from high school.
- One student acquired a job as a laboratory assistant, another in a computer store, and yet another took a gap year to work in a photo production shop.
- Three students entered into university; one choosing Laboratory Science, another Nursing and the third entering Criminology. Two prior gap year students started university in Systems Engineering and in Nursing.
- A 2019 graduate made the step to enter university, also to study Criminology. And of course, our current university students continued in their programs of chemistry (3rd year) and accounting (4th year). We are so proud of their determination and hard work!
- Two of the female graduates with strong English skills applied for 4 coveted US university scholarships. Although they were not ultimately selected, they did make it into the semi-finals of 10 young women.
- Our beautiful library opened up to the community this year! Reading skills programs were provided to grade 1 students from our local primary school.





- Grade 7 students were enrolled in programs to strengthen their reading skills and expose them to books to expand their knowledge.
- Moms who hadn't had the opportunity to attend school themselves started to attend our Literacy program to learn to read and write. And because poverty does not see books in the home, Moms were invited to learn the value of reading to their little ones and were provided with our space to do so.
- The moms in our Sewing Cooperative, Manos de Maya, continue to make beautiful products from upscaled hand-woven Indigenous textiles that they sell locally and around the world. They also gave weaving workshops in schools and to volunteers.
- Several families received improvements to their homes. A very much needed toilet and shower were installed in one family's home. Another home received gutters on the corrugated roof and drainage to prevent water erosion on the steep path to their home.

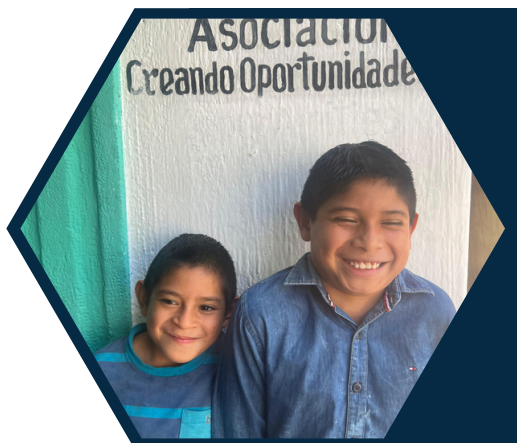


Meet some of our students

BRENDA

15', 9TH GRADE

Brenda is a brilliant student with a bright future ahead. When she was 8 years old, her father passed away, and her mother assumed full financial responsibility for Brenda and her 3 siblings. His loss deeply impacted the family—not only because of the financial challenges they faced, but also because of the profound emotional void left by the person Brenda lovingly called her role model. Since joining the program, Brenda has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and academic excellence. She proudly led the Interact Rotary Club, inspiring others and sharing its vision with confidence and purpose. At school, she has earned top grades and distinguished herself as an outstanding student. We are incredibly proud of Brenda as she begins an exciting new chapter in her life. She is finishing junior high—a significant milestone that represents hope, perseverance, and a brighter future for both her and her family.



CARLOS

2ND GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carlos is a bright, joyful boy with a curious mind. He and his three siblings joined our program hoping to find a path toward a better future. Three years ago, their mother passed away after a long illness, and his older sister Karla—only nine years old at the time—became responsible for caring for her siblings.

After their mother's death, Carlos and his siblings fell behind academically. When we first met Carlos, he felt that continuing school would be impossible. Today, that has changed. Carlos and his siblings are back in school, filled with hope, and able to dream of a brighter, more promising future.



OUR IMPACT

**62 students were sponsored to stay in school.
25 unsponsored students received educational support in our
afterschool program.**

**All sponsored students achieved above 70% in their courses.
39 students achieved above 80% in their courses.**

**5 graduates continued their university studies.
16 graduates are now working and earning a decent income.
2 mothers and 2 of our graduates are employed as staff.
10 women continue to operate a sewing Cooperative, named Manos de
Maya. With the help of volunteers, their beautiful products are sold in
several other countries.**



Meet Our New Team Member

JULIO

ENGLISH TEACHER/COORDINATOR

Julio is a dedicated and effective English teacher known for his patience, empathy, and strong communication skills. He creates a supportive and engaging learning environment where students feel confident to participate and learn at their own pace. His background in social work allows him to understand his students' emotional and social needs, enabling him to adapt his teaching methods to different learning styles and abilities. Julio uses creative and practical strategies to make English accessible, relevant, and meaningful, helping students build both language skills and self-confidence. Beyond the classroom, he has a deep interest in learning about Mayan culture, enjoys traveling, and is committed to learning Mayan languages, which strengthens his cultural sensitivity and connection with his students. Through his dedication, cultural awareness, and genuine care for education, Julio inspires learners to believe in their potential and work toward a brighter future.



Our financials 2024–2025

 **Total Donations:**
US\$153,669

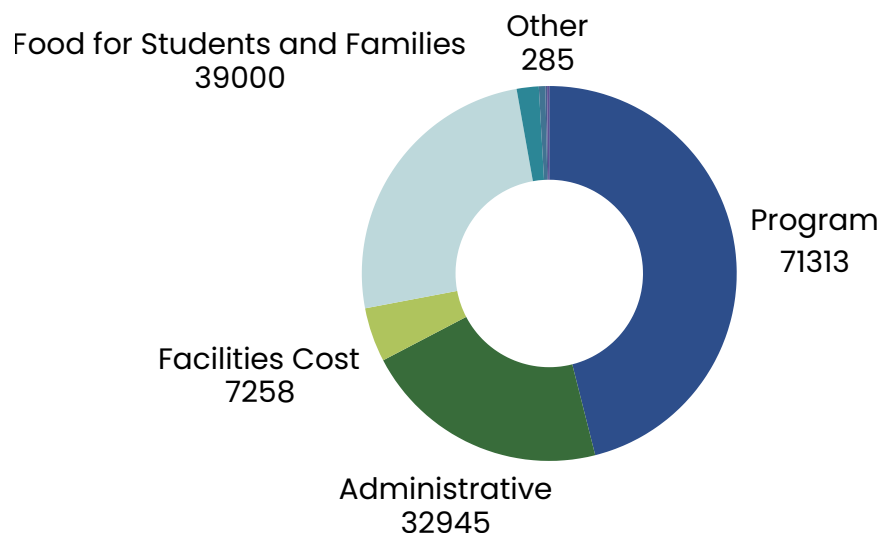
**Rotary clubs and
Donation Platforms**

US \$29,834

**From Individual
Donors**

US \$123,835

Total Expenses: US\$119,709



Message from our Directors

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to all our supporters, donors, volunteers, mentors and encouragers - you who have enabled us to continue our strong and worthwhile programs. The opportunities that you provide to students who live in poverty and who participate in our organization are ensuring that their future will be one of fulfillment and sufficiency in which they will have the skills and education to secure a dignified job with a decent salary.

You are giving hope to these students and changing the face of poverty in Guatemala.

We are immensely grateful to all of you for supporting the work we do.

With gratitude,

**Vicki Horsfield
Executive Director**

**William Garcia
Assistant Director**



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