

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Alvaro Gramajo, Teacher

Estela Ramirez, Nurse

Francisco Pablo, Teacher

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

We are proud to report to you that since opening our Maya Jaguar High School, many of our students, after receiving their diplomas, have chosen to further their education by enrolling in university degree programs. These graduates are now securing employment in professional fields. Thanks to continued donor support, the number of students earning middle and high school degrees continue to increase. The number of children in outlying villages who are benefiting from literacy and gardening instruction continue to rise. The improvement of quality of life for some of the poorest citizens in this remote region of Guatemala is the direct result of the educational opportunities offered by Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala. Here are some of the highlights from our list of accomplishments in 2019.

MAYA JAGUAR GRADUATE AWARDED NURSING DEGREE

Outstanding Maya Jaguar graduate Estela Ramirez completed her three year nursing degree. She is now employed as the school nurse and the biology and nutrition teacher at the Maya Jaguar Schools.

TEACHING DEGREES AWARDED

Two previous Maya Jaguar graduates Alvaro Gramajo and Francisco Pablo completed university studies and were awarded teaching positions at the Maya Jaguar High School.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thirty-six bright and ambitious students successfully completed course studies at the Maya Jaguar's middle and high schools.

UNIQUE EDUCATION AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Small classes, technology tools such as laptop computers and tablets, a comprehensive service-learning program, and specialty second language training in Spanish (students' primary language is one of the 22 Mayan languages), offer students a unique, high-quality education. The school's three-diploma program of academics, computer science, and agriculture prepares them well for employment upon graduation.

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MISSION

To help empower the Mayan people of north-west Guatemala through educational and practical skills to break the historic cycle of poverty in their communities.

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EDUCATIONAL FARM



The Educational Farm provides specialized organic vegetable garden training for Mayan families. This training, along with instruction in amaranth and peanut production—*noted high-protein crops*—form the foundation for lessening the chronic malnutrition that is epidemic in this region of Guatemala.

VILLAGE OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Forty-two school children benefited from our **village literacy outreach** program during 2019. Maya Jaguar students participated in **community service projects** by reading to young children in their second language, Spanish.

A special program entitled “**Let’s Leave No Girl Behind**” funded by the State of Jefferson Rotary E-Club of Oregon, will double its aid in 2020 year for **indigenous girls**. Four young women have been awarded scholarships at Maya Jaguar. Moreover, the program is funding village literacy programs in two villages.

The second-term **school garden program** in Nuevo Progreso expanded in size and quantity of organic vegetables produced, underpinning one of the organization’s major goals of alleviating chronic malnutrition in the villages.

A prototype village **peanut production project** was successfully completed in Nuevo Progreso. Bumper harvests provided community members with family food and a surplus to sell locally.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

An eight-person Advisory Council of experts from various professions was formed to assist the Board of Directors in its strategic planning. Plans are underway to bring on key management professionals to strengthen the sustainability and continuity for the long-term future of Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala.

ADDITIONAL WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP

Please consider the following additional ways to make a donation to Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala:

- An employer match on your donation
- A contribution of stocks and securities
- A transfer of funds from your IRA
- A bequest

Your tax advisor can guide you on the advantages of these charitable distributions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala gratefully acknowledges the extraordinary contributions of friends, volunteers, organizations, and foundations for their unwavering commitment to our Mayan partners in northwest Guatemala. With your help, we are successfully fulfilling our mission to empower Mayan communities through education and agriculture.

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2019 FINANCIALS

INCOME

\$258,000

EXPENSES

Administration
and Fundraising

\$15,135

2020 Projects Reserve
\$66,000

*(100% volunteer staff,
no salaries paid)*

GUATEMALAN PROGRAMS

Education

\$132,000

Village Programs

\$9,500

Educational Farm

\$19,500

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