Hello Everyone, First of all, let me say Thank You for your interest in the stove project.  I do believe this project came to me in a very distinct way.  (which is a story for another time).  I have attached a YouTube Link at the bottom of this email.  This 3 minute video had a profound effect on me due to one sentence:   “isn’t it beautiful”   as this women looked at this makeshift, simple, wood burning stove sitting in a one room, dirt floor home.

My Rotary Club (of The Villages-Noon) board has approved of my fund raising efforts to raise money for these stoves.  The stoves were created by a Rotarian.  My contact in Guatemala is a personal friend, who is from Guatemala and served in the US Navy with my husband.  He lives in Las Vegas. He is friends with Carlos Galvez who coordinates with several Rotary Clubs in the US regarding these stoves.  Leo and his wife go to Guatemala often.

My personal goal is to raise enough money to purchase 100 stoves.  My club is genuinely interested and I feel this will be a relative easy one to accomplish as several members have already indicted their desire to contribute  personal contribution.  The stoves cost $85.  The club in Guatemala likes to have the family pay $35.  We felt even that was a lot for one family of such poor finances to contribute.  I would rather pay the entire amount.

I can discuss this with you at any time.  I will be getting a committee together soon to begin our fund raising efforts here in The Villages.  Would love to have other clubs participate.

Again, thanks for your interest and I am willing to help others in this worthwhile project.  Looking forward to the YouTube presentation on grants.

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