

GIVE KIDS A CHANCE FOUNDATION

Fall Newsletter 2012

WE ARE A SMALL CHARITY MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA AND INDIA. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS BECAUSE OF EACH DONOR'S HELP AND GENEROSITY.

Thank you

We are very excited to announce that Give Kids A Chance has accomplished a long term dream for the children and community of Jocotenango, Guatemala. In September we purchased a large piece of land to construct an educational/cultural centre for Los Patojos, the project we have worked with over the last five years.

Los Patojos has been operating in the small house of Juan Pablo, the founder. His parents, who also live in this house, have been more than generous in allowing up to 150 kids a day into their home. The space is inadequate. Often there is only one toilet that functions, and there is only a very tiny kitchen where 150 lunches and snacks are prepared daily. The classrooms are small and there is no space for the children to play at all. Los Patojos has also been paying rent for a small building that houses the youth cultural program and the free medical clinic in a different location, which is not financially sustainable.

The directors of Give Kids A Chance began the search for land in March and returned to Guatemala in September to sign the papers. The previous owner, a Guatemalan, donated 50% more land after getting to know Los Patojos and their programs.

Los Patojos, a registered Guatemalan charity, is a unique program in that it supports children from toddler age to young adults in all facets of life. The children receive nutritious lunches and snacks, educational support and free medical assistance. The staff promote to the children that they can choose a life without violence and crime. Los Patojos offers them an opportunity to study and learn photography, journalism, fine art, break dancing, theatre and computer lessons. None of this would be available to anyone in this village without the program.



We're on the Land!



Volunteer in kitchen at Los Patojos



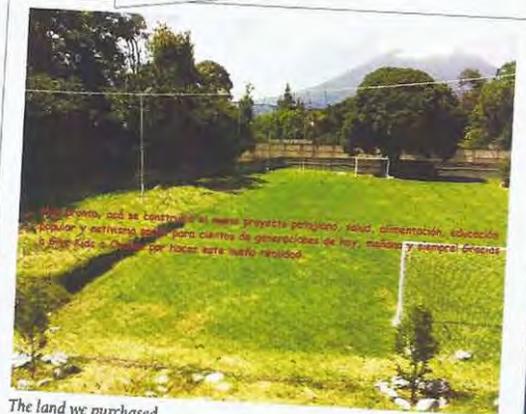
Art at Los Patojos



Signing for land



Pablo's Parents



The land we purchased

Los Patojos, así se construye el mejor proyecto pedagógico, salud, alimentación, educación, cultura y recreación para cientos de generaciones de hoy, mañana y siempre. Gracias a Give Kids a Chance por hacer parte nuestra realidad.

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Of course we are also continuing with our scholarship and food programs. We have over 73 scholarship students studying at primary, secondary and university levels in India and Guatemala, in addition to the over 250 nutritious lunches that we supply every day to needy children in the projects we support. With your ongoing support all of these programs will continue in 2013.

The Alvarez family is an example of the success of the partnership between Give Kids A Chance and Los Patojos. Eight years ago the father of these three brothers died of kidney failure, leaving the mother to care for her family alone. The eldest brother, Mauricio works with the children at Los Patojos teaching fine art and film making. Anibal, the second brother was assisted by us through our scholarship program. Anibal volunteers with Los Patojos and other NGOs and has built up a small business repairing computers. He is currently studying computer engineering at University on a scholarship from Give Kids A Chance. The youngest brother Geovanny graduated from college two years ago and has been working to help support his family. We will offer him a scholarship for university in 2013. Give Kids A Chance and Los Patojos have worked together to enable this family to become independent and to be able to contribute to the well being of their community.

During the coming year we will spend more than two months overseeing the building of a new centre as well as supervising our regular scholarship program. Within the year we hope to have Los Patojos operating in the new building, where the children of Jocotenango will have a stable and safe haven, and a place from which Los Patojos can outreach into the community.

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Geovanny graduate



Anibal



Mauricio in circle



Los Patojos community outreach festival

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