

**We sincerely hope that all of you are safe during these troubling times and that your families are healthy.**

The directors of Give Kids a Chance did return a few days earlier than expected from Guatemala, but as we were there for 10 weeks, we managed to finish up our necessary work. The plans for our new secondary school/college are now complete and can be seen on our website. We worked with the team at Los Patojos school to implement a new English program for Grades 1 to 11. As mentioned previously, English is a very important asset when seeking employment in Guatemala. We formed a partnership with a local private bilingual school who are helping our English teachers with a program that will work with the resources we have. The students are very enthusiastic and within a few short weeks are speaking some English.

The founder of Los Patojos school has been working with local businesses to place our Grade 11 students in internships. We need them to graduate with not just knowledge, but practical skills that can help them to get a job, keep the job and excel as employees. As we stated in the past, they can go to university part-time while working to support themselves and help their families. We now have 10 students working in local cafes, restaurants and other businesses. The program is of course on pause due to Covid 19, but will resume when safe to do so. Here are some of our first Baristas working in a cafe.



Jose is an example of our success at Los Patojos. Jose suffers from Cerebral Palsy. The public school system in our town had no ability to admit him as there was no wheelchair access. Private schools would not allow Jose to attend their schools unless he had a full time private assistant paid for by his mother. This of course was not possible for her financially. So, 2 ½ years ago Jose's mother asked if he could attend our school, we of course welcomed him. His mother comes with him each day and stays with him to help him advance in any way he can.



When Jose first came to Los Patojos he was nervous and afraid. Now he is comfortable, happy and advancing. He is included in sports activities which his classmates help him with, he is learning how to write and draw and is learning how to communicate which he had not been able to do.

Jose's mother is very happy as well. She can see he is reaching new goals and he feels safe with the other students. His mother says the compassion shown by the students and teachers has changed Jose's life forever.

## ♥ THANK YOU ♥

Thank you to each and every donor that has assisted us to continue our work with hundreds of children in Guatemala.

We promise that every dollar donated to our charity goes to the children and projects. The directors pay all administrative, travel and other costs themselves.

Jose has changed the lives of our students as well. They are learning to respect and help those with disabilities. We are proud to be a compassionate, inclusive school.

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