

Once again, our schools have had a very successful year. While continuing to emphasize academic achievements, we have also had resounding success with extra-curricular activities. These are especially important for underprivileged children as they provide opportunities, structure and personal growth, that may be otherwise out of reach.

During the last year we have given our students the opportunity to join our Astronomy Club, Debate Club, Barista training, Shark Tank competition, Sports Teams at primary and secondary levels and our marching band. In addition, our students dominated in every sport competition held in municipal, statewide and national competitions. Have a look at our champions.



MARCHING BAND

For the first time our students petitioned to form a marching band, culturally very important to Guatemalans. The most interesting aspect of this new activity is that 75% of the students that initiated and participated in the band are receiving intensive psychological therapy. Our psychologist reported that these students have made incredible improvements in their mental health because of their participation.



SHARK TANK INNOVATION PROJECT

Another example of opening doors to opportunities they may never have imagined is the Shark Tank Innovation Project. Established three years ago, students are invited to present entrepreneurial business ideas. As employment is difficult for graduating students, developing entrepreneurial skills is vital. A US volunteer and one of our partners have been developing this program through weekly classes and the annual competition. This year three students received funding for their business projects. Abigail will supplement her family's business by making wax molds which her father uses to make jewellery. Santiago noticed a need for healthy protein snacks for athletes. He created bars that are affordable, nutritious and tailored to athletes like himself. Lunea won for her innovative designs for handmade jewelry for teenagers and young adults.



Meet José.

Like many teenagers, he loves music and riding his bike.
But his journey has not been easy...

Growing up with serious medical challenges he faced surgeries, pain, and isolation. Everything changed when he found our schools in Guatemala.

There, José discovered confidence, a love of math, and even started his own little coffee café. Even more important, José found acceptance at El Patojismo school. The culture at our schools is to accept everyone as they are. This changed everything for José.

Today, he tutors younger children and dreams of building a bright future for them and himself. This transformation was possible because of you. Every gift you make provides students like José with access to education, healthcare, and the support they need to thrive.



TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT JUST CHANGING STORIES – WE'RE REWRITING FUTURES.

We thank you for your donations in the past and we hope that we can rely on your continuing support. 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. You can donate online at

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