



## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

*Our education and literacy programs empower underserved Maya children through education towards better employment and higher education opportunities.*

### HIGHLIGHTS



Our supporters' **Gift of Education** made it possible for the students at our Maya Jaguar Private Technical Institute to attain their secondary level education and graduate successfully. Of the 48 students enrolled in school year 2024 (January - October), nine High School students and 10 Middle School students

successfully graduated; eight also achieved top honors and received awards from the Guatemalan Ministry of Education.

The Maya Jaguar curriculum, which is accredited by the Department of Education, maintains its tradition of rigorous academics, technical instruction, practical agricultural classes, woodworking skills, and leadership opportunities. This year's annual cultural heritage week exposed 48 students to three very different archeological sites in the Petén, Tikal, and Yaxhá areas of central Guatemala. A visit to two national parks around Lake Flores provided relief from unseasonably hot temperatures. Usually out of reach for underserved Maya youth, these experiences are an important part of their education and give the students a deeper understanding and appreciation of their ancient history.



Over 75 Maya preschoolers in three area villages graduated from our Bilingual Early Literacy program and will enter first grade with necessary basic Spanish language and numeracy skills. Early language learning prepares the students for success in primary school. Our three bilingual teachers also tutored students in those primary schools after their government-provided classes to prepare them for successful graduation from sixth grade and potential enrollment at our Maya Jaguar middle and high schools.

To continue improving the quality of our teaching staff, we assisted four of our teachers with university-level continuing education.

**FOUNDER** Frances Dixon

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### 2024 FINANCIALS

Income	\$348,150
Expenses	4,360
2025 Reserve	47,490

### PROGRAM EXPENSES

Maya Jaguar Education \$254,750  
 Bilingual Early Literacy/Nutrition \$22,250  
 Educational Farm \$4,000

*We are 100% uncompensated volunteers*



Thanks to the generosity of special individual donors, the families of these children enjoyed traditional Maya holiday meals of chicken tamales with rice and beans – donor-sponsored holiday gifts to the families of the children enrolled in our Bilingual Early Literacy classes.



A continuing challenge for all employers in Guatemala, especially in rural areas, is the relentless push for northern migration. Our school lost several staff members to human traffickers (“coyotes”), selling the dangerous and expensive trip north through Mexico to enter the United States illegally. We’ve been proactive with replacing and increasing our teaching staff with credentialed teachers.



Ongoing campus upgrades include the digging of a new rainwater catchment basin and adding 30 water storage tanks and filtration to augment the existing water supply during the annual two-month dry season. This improvement to campus water capacity is made possible by a global grant from The Rotary Foundation and volunteers from the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation.

### LOOKING AHEAD



Student enrollment for the 2025 school year is at an all-time high with 57 middle and high school students. The Maya Jaguar teaching staff of seven includes



two former graduates and three teachers in the early literacy program are also Maya Jaguar graduates. We are supporting five graduates with university tuition. An annual educational field trip to a Maya cultural heritage site for third level middle school and final year high school students with several teachers is planned.

A follow-on water project is in the initial planning stages to locate fresh subsurface water on campus, drill a well to make fresh water available year-round. A shower house with sinks and toilets for male students and staff is also envisioned. The project will depend on another global grant from The Rotary Foundation and matching grants from other partner organizations and individual donors, in collaboration with the Hands for Peace Foundation and the local Barillas Rotary club. The president of the Fundación Para el Desarrollo Comunal de Huehuetenango, our Guatemalan partner organization, is a new member of that club.

To assure continuity of programs, the board of directors’ budget goal is to maintain a minimum of two years’ operating expenses invested as reserves.

### YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES THIS ALL POSSIBLE

Please continue your gracious support with (a) one-time or monthly donations; (b) an employer-matched donation; (c) a contribution of stocks and securities; (d) a bequest; (e) a grant from a donor advised fund; (f) a vehicle donation. Our treasurer offers additional information about legacy giving you may wish to consider.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala gratefully acknowledges the contributions of friends, volunteers, organizations, and foundations for their unwavering commitment to empower Maya youth through education.

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