



**Wisehart Charity**

Transforming lives  
through vocational training



## Step Up to the Plate Appeal

The Rotary Club of Jasper has been supporting education and literacy programs in Guatemala for the past five years, working in partnership with the Wisehart Charity and Bendicion de Dios school.

Due to Covid-19, the 287 families who are a part of the Bendicion de Dios school have been having a very difficult time making ends meet. The school is helping by providing monthly food hampers to these needy families. They are relying on the generous support from their donors to be able to continue this program for the next several months.

The Jasper Rotary Club has pledged \$3000 towards this project and we are appealing to other clubs in our district to do the same. These efforts will go a long way in helping to continue the good work that Rotary has been doing in Alotenango Guatemala.

In March, to prevent the spread of Covid-19 the Guatemalan government closed all schools and they remain closed. The public buses, (the main source of transportation) have been suspended, most people with jobs have been laid-off and many of those that are still working are not being paid. Many families in Alotenango are facing grave food shortages and have resorted to begging in the streets. Bendicion de Dios school has made an honorable effort to provide monthly food hampers to their 287 families. Wisehart Charity, along with several other donors, have contributed toward the cost of these food hampers.

The total cost for one month of food hamper support is approximately \$15000 CDN. A \$3000 commitment from four other rotary clubs, would support this program for an additional month. If your club would be interested in supporting and would like more information, please contact at: [donnelyhart@gmail.com](mailto:donnelyhart@gmail.com)



For more information on the good work that has been done in Alotenango please review the attached newsletter from the Wisehart Charity and this amazing video, created by Club Rotario Nueva Guatemala

<https://www.facebook.com/ClubRotarioNuevaGuatemala/videos/947293129058931/>

Yours in Rotary, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Jasper

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