



MONTANA ROTARY - INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19

DONATE TipiTaps

HANDWASH STATIONS AND HYGIENE TRAINING FOR RURAL GUATEMALA COMMUNITIES



Montana Rotarians, the **Rotary Club of Guatemala West**, and the Guatemalan volunteer organization **Buenos Vecinos** (Good Neighbors) are partnering to provide **TipiTap handwash stations and hygiene training** in rural Guatemala communities, to mitigate COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

WHAT IS A TipiTap? It's a simple hands-free device for handwashing in areas without running water. A container up to 5 liters fitted with a plastic syringe to "tap" a small flow of water. The TipiTap shown above is constructed based on the Pure Water for the World design. Soap is hung from the water container, and dirty water is captured for disposal in a basin below.

HYGIENE TRAINING accompanies installation of TipiTaps, following WASH guidelines.

SUSTAINABILITY is ensured by community leadership councils (COCODES), and through trained community members who maintain the handwash stations, replenish soap, and empty water catch basins.

COST is \$12.00 per TipiTap installation and training. **The fundraising goal is \$1500 for 125 TipiTaps.**

Buenos Vecinos successfully installed 20 TipiTaps in the neighborhood of Montellano, municipality of San Andreas Itzapa. Depending on funding, they intend to expand the project in up to 6 other communities.

Mail **DONATION CHECKS** made out to "**Rotary Club of Columbia Falls**", P.O. Box 2331, Columbia Falls MT 59912. *Individual Rotarian donations and Rotary Club donations encouraged.*

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