

Ripple Effect Scholarship Program



Graduating students who, in their third year of high school, have taken specialized occupational training at the INTECAP Technical School of Business and Accounting



Rotary Clubs Making a Difference in the Lives of Guatemalan Children

The Santo Domingo Xenacoj School in Guatemala held its graduation ceremonies for both its Middle School (Basico) and High School (Diversicado) at the end of October.

Several of the graduates have been able to study only by virtue of funding from the Rotary Ripple Effect Scholarship Program. Without this funding the recipients would be obliged to leave school and work, in many cases, as labourers alongside their parents.

Each of the scholarships helps offset out-of-pocket expenses for school fees, supplies, books, uniforms, shoes, and transportation. The High School students require funds to cover the costs for travel and training to the INTECAP Technical School.

Rotary Clubs Working Together

The Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Wakamow manages the scholarship fundraising efforts on behalf of Rotary International District 5550 (comprised of 47 clubs in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and northwestern Ontario).

The Rotary Club of Vista Hermosa in Guatemala City works with the Director and staff of the Joint Institute of Basic and Diversified Education Cooperative School in Santo Domingo Xenacoj to select needy scholarship candidates, to award the scholarships and to monitor the progress of the students to ensure their success.

This partnership also builds schools in Guatemala that include kitchens and bathrooms. Many of the schools are now equipped with electricity and computers. The Guatemalan Minister of Education, Dr. Oscar H. López, is committed to providing teachers for the new schools and funding for the children's lunches.

Heartfelt Thanks from Guatemalan Scholarship Recipients

"Thanks to the scholarship I can realize my dreams. I hope to study Business Administration at university. I live with my Mom and two little sisters. My Dad died two years ago. My Mom and I have fought for the daily bread to support my little sisters." – Elias Guamuch Canel

"I live with my Dad and my Mom. I have 5 little brothers. I am the first child and I thank God for giving me such wonderful parents that fight to give me the best and not suffer what they suffered." – Claudia Lourdes Sián Aquino

"The projects are successful and sustainable due to the commitment, leadership and dedication of the Guatemalan and Canadian Ripple Effect Committees, Rotary clubs, and Rotarians" – Gord and Deb LeMaistre, Co-chairs of the Canadian Ripple Effect Committee."



Let's Make a Difference Together

Our Commitment to Provide Scholarships

Poverty in Guatemala is extreme and affects two thirds of the population. As well, Guatemala has the lowest enrollment in secondary education in the Americas.

Achieving a high school education allows a young person to advance and contribute to their community. This education results in hope, confidence, and pride, which then *ripples* out to their family, community, and country.

Each year that Gord and Deb LeMaistre visit Guatemala, some of the former scholarship recipients and their parents travel to meet them, simply to say *thank you*.



Our Rotary District, through the Ripple Effect Scholarship Program, has agreed to fund scholarships for 28 Middle School students (making it possible for Grade 6 students to complete Grades 7, 8, and 9) and 15 High School students (making it possible for Grade 9 students to complete Grades 10, 11, and 12) for the 2019 through 2021 school years. We make this same three-year agreement each year.

Our three-year commitment costs CAD \$45,000.

How to Contribute

You may make a donation by cheque or credit card.

If your donation is greater than \$160 and you wish for your donation to be a gift in honour of someone for their birthday or for Christmas, please provide us with their email address and we will send them an e-card on your behalf. The strike at Canada Post this year prevents us from sending paper cards.

Donations are deposited with the Rotary District 5550 World Community Service Foundation which is a registered charity (#892901760RR0001). A tax receipt will be issued to you for a donation of \$20 or more.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Kettlewell, Canadian Manager, Ripple Effect Scholarship Program. Telephone – 306-694-5907 Email – rotary@kettlewells.ca

Sponsor a Scholarship

For payment by credit card, go to canadahelps.org and search for the Ripple Effect Program. Be sure to select "Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund" in the "Apply Your Donation ..." box under the "Amount" field.

For payment by cheque, mail your cheque and this form to Rotarian Brian Cocks, Treasurer, R.I. District 5550 WCS Committee, P.O. Box 3541, Melfort, SK, S0E 1A0. Make your cheque payable to "R.I. District 5550 WCS Committee".

Your Donation _____ CAD \$160 - one year at Middle School _____ CAD \$650 - one year at High School
_____ CAD \$480 – three years at Middle School _____ CAD \$1950 – three years at High School
_____ Any other amount you wish to donate _____ **Total Donation**

Your Information First Name _____ Last Name _____
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For a donation greater than \$160 that is for one or more gifts, whether paying by cheque or credit card, provide the following, for each person who is receiving a gift, to Marian Kettlewell by email or telephone: first name, last name, email address, and whether your gift is for a birthday or Christmas. If the gift is for a birthday, provide the month and day of the birthday.