

SAN ANTONIO LA COMUNIDAD GUATEMALA DRINKING WATER PROJECT

FUNDING APPEAL FOR GLOBAL GRANT 2697362

Rotary makes a difference globally, working with partners around the world on projects that promote health, economic opportunity and inclusivity.

Special Partner Opportunity

The people of San Antonio La Comunidad in Guatemala reached out to Rotary and requested assistance with building a potable water system to serve over 250 homes and their population of 1,300 Maya people. Most of the residents are farmers, growing crops for their own consumption. A day's work pays Q125.00 (\$17) when available. The community has a meeting hall and a primary school. At an elevation of 1,700 meters (5,600 feet) above sea level, the area is arid and mountainous with rocky terrain.

The lack of ample, clean water results in constant hardship for its inhabitants, affecting both their quality of life and economy. Traveling to the nearest river for water takes 40 minutes. Families harvest rainwater when available and are also forced to purchase bottled water at high cost. The scarcity of water affects the health and hygiene of the entire community, with children and the elderly being the most vulnerable. Safe, clean water will be a life-changing event for these hard-working people.

In April 2026, a team including the Rotary Clubs of Vista Hermosa GT, Elmbrook, Satellite Club e-Sin Fronteras, Milwaukee, as well as ISF-GT (Engineers Without Borders) conducted a community needs assessment with over 40 enthusiastic residents. Included were the community President, the Community Development Council, schoolteachers, the water committee and other residents. Following this meeting, a plan was developed.

The local municipality of Joyabaj is installing a well for the community. The Rotary project will design and install a pump in the newly installed well, a 4,800ft conduction line, a water distribution tank, distribution lines, break pressure tanks, and taps with water meters at each of the homes, school, and community center. Training on governance, hygiene, system operation & maintenance will be provided to ensure project sustainability. The community will contribute labor and a portion of the construction costs. Throughout the project, the project design and implementation team will hold weekly teleconferences to share information and ensure issues are promptly resolved.



This \$273,000 project will require a Rotary contribution of \$218,000 and will have a major positive impact to the community. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals, clubs, and districts to participate in an international project in conjunction with a proven collaborative network.

If you would like additional information, please

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**Instructions for Supporting Global Grant GG 26 97362: San Antonio La Comunidad
Guatemala - Drinking Water Project**

Clubs and individuals (donors) can donate to the project in two ways: directly to the Rotary Club of Elmbrook (ERC) or through The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

1. **Send funds to the Rotary Club of Elmbrook.** Donors can send funds to the Rotary Club of Elmbrook's foundation - Elmbrook Rotary Foundation, Inc. The funds can be sent anytime; it is not necessary to wait for the grant to be approved. ERC will aggregate the funds and wire them to the host club in Guatemala once the grant is approved. In this way, the donations will not incur the 5% TFR processing fee; however, donors will not earn Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) credit.

Checks sent to ERC should be made payable to the **Elmbrook Rotary Foundation, Inc.** ERF is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization, EIN 39-1637292. Mail checks to the address below and note the global grant number GG 26 97362 on the check.

Elmbrook Rotary Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1014
Brookfield, WI 53008-1014

2. **Send funds directly to The Rotary Foundation.** Donors who chose to send donations directly to TRF will receive Paul Harris Fellow credit. TRF will assess a 5% processing fee on all donations. We ask that the donor add the 5% to the donation; if not, the cost is added to the project.

Funds should not be sent to TRF until the Global Grant is approved! The Rotary Club of Elmbrook will notify all participating clubs and persons as soon as the grant is approved. Please be ready to send your funds **within 7 days** of project approval so the work on the project can commence immediately. Donations can be made via the Rotary website or mailed to The Rotary Foundation. Click <https://my.rotary.org/en/check-draft-or-wire-payments> for details.

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