

OTTO RENE CASTILLO INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION

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BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS, ONE AT A TIME.

Our project consists of a secondary education level institute that will grant students a high school diploma with certification in gastronomy and ecotourism. The program is targeted at youth from communities around Colomba and San Martín Sacatepéquez, both municipalities of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The Institute for Sustainable Education places social and environmental education at the center of its curriculum. As a result, we empower our students to value their lives, families, communities, and environment, and to graduate with the skills needed to continue at university level as well as to develop projects of their own.

Our successful completion of our first year running has motivated us to go forward, and you can help us make it happen!



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We are wrapping up 2018 celebrating our first year of work with a successful and talented group of students.

We are excited to open our doors again in 2019 and welcome many more students into our classrooms. You can help us! Would you like to know how?



**INSTITUTO PRIVADO
DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA LA SOSTENIBILIDAD
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ABOUT US



MISSION:

The Institute for Sustainable Education was created to tackle the education crisis in our community. We provide partial scholarships to high potential students from the local communities. We offer our students the possibility to earn a high-school diploma accredited by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education. Our faculty integrate knowledge of good practices, high values of respect, equity, solidarity and love for the social and natural environment. Emphasis on sustainability is targeted within certified Gastronomy and Eco-Tourism studies.



The Otto Rene Castillo Institute for Sustainable Education, Aldea Santo Domingo, San Martin Sacatepequez, Quetzaltenango Guatemala.

THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION is a project that gives importance to socio-environmental education. In this way, graduates will value life, family, the community, as well as the natural environment. Graduates will be prepared with the skills to continue studies at the university level, and will be able to develop their own projects with sustainable approaches.

HOW DOES THE INSTITUTE WORKS?

1 The Institute is a multipartite project comprised by local organizations, individual sponsors, and the community.

2 The Institute, situated in the mountainous coffee region of Colomba, Quetzaltenango, is run by highly motivated local teachers who put social and environmental education at the center of their curriculum.

3 ALL of our students are provided partial scholarships that help cover their study expenses throughout the academic year. Students contribute a symbolic monthly payment of \$6.25/month.

4 Upon successful program completion, students will have developed the skills to undergo their own projects using environmentally friendly approaches. The program also awards them a high-school diploma that enables them to continue higher education studies.



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OUR GOALS:

We aim to provide access of quality of education to the youth of San Martin and Colomba. We believe that greater participation in secondary school (high school) supports economic growth, gender equity and better health for the students and, therefore, their communities.

We want to create an educational space for students that promotes critical thinking, environmental awareness, leadership and community responsibility, stressing their roles as future leaders in their communities and in Guatemala.

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES:

Our students come from impoverished communities around the municipalities of San Martin and Colomba. Most of the students are former scholarship grantees of the "Young Leaders Scholarship Program", an initiative of the Pa Le Qanil (PLQ) Association and the Mountain School.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED:

50% of the economic support comes from the Association PLQ. The Mountain School supports by allowing students to access their library facilities and computer lab.

42% of our Institute running budget is donation based.

IN CONTEXT

According to the Report on Human Development (UNDP, 2017), 80% of the Guatemalan population attend primary school, 40% of the population attend basic education and 20% reach secondary education. It is the rural population that is most affected, and lack of programs and opportunities for young people means that the cycle of poverty continues.

Barriers to secondary school vary from location to location. The cost of school fees and supplies, long distances to schools, safety concerns (especially for girls) and cultural norms are some of the main reasons why adolescents don't attend school.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your donation helps overcome some of the key barriers to secondary education by reducing the cost of tuition and supplies, as well as alleviating food and transportation concerns.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

After finally having received the 'green light' from Guatemalan Ministry of Education, we began our exciting first school year in mid-January 2018. We welcomed 11 students from the local communities of Colomba and San Martin into our facilities. Throughout the school year, the students partook in several fun and interesting activities. Here are just a few examples:



Sport activities.



The students constructed and cared for a school garden...



...and created products out of the garden's produce.



The students learned how to build and maintain a hydroponic school garden.



The students shared their knowledge of the environment and food security with kids from other schools.



Trips to museums and the Zoo.

You can provide a first time or continued donation to our project through our partners at New Dawn Guatemala. Visit www.newdawn Guatemala.org.

The Institute Otto Rene Castillo For Sustainable Education thanks YOU for your support. You make a real difference in the lives of the kids we serve.

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