



PHILANTHROPIECE SCHOLARS IMPACT SUMMARY MAY 2015

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Mission

By building deep and authentic relationships, the Philanthropiece Foundation empowers changemakers around the world to co-create resilient communities.

Vision

We envision a world in which all individuals realize their full potential and act on their capacity to create positive change in themselves and their communities.

PHILANTHROPIECE SCHOLARS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The overarching objective of our work in Guatemala is to implement programs that strengthen the capacity of changemakers and to incubate their entrepreneurial activities for the social, economic and environmental development of the most disadvantaged communities in the country.

Our goals for the Philanthropiece Scholars are that they:

- ❖ Earn a university degree in the field of their choosing.
- ❖ Actively participate in the social, economic, and environmental improvement of their community.
- ❖ Gain meaningful employment and/or pursue a social venture.
- ❖ Operate an independent, sustainable organization.

There are currently 22 Philanthropiece Scholars. If we continue the current projection, by 2025 we will have 32 Scholars active in university/program and 23 Scholars graduated from university/program.

FOSTERING CHANGE

Philanthropiece not only provides the Scholars a chance to attend university, they also receive education on topics like non-violent communication, leadership strategies, professional development, and more. In addition to the academic aspects of the program, Philanthropiece also creates a support system of trusted advisors and friends to help the Scholars with anything that should arise in their personal, professional, or academic lives. The many aspects of the program work in tandem to create well-rounded, talented, and educated social entrepreneurs that are passionate about creating sustainable change in their communities. Although only five new Scholars are allowed into the program each year, the Scholars are aware of the ripple effect they have on the community.

I think we, the Scholars, are changemakers. I know a lot of people that want to be in Philanthropiece, but if they can't be in it we can still share what we've learned with them. We can support them and they can be changemakers through us. There are many potential changemakers in Chajul. All they need is the support and the opportunity to do something.

-Otoniel Caba, First Year Scholar

SOCIAL VENTURES

Agriorgánico Ixil

The Agriculture Team is working with the Asociación Chajulense and local farmers to create an organic compost through vermiculture. The Scholars are already using their fertilizer in their own test garden and are growing nutritious organic food. The Scholars have begun meeting with community members to explain the advantages of this system versus the harmful chemical fertilizers that they currently use. The hope is that local farmers will start buying the organic compost from the scholars so they can produce a healthier product and rely less on outside vendors for fertilizer.

Café Philanthropiece

The Cafe Team started out just selling organic coffee and a few food items, which in itself was something new in Chajul, but has since grown into a social gathering place for the community. During the day, they offer a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu, and at night they often host dances and movies nights. In a community where there aren't many places for youth to hang out or restaurants where people can buy a nutritious meal and access the internet, Café Philanthropiece fills a need in a fun innovative way. Although the Cafe is still in its first year, it has become wildly popular and successful.

Productos Philanthropiece

The Business Products Team sells appropriate technologies to Chajul and neighboring communities to address various needs that the Scholars see in everyday life. The products range from clean cookstoves, which prevent respiratory diseases and consume fewer resources, to water filters that prevent water borne diseases and don't require the precious firewood that boiling water does, to solar lamps that provide light to communities without electricity, and much more. The business team is making such big profits that it's next steps may include creating a storefront in addition to traveling to remote communities.

Administration Team

Originally part of the Business Team, the Administration Team has branched off to run the logistic of the social ventures and Philanthropiece as a whole. These Scholars manage most of the finances and will soon be able to run the organization on their own, with less and less help from Philanthropiece staff. Eventually, they will be able to pass this knowledge on to incoming Scholars and create a truly sustainable system. Although all the Teams create projects that the Scholars can be proud of, this Team especially fosters ownership of the program within the Scholars.

