A Day of Giving Back

Manna Project Ecuador held a Minga, or community gathering, to revitalize the Community Center on October 22nd. The Centro hosts over 120 community members per month and is home to Manna Project’s library, teen center, English, and nutrition programs. Community members volunteered two hours of their time to help clean the Centro. One community member even brought over plants to beautify the building. The Minga is a great example of Communities serving Communities in action!

You can visit the Centro firsthand - check out this video!

Alumni Match Challenge

Calling all alumni! When everyone from your PD group makes a donation before Thanksgiving, your team’s total gift will be doubled thanks to a generous donor! Double your donation here.

Halloween Fiesta

Manna Project Ecuador’s Community Center hosted a Halloween Fiesta. Participants played games, had their faces painted, and even bobbed for apples! You can see more photos here.

Program Directors Climb Guagua Pichincha

Manna Project Ecuador Program Directors Ayzsa, Jimmy, and Nayna embarked on a 4781-meter climb up Guagua Pichincha, an active volcano outside of Quito. They spent the day scaling rocks with the help of a team of mountain guides. They were gifted with a beautifully clear day and breathtaking views from the summit.

How did Ayzsa conquer her fears?

A Visit from Family

Hunter is a 13-month Program Director in Ecuador. Her family recently came down to visit, touring the Manna House and Centro before taking off for a weekend of traveling and exploring.

Hunter’s family visited the Basilica in Quito, spent a day in Otavalo and had dinner with Hunter’s homestay family, Christian and Lara. Read guest blogs and parent resources.

You Can Make A Difference On #GivingTuesday!

Will you join Manna Project’s #GivingTuesday team? With all the extra miles, you can help communities grow from January to December of 2017. With three easy clicks, you can help communities grow from January to December of 2017.

We’ve done all the work - all you need to do is pick a project and post!

Sign up here for more info.

University of South Florida’s Fourth Capacity-Building Trip

USF’s bi-annual capacity building trip was a great success! The clinical team of medical students, residents, public health students, and attendings engaged with a diverse range of patients within the Cedro Galán community over their weeklong brigade. We are so grateful for our partnership with USF Health!

Read more about USF’s impact here

The 2016 Lacrosse the Nations Cup

The 2016 Lacrosse the Nations (LtN) Cup is right around the corner! On November 18th, 12 teams and 60 players will come together to raise funds for Manna Project and LtN’s curriculum encourages healthy living and improved education for all their players!

We love partnering with LtN to provide comprehensive support for youth in Nicaragua.

You can sponsor a team here.

Cedro Galán Clinic Celebrates Third Anniversary

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- sexual health
- social health (drug and alcohol abuse)
- nutrition/balanced diets
- diabetes education/prevention
- mosquito-borne illnesses.

Each theme was comprised of an instructional component and a hands-on activity to reinforce the lesson. Students from our Generation program created posters, co-taught themes, and led games during the fair. Girls’ Health students got involved by educating their community on machismo culture.

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