You Gave $20,000+ on #GivingTuesday!

You are incredible! This community of friends generously hosted, shared, and donated to 24 fundraisers on #GivingTuesday. Together, you raised more than $20,000 - TWICE the amount raised last year. Thank you!

Special thanks to project hosts Fiona, Carissa, Martha, Helen, Shanelle, Carley, Nancy, Lori, Carolyn, Sam, Haleigh, Meghan, Maureen, Dana, Jocelyn, Liz, Craig, Maddie, Amanda, Jefferson, Annie, Jessica, Rachel, Masha, Heidi, Natalie, Blair, Robin, and Taylor!

If you missed #GivingTuesday, check out Heidi’s project on Facebook →

Team Chiquilistagua Wins Gold in Lacrosse the Nations Cup

"Through the event, our student-athletes are able to become agents of change for their communities and strong competitors in the lacrosse world." - Brooke Wilson

The fourth annual Lacrosse the Nations Cup was a huge success! On November 19th, sixty student-athletes on twelve teams from Chiquilistagua and Club Hope came together to show how much they have grown in leadership, sportsmanship, motivation, and lacrosse skills. Team Chiquilistagua won gold after an exhilarating finale! The Cup raised a record $40,000 for Lacrosse the Nations' programs, $4,500 of which will go toward Manna Project's health clinics in Nicaragua. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a player, attended the Cup, and cheered on the teams! Congratulations Team Chiquilistagua!

You can read Program Director Brooke's blog here →

Taller de Buen Trato Workshop

Community Member Yeimmy hosted a workshop for children at Manna Project's community center, where they learned keys to successful communication including teamwork, conflict resolution, confidence, empathy, and self-identity. The children then traveled to Quito with Yeimmy to speak on her radio show about what they had learned from the workshop.

Yeimmy is an active member of Manna Project's Ecuador community and was one of our first E-GAP graduates last year.

Do you know about E-GAP? →

Annual Hornado Solidario

Last weekend, MPI Ecuador hosted its annual Hornado Solidario fundraiser in Rumiloma. Over 300 plates of hornado were served. Hornado is a traditional Ecuadorian roast pig. The event featured delicious food, beautiful weather, and karaoke!

You can read Nayna's blog here →

Thanksgiving in Ecuador

A dozen community members joined the Ecuador team for a huge Thanksgiving meal together in the Manna House!

Check out the November photo album →

Aiding UN Peacekeeper Drills

Program Directors Vincent and Jimmy traveled with the United Nations Peacekeepers (UNPK) to their base in Manta for a week. In addition to basic physical training, UNPK runs peacekeeping simulations at the base to train their troops for situations that may arise. Vincent and Jimmy facilitated training scenarios in English with the military leaders to prepare them for encounters with civilians, militaries, and NGOs.

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English Vocational Info Session

With the Nicaragua site’s English Vocational Training (EVT) program set to re-start in 2017, we recently held two informational meetings for community members interested in taking this popular course. The excited attendees learned more about the class, filled out applications, and were interviewed by the EVT team. Multiple students from our pilot program have been hired for life-changing jobs at call centers. Next year, the program is expanding to send even more students into the workforce!

Have you read Slather's story? →

Progress for Sponsored Children

November was a productive month for Nicaragua’s Child Sponsorship program in Villa Guadalupe. Children received their monthly nutrient supplies and had their hemoglobin levels checked on Milk Day. Several of your sponsored children showed significant height and weight gains. Child Sponsorship families also took part in a biannual deparasitation event to help combat parasite-related health problems.

You can sponsor a child here →

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