Be a LWH Advocate

Thank you so much for being a part of the Long Way Home community! Our continued success is not possible without friends like you who are interested in supporting our projects with gifts of time, skills and donations.
Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@lwhome.org when you would like to get started on any of these activities!

Please use these resources to become an Advocate for Long Way Home from wherever you are around the world!

**ELEVATOR SPEECH**
Click here for pointers on a quick rap to say to family and friends about LWH

**WHAT INTERESTS YOU MOST??**

Help us connect and grow our volunteer community!

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How can you promote LWH at your school or university?

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Example opportunities to spread the word about LWH!

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What skills can you offer the community of Comalapa?

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**Long Way Home**

**VOLUNTEERS ROCK**

**SINCE 2004**

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**STUDENTS**

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**Workshops, Talks, & Classes**
• Refer friends to volunteer or, even better... come back and bring friends!
• Host/Attend LWH Alumni event in your area
• Organize a service group trip through your school or community
• Encourage people you know with specific skills to give special talks, classes or workshops in Comalapa with the LWH community

Check out suggestions for classes on pg 6
Talk to professors and/or universities about LWH and our areas of focus - Education, Employment and Environmental Stewardship
Suggest bringing student groups
Present to classes - universities, high schools
Hello _____

My name is ___. I am a student/alumnus/a (us boy, a girl) from ____. I recently returned from a trip where I volunteered with Long Way Home (LWH), a US 501(c)3 nonprofit operating in Guatemala. They are constructing a sustainable school using green building techniques and repurposing waste materials. They’ve already used nearly 400 tons of garbage, mainly used tires and plastic bottles filled with inorganic trash, to build 14 of the planned 18 campus structures. Every step of the way, they’ve relied on individuals and teams of volunteers, and I think more students at ______ University would be thrilled to get involved.

I spent my time working alongside indigenous Mayans that taught me about constructing with local materials, tires and trash. I got my hands dirty, practiced my Spanish and even learned some Kaqchikel! I saw first hand how we all contributed to a community that has provided tangible solutions for tackling problems related to education, employment and education stewardship. LWH is committed to developing the team’s unique construction skills and financial independence while providing stable employment to the local construction team and school staff. They are also currently teaching over 100 youth how to be the architects of their own future.

I felt so inspired by working with them that I want to inform as many people as I can reach! I would love to meet with you briefly to talk about Long Way Home and how it may benefit your students. Do you have any availability next Thursday or Friday at X time?

Thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity. Please visit the LWH website for more information, and feel free to contact me at __email or phone__ with any questions!

Go Geoducks (INSERT MASCOT!!)
Post on Facebook about LWH and/or volunteering at LWH - link our FB page LONG WAY HOME

Place a link in your email signature to our website/donate page
Example: “Support a sustainable future with Long Way Home, working to build a self-sustainable green academy in Guatemala out of trash! Visit www.lwhome.org to donate and for more information.”

Speak with local organizations
Rotary, nonprofits, projects, etc.

Join LWH Outreach committee
Help us write grants, create awareness

Offer to give talks, classes or workshops on sustainable building methods used at LWH

Click here for more suggested opportunities to spread the word!
OR contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@lwhome.org
Workshops, Talks, Classes
What skills can you bring to Comalapa?

FIRST AID RESPONDER / CPR TRAINING
CONSTRUCTION SAFETY
SCHOOL/PEDIATRIC FIRST AID
TEACHING INTERN: ENGLISH
ENVIRONMENT - RECYCLING, ETC
SUSTAINABILITY - SOLAR OVENS, ETC
COMPUTER LITERACY
SCIENCE - HANDS-ON LAB
ART
CARPENTRY
TEACHER TRAINING - LESSON PLANNING
HEALTH & HYGIENE
DENTAL HYGIENE
LOCAL ECOLOGY AND HOW TO PROTECT IT
SELF DEFENSE
PERSONAL FINANCE - FINANCIAL LITERACY
RESPECTING WOMEN
FIRE SAFETY

Doctors from Boston came to give check-ups to all our students!