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# PorchTalk

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## Connections

“I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.” — Dr. Brené Brown

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”— Hebrews 13:16



### TO BE SEEN

Emergency room doctors and nurses from California, led by Stephanie Conte, connect as they see almost 500 patients while serving the people in Santiago Atitlán and Santa Lucia Utatlán. The lack of essential health and nutrition services affects mainly the impoverished indigenous population, who do not feel seen by the Guatemalan government. This team made a point to ensure each patient felt seen and experienced compassion.

Help Porch fight poor health due to chronic malnutrition by providing a gift of protein-rich food and vitamins for a family for \$60 monthly or a water filtration system providing clean water for a one-time donation of \$90.

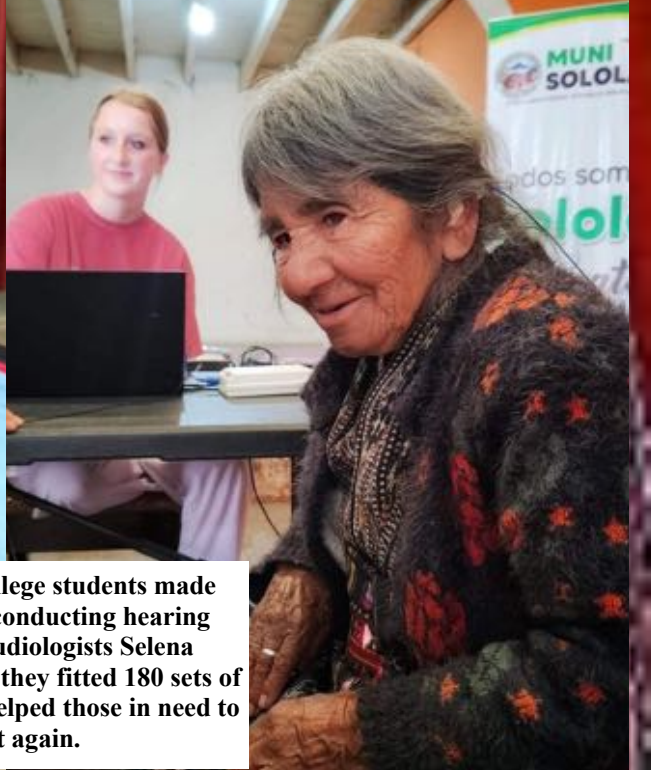
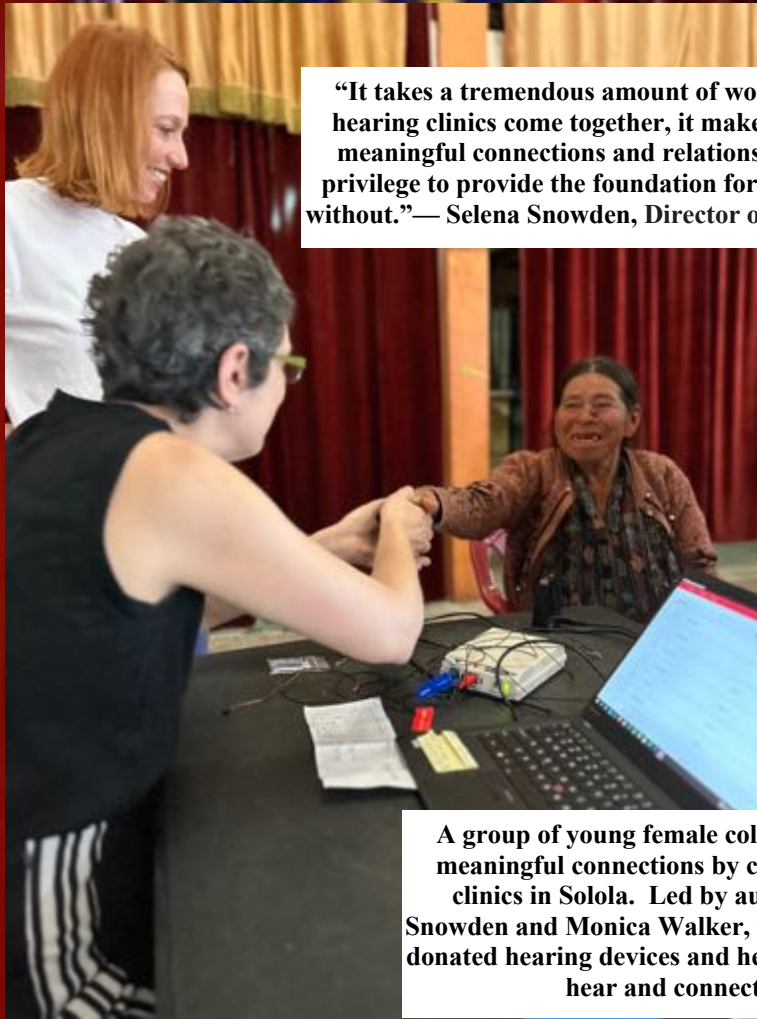


“For the lost, the least, and the last”



## TO BE HEARD

**“It takes a tremendous amount of work and generosity from a lot of people, but when the hearing clinics come together, it makes it all worth it! Hearing is essential for maintaining meaningful connections and relationships, which I believe is God’s creative design. It is a privilege to provide the foundation for human connection to people who might otherwise go without.”— Selena Snowden, Director of Audiology Services - FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic**



**A group of young female college students made meaningful connections by conducting hearing clinics in Solola. Led by audiologists Selena Snowden and Monica Walker, they fitted 180 sets of donated hearing devices and helped those in need to hear and connect again.**







## TO BE VALUED

The Porch broke ground on Angelica's house in San José Chacayá. Angelica's husband committed suicide, leaving her as a single mother with six children. Living in extreme poverty, she has struggled with her health. Angelica joins the team with renewed hope and vigor to prepare the land for her new home.



Two families from Nashville and one from Tallahassee joined forces to make Team Moza Light. They began the construction of Angelica's house, bringing hope, joy, and love. Team Moza Light was a light to Angelica and her beautiful children! "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16



"It was questionable whether we would be coming this year due to the price of plane tickets and potential conflicts. Instead of paying for the plane tickets, we would donate money to the Porch. Our daughters were devastated about not coming again, so we decided to book the trip. After a week of working and spending time with Angelica and her six kids, we ended up sharing with her and her family. We had made tremendous progress on her future home, but Angelica said, 'Thanks to God and you all. My children don't have a father; you all were their fathers this week. Thank you so much.' This is why we show up. This is why we come to the Porch. Money is necessary but cannot replace the relationships built over a week with a family. They will not remember which of us laid the first cinder block, but they will remember the time we spent with them, and I assure you we will never forget the time they spent with us."— Chad Powers (photo left)

## TO GIVE AND RECEIVE WITHOUT JUDGMENT



Jayne Mittan, our medical liaison, is a servant to the servants. She works hard to guide and support our medical teams and constantly works behind the scenes to ensure everything goes smoothly. Her sincere compassion drives her passion for helping those in need in Guatemala. She connects with everyone, making sure they feel seen, heard, and valued; she gives and receives without judgment. Jayne, thank you for your continued support and years of service to Porch and for touching so many through your ongoing service.

## BEHIND THE SCENES



Also working behind the scenes is Luis Castellanos. Luis has become a caregiver for Samuel, a person with severe schizophrenia, who was chained to a post for years when Porch found him. The Porch has built a shelter for Samuel and hired Luis to care for Samuel. Samuel receives warm meals (provided by Marcia, Luis' wife), clean clothes, and his medicine daily. Luis meets Samuel's physical needs, but more importantly, Luis has become a companion who delivers compassion and love to Samuel every day.

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