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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” — *Jane Goodall*

“So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.” — *Galatians 6:9 (NLT)*



Before

161st House Dedication

Lorena Urizar Rodas, one of Porch's staff members, and her 80-year-old mother Teresita worried about their home, which was over a century old. With deteriorating, termite-eaten support beams and a leaking roof, the house was in poor condition. They patched the ceiling with cardboard, tarps, and various items to prevent the water from coming in when it rains. Due to the lack of a bathroom, toilet, or shower in their home, they had to share a relative's bathroom. Lorena and her mother are excited to move into their new, safe home. They thanked the generous donors, project manager Mirna Recinos, and God for making it all possible.



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

After

For ten years, the Porch has partnered with Florida State University students of Audiology (School of Communication), led by Dr. Selena Snowden, the Director of Audiology Services at FSU Speech and Hearing Clinic. This year, students from Nova Southeastern University, led by Dr. Jackie Davie, Professor of Audiology, also joined us. They hosted clinics in Solola, serving over 200 people, seeing both returning patients and fitting 134 new patients with hearing devices. Porch is grateful for their resources, skills, and compassion!

THE GIFT OF HEARING



“We are not only here to help people hear but also to help them feel seen.”
— *Dr. Selena Snowden*

“My dad likes to talk about the butterfly effect, how a butterfly can flap its wings, and how the impact of that can reach a million miles away. This week was filled with butterflies and the impact each of us individually made on others and vice versa. The impact that was made on us will stay with us forever.” — *Veronica Calderon (FSU Audiology Team Member)*



“When I think of my week in Guatemala, it was more than just a trip; it was a life-changing experience. This experience goes beyond the aid we provided this week and dives deeper into a personal and collective introspection of communication. Within the clinic, each interaction was a lesson in humanity. As a group of women who felt not only the calling to come on this trip but also the calling to help others as their profession, I feel that in our mission to provide hearing care here, we were also met with genuine connections between our team and the communities, something I would say is immeasurable.”
— *Anna Handley (FSU Audiology Team Member)*

THE GIFT OF HEALTH



In rural Guatemala, access to healthcare is often non-existent, leading to various health issues. Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church brought doctors, dentists, nurses, and pharmacists to host medical, dental, and eye clinics for the indigenous communities of Solola.



The doctors and pharmacists served approximately 480 patients, the dentists helped relieve the tooth pain of roughly 200 patients, and the vision clinic improved the vision of approximately 200 people. *Gracias!*



THE GIFT OF LEARNING



Porch held a welcome meeting to begin the new school year, where the students received their new backpacks and supplies. At present, Porch is supporting 160 students ages six through eighteen. Thank you to our scholarship donors and Hilda Mux Son for changing lives one at a time through education.

Porch Welcomes Our New Intern Kiley Perez

"I am so thrilled to join Porch De Salomon for the upcoming months! I am a first-year undergraduate student and eager to explore my culture through volunteerism in Guatemala. As a dedicated student and volunteer, I enjoy learning and intend to conduct interviews to understand different perspectives. My goal is to publish a preliminary study based on my findings. I'm excited for what lies ahead with Porch!

I am from Sevierville, Tennessee, famously known as Dolly Parton's hometown! I am currently enrolled at Walter's State Community College, pursuing a degree in sociology while working towards a Spanish certification.



My involvement with Porch has been rewarding; witnessing the dedication and effort our team invests in every project has deepened my admiration for their commitment and the exceptional outcomes they consistently achieve.

As I engage with this organization and community, I aspire to mirror their remarkable achievements."

— Kiley Perez

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