

Guatemala Housing Alliance

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Building homes and promoting education in the highlands of Guatemala



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Juan, building his family's home

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It is estimated that there are well over a million houses in Guatemala cobbled together with cornstalks, cane, and scavenged materials. During the wet months, wind driven rain blows through the walls, drips from the roofs, and often turns dirt floors into parasitic muck.

GH A works with families in extreme poverty to build secure homes, while forging alliances with other non-profits tasked with addressing related components of poverty, among them education, health, employment, and family planning.

Guatemalan Housing Alliance is currently working in Tz'utujil Mayan communities along the shores of the beautiful Lake Atitlan. Here, as throughout Guatemala, hard labor in the fields yields a salary of less than \$4 per day. Systemic poverty is often made catastrophic by occasional earthquakes and frequent tropical storms which take their toll of homes and lives in massive mudslides.



Lago de Atitlan and Volcan San Pedro, as seen over the blooming coffee bushes

Founded in 2011, GH A is a 501c3 non-profit



Education

In Guatemala today, only 42% of rural children finish primary school, the average length of study being just 3.5 years. The indigenous Mayans, particularly girls, have the least access to education. Though school is 'public', still a student must pay many fees in addition to buying uniforms, books and supplies.

Because GH A recognizes the value of education, we offer scholarships to children living in extreme poverty, most of whom have only a single or no parent.

Costs for a year's study range from \$150 for primary students, to \$1000 for university scholars.