



#### EDUCATION

Together we provided scholarships to 97 students—70% girls and young women—to continue their education during yet another full year of remote learning. By the end of the year, nine scholarship students had graduated from high school and eight earned university degrees.

# by the numbers...

## **97%**

of our high school and university scholarship students completed the school year.



students from local public high schools at risk of failing or dropping out received loaned textbooks, mobile data or virtual tutoring to keep them motivated and learning from home.

### in his words...

I am one of only three university graduates from the remote mountain community where I grew up. Most of the young men my age are working the land or have migrated to the US. Today, [on my graduation day], I am proud of who I am and what I have accomplished. I am grateful for all who have supported me to achieve this lifelong dream. Without a doubt, I would not be where I am today without OYE.

- WILLIAN, 25

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP + LIVELIHOODS

OYE supports emerging young entrepreneurs to launch or grow their businesses. In 2021, three young women entrepreneurs joined our growing network. We also selected a new generation of 10 high-achieving recent high school graduates to enroll in two-year technical degree programs that promote immediate employment after graduation.

by The numbers ...

## **85%**

of scholarship students who have completed two-year technical degree programs are employed in their field, self-employed or both.

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young entrepreneurs have received training, in-kind seed capital and ongoing support from OYE to launch or grow small business ventures. These range from bakeries and shoemaking to packaging distribution and fiberglass auto part fabrication.

### in her words...

I am the baker and founder of Quality Repostería. Thanks to the industrial oven I received from OYE, I can bake so much more in less time. Now I am able to reach new customers, grow my business and plan for the future.

- ANGIE, 23





### LEADERSHIP + ENGAGEMENT

Every year, 100+ young people participate weekly in youth-led workshops and programs art, communications, graphic design and sports—, where they learn new things, develop skills and engage with their peers and communities. For the first half of 2021, they continued to connect virtually. Over the summer, we completed a small renovation project to maximize our space in preparation for our long-awaited return to in-person programming in the fall.

highlights ...

- Led virtual workshop series—with an 80% participation rate—that explored values, emotional intelligence, leadership and professionalism, among other topics.
- Facilitated communications and narrative tools for well-being to nearly 100 young people in our local community through #MeWeHonduras.
- Painted a commissioned mural at a local public health center serving 2,000+ residents.
- Strengthened 30 young people's skills in photography, animation and media literacy.
- Organized a motivational session for young women featuring local professional women breaking down barriers in sports broadcasting.



### ip her words...

Over the past three years, I [the girl pictured on the left] have gotten to know myself and my community better—thanks to the girls and women who opened my eyes, walked with me and shared stories that sparked my need to see change happen. I now have the capacity, courage and conviction to fight for my rights and the rights of others.

- KEYRIN, 17



#### HEALTH + WELL-BEING

OYE provides mental health services, facilitates talking circles to strengthen relationships and build community, and creates empowering and safe spaces for young people to explore themes of sexuality, healthy relationships, gender and masculinity.

In July, after four years of ongoing girl-led advocacy efforts, our local city council passed a public policy on comprehensive sexuality education. When fully implemented, this policy will ensure that 30,000+ children and young people in the municipality of El Progreso have access to accurate, evidence-based and age-appropriate sex education at school to prepare them to make healthy and informed decisions for their futures.

This report was prepared under a cash basis. Project-based income received in 2020 for use in 2021 is not reflected.

#### PEOPLE Adelante Circle

The Adelante Circle is our global community of monthly donors. During 2021, members collectively contributed over \$18,000 to support young people's education—including scholarships.

#### INSTITUTIONS Tinker Foundation

OYE partnered with the Tinker Foundation to support students, teachers and school administrators to promote student learning and persistence during continued pandemic-related school closures.

### SPECIAL EVENTS Pottery Expo + Sale

Long-time supporter Maria Otero hosted her second pottery exposition and sale, which featured over 100 donated pieces of original pottery from 27 hobbyist and professional potters most affiliated with the District Clay Center in Washington, DC.

Thank you!

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