

Dear friends: With your help we have raised over \$10,000 in just 90 days. Nevertheless, we are still far away from our original goal and have decided to shift priorities right now to run a new campaign: The construction of the Cultural Center in Don Juan. The funds collected for our Library Bus will be destined to this emergency: the construction of the Cultural Center.

We have some great news to help us in this new endeavor. Until April 30st or until funds run out, Global Giving is **matching 100% of funds raised** toward projects involving earthquake relief in Ecuador: that's us! We also have secured pro-bono the design for the Center, and now just need the funds to begin construction.



Architects Mario Cueva, Delia Kingman, Carlos Mena and Byron Olmedo have designed a beautiful Cultural Center for us, and with your continued support it can become a reality. Please help us achieve this attainable goal. It will mean an ENORMOUS change in everyday lives of the 1,200 people that live in Don Juan and were left homeless by the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that hit Ecuador almost one year ago on April 16, 2016.

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The earthquake took away more than the physical structures from the community, it also impacted peoples esteem. Over the last months when puppeteers or theater groups visit us we recognize the importance and impact of creativity in face of devastation. Our current library is housed in a tiny temporary bamboo structure where kids come flocking in every afternoon. Many donated books sit unused, stacked in boxes that are difficult to reach in the cramped space. When frequent downpours occur during this rainy season, our books are threatened by water and mud because our roof is just plastic lining. The future Community Center will house the library, teacher training space, arts and crafts workshops, theater, capoeira, yoga studio, community meeting space and a small volunteer suite.

Whatever you pitch in will double its value until April 30st or until funds run out! It can't get better! Please invite friends and family to contribute to our project during this matching period, and make plans to visit us soon. [www.amanomanaba.org](http://www.amanomanaba.org)