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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

CAMINAMOS JUNTOS
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ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE CAMPAIGN

In the first 6 months of the year, we enrolled 8 participants for High School. Through our online network, we have been able to reach people outside of San Miguel. By working with other organizations like Other Dreams in Action (ODA) and Comunidad en Retorno in México City we are hoping to expand the support to other regions of Mexico.

Caminamos Juntos' participants have shared their educational expectations and their dreams with us. Most of them did not have the opportunity to even think about continuing their education or a college degree when they were working in the US and building their families. And prior to leaving for the US, they were unable to complete high school because they needed to work to support their family, could not afford the costs of books, uniforms and supplies, or needed to join family and/or to work by migrating to the US.

This program has provided a new perspective on the possibilities, reduced costs and resources available in Mexico, allowing them to make the greatest impact on their lives and on their community that were not readily available to them in the United States.

The Education Coordinator, Ariel Diaz, has been not only providing assistance in accessing different opportunities but also supporting them with motivation, counseling and a personal and tailored approach called their "Life Plan" that contributes to a more holistic plan and goals.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME STORIES OF PARTICIPANTS THAT ARE ENROLLED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:

I am currently 51 years old and I live in San Miguel de Allende, Gto., I migrated to the United States when I was 11 years old with my mother.

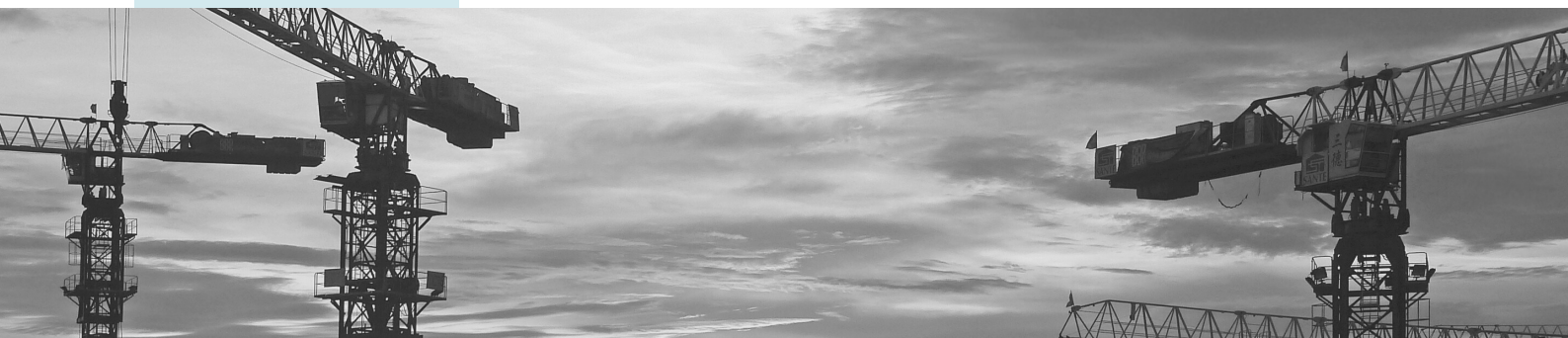
There I completed Middle School and part of High School, though I did not complete them because it was important to start working to help my family.

My first formal job was in a painting company and later I was in a construction company.

In 2005 I was able to open a small company of construction and in 2014 I opened an antique store, these two businesses allowed me and other 8 families to be sustainable.

In the year of 2017, I had a traffic problem and could not resolve my immigration situation, at that time I already had the residence, but I could not renew it because I found a lot of legal barriers.

I was deported and I currently live in a rural community outside of San Miguel de Allende, I am an active member of my community and having high school studies will help me have better opportunities to support my family.





.I was born in Mexico City, I am currently 43 years old. When I was a child I could only study until the first year of middle school and I could not continue my studies because my family did not have the financial resources.

At age 21, I migrated to the United States to obtain a better quality of life. I worked in construction and later got a job in restaurants.

I trained as a chef, but due to my immigration status I didn't get my certificate.

I got married in 2005 I started a family, we had a girl, she is 15 years old, After 17 years of living in the United States I faced the immigration system and was deported to Mexico in 2017.

Back in Mexico, I believed that my luck would be different due to my experience acquired during those 17 years, but ut was not like that.

I went to work in a restaurant but I had no opportunity for growth because I did not have a high school certificate.

Thanks to Caminamos Juntos Scholarships I was able to attend to the intensive high school with FES (Future Education System).

Now my goal is to study Gatronomy and continue with my goal of having my own business.

NEXT STEPS:

We will continue to create a solid support network for individuals and families affected by deportation arriving to México and work together with them to offer paths to a successful integration in the community that are tailored specifically to them and their needs.

Through the creation of a holistic Life Plan addressing all aspects of becoming more successfully integrated, and working with Caminamos staff with a focus of accomplishing that Plan, Caminamos Juntos is designed to help participants to optimize their personal, social, and vocational competency to live successfully in the community.

Your support made scholarships available to 8 people, helping to change the trajectory of their lives and of their families' lives. That is a beautiful thing! Thank you!

We want to continue giving other men and women and their families the same opportunities for basic education.

Please consider giving again. Please also consider sharing this project with family and friends so that we can expand our support.

BUDGET:

TOTAL RAISED: \$5,386

Thorough this Global Giving campaign we were able to ensure diplomas for 10 individuals, but the demand is increasing.

We want to help 10 more people so we need to raise **\$4,600** in order to do that.

Please help us by sharing this campaign and consider giving again.

LINK:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/fund-hs-diploma-for-mexican-deportees/>

