

SAFE PASSAGE ANNUAL UPDATE



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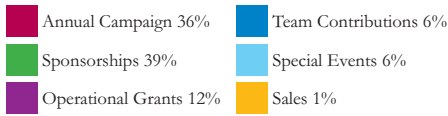
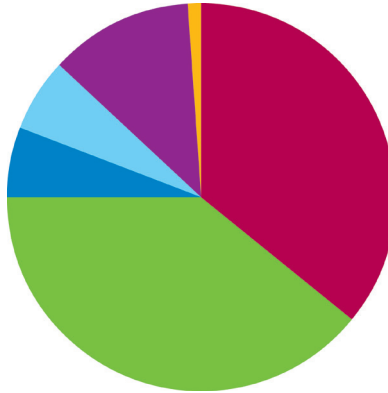


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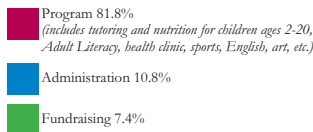
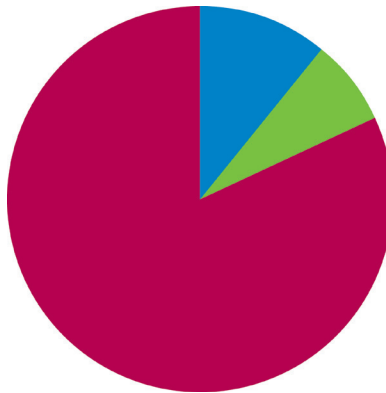
BY THE NUMBERS

Safe Passage's fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. The figures below represent our audited financial results for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. We are grateful for all whose support helped us serve more than 550 students and their families.

OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENSES



Full audited financials and IRS 990 filings available on our website: www.safepassage.org/financials



Coming into their own: The *escuelita* at Safe Passage

We are excited to announce that our *guarderia* (daycare) program for children ages 2-6 is now recognized as an official Guatemalan school - an *escuelita* (little school)!

Our students will continue to receive the same transformational, high-quality educational experience. One tremendous advantage of being registered as a school, however, is that Safe Passage can now directly issue our youngest students the official student ID they need to progress through the Guatemalan educational system. We are also pleased at the recognition this step gives to Safe Passage's educational approach. The *escuelita* uses pedagogy that is built on longitudinal studies, is grounded in globally researched and validated methods, and instructs children on an individual level while taking into account the challenges they face on a daily basis.

The mothers and families of the youngest children demonstrated their support for the new *escuelita* by bursting into applause (and grateful tears) at a forum with Executive Director Richard Schmalz this fall. They are proud to see their children attend a real pre-primary school. We are excited, about our evolving ability to truly serve the educational needs of some of Guatemala's most at-risk children.



Scan this code with your mobile device to see our *escuelita* students at work (and play) and hear Executive Director Richard Schmalz discuss the program. Or, visit www.safe Passage.org/stories/videos to find the update on our website.

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Felicitaciones to Safe Passage's 14 high school graduates!

In 2010, only 57% of high-school aged Guatemalans were enrolled in school, and we believe that our largest-ever Safe Passage graduating class shows that our program truly does provide opportunity through education. Many of this year's graduates were children Hanley Denning found working in the garbage dump during the first days of Safe Passage. All but one of our graduates are the first in their families ever to graduate from high school. Flor Piñera (*above, left*) has been studying pre-nursing while in high school and will now go on to nursing school, while Miguel Angel Sanchez (*above, right*) will attend the prestigious University of San Carlos to study architecture. We are also proud of the five mothers and two fathers who graduated from adult literacy this year. Making time for their classes while working to provide for their families shows a commitment to education that we all admire. Congratulations, graduates!



Voices on the ground

I often tutor younger students in the afternoons. One of those students is Susi, a first grader who needs a little extra practice with reading comprehension. I'll never forget her intense focus and determination during our reading time. As soon as we sit down and open a book, she starts following along with her index finger and sounding out syllables. Even as a tiny first grader, she is focused and driven to succeed, and I know that will carry her far in the years to come.

Ellen, 2011 volunteer



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Safe Passage really improves the lives of the children and families it serves. I see it when I meet my kids' families and they kiss me on the cheek and thank me for being here.

Mia, 2011 volunteer

Education has the power to help a generation of children raise their eyes to look beyond the dump to a different future and to become inspiring role models in their own community. Safe Passage helps these children give voice to their own hopes and develop the skills and confidence they need to achieve that vision.

Your support of Safe Passage through this year's Annual Campaign makes all this possible.

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