

**Our mission:** We empower the poorest, at-risk children of families working in the community of the Guatemala City garbage dump, by creating **opportunities** and fostering **dignity** through the power of **education**.



We're here to help as you plan your **budget**, **time** and **travel**:  
[teams@safepassage.org](mailto:teams@safepassage.org).

### 1 FORM OR JOIN A TEAM

Single team (8-12 people) or double team (up to 24). Contact us about joining existing teams.

### 2 PICK A WEEK

Plan and purchase Sunday-Sunday air travel.

### 3 PAY DEPOSIT \$500 per team

(\$1,000 double teams) Secure your dates on our calendar and start planning your trip!

### 4 FUNDRAISE

**Cost: \$595 per member**

Includes in-country transportation, lodging, daily meals, and Safe Passage tour, activities and staff guide services.

**Donation: \$2,500 per team**

(\$5,000 double teams) This is where your fundraising skills, social networks, friends and family come in handy!

### 5 SHARE YOUR STORY

Tell everyone you meet why you support Safe Passage students and programs!



## SERVICE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAMS



**WHERE WILL YOUR SAFE PASSAGE STORY BEGIN?**



**VOLUNTEER**



**SPONSOR**



**VISIT**

There are many ways to **get involved**.







**HOPE.  
EDUCATION.  
OPPORTUNITY.**

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## WHAT IS A SUPPORT TEAM?



Support Teams are groups of friends, community members, students or families that spend **1 week of volunteer service learning** at Safe Passage—and learn firsthand who we are and what we do.



*“In this one week alone I have fallen in love with Guatemala. The best part was seeing the smiles on the children’s faces. It made me understand why we are here.”*

—Jonathan, Maine



As a Support Team member, you will:

- Connect with like-minded travelers and volunteers
- Discover new cultures and expand your global perspective
- Become a Safe Passage expert
- Contribute time and resources towards our mission



*“The best word I can come up with is wow. It was a joy and privilege to be a part of the amazing work being done.”*

— Brian, Washington

## WHAT WILL YOUR WEEK LOOK LIKE?

### SUNDAY .....



- » Arrive in Guatemala!
- » Orientation with Safe Passage Support Team coordinators

### ..... MONDAY-THURSDAY

- » See the Guatemala City garbage dump & our program
- » Meet our Executive Director and program coordinators
- » Lead engaging, educational activities in our classrooms
- » Take a Mayan language class
- » Enjoy recess with our youngest learners at the *Escuelita*
- » Meet *Creamos* mothers and see their recycled jewelry shop
- » In Antigua, take a Guatemalan cooking class with your team

### FRIDAY .....

- » Free day! Visit a coffee farm or hike a nearby volcano.

### ..... SATURDAY

- » Fun outing—usually to the waterpark—with the students your team worked with

### HOME

- » Share your Safe Passage story—your journey is just beginning!

*Schedules will vary by team.*

## FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR TRIP

Fundraising increases team enthusiasm and spreads awareness about your trip. Many teams are able to raise 100% of their team fees\* and team donation—and there are many ways to do it! We have a handful of helpful guides to get you started down the road to fundraising success.

*\*Please note: team fees are not tax-deductible*



*“This is an intense week that will drain you mentally and physically... and you will love every second.”*

—Arne, Washington



## FORM A TEAM OR JOIN A TEAM

You can join one of our existing teams or gather friends and family together to form a new team. **Note:** team members must be at least 18 years old or 15 with a chaperone.

### Are you ready to meet us in Guatemala?

Contact [teams@safepassage.org](mailto:teams@safepassage.org) or visit [safepassage.org/teams](http://safepassage.org/teams) to learn more.

