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Safe Passage
Camino Seguro

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



You Make Success Possible



WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to help the children in the Guatemala City garbage dump community break the cycle of poverty through education, emphasizing life skills and perseverance in order to thrive in work and contribute to their community.

WHO WE SERVE

We provide nearly **500 children and 300 families** with access to education, nutrition, social services, and healthcare. These families are part of a community of 60,000 people who live in extreme poverty around the garbage dump, where 1 in 3 residents have never attended school.

HOW WE DO IT

Our program's success is due to the hard work of our staff, the commitment of our volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. **Thank you for helping Safe Passage to succeed.**

This photo and cover photo taken from the 2018 Family Day celebration



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hanley Denning founded Safe Passage in 1999 with the belief that together, we can give the promise of a secure and viable future through the power of education, stability, and dignity.

Safe Passage has remained a beacon of hope for the children and families living in the communities surrounding the Guatemala City garbage dump. Thanks to your generosity, each child is given the best chance to succeed through the power of education and a broad range of support services. We are committed to providing the tools needed for a future of gainful employment and strong socioemotional health.

Hanley gifted us more than a cause; she gave us the dream of building a larger family. You make her dream a reality through your love and caring support. It is your dedication that makes our students' success possible.

Our mission unites and guides us as we strengthen our commitment to our students. Together with high-quality early education, a strong middle school program, and support finding a job, we are building better lives for those we serve ... one child, one life, and one future at a time.

In gratitude,

Trae Holland
Executive Director - Head of School



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“EDUCATION IS THE ONLY WAY OUT”

Hanley knew success wouldn't happen overnight.

When she started Safe Passage in 1999, it was a reinforcement program serving 40 children in an old church by the garbage dump. Today, Safe Passage serves nearly 500 students and their families in our full-day preschool and primary school, as well as our reinforcement and Adult Education programs.



“With your help,
and with ongoing caring,
support, and persistence,
we can help them make
a change and help them
have a future.”

Hanley Denning
1970 - 2007

To honor Hanley's legacy, we renamed our recurring giving program “Hanley's Helpers.” Hanley's Helpers ensure the future of our program, and of our students. We believe that your continued support is key as we continue expanding our full-day school.

LEARN MORE

safepassage.org/Hanleys-Helpers



A SCHOOL OF THEIR OWN

Thanks to those who gave generously to our Transforming Lives, Building Futures Campaign, **we completed the expansion of our full-day elementary school in 2017 with the addition of 6th grade.**

Thank you for believing that our students deserve the very best education. In the coming years, as we continue expanding our full-day school to junior high, we'll continue to need your help -- our students' success is because of you!

EXPEDITIONS

Your support this year provided many engaging "expeditions" for the students as part of our Expeditionary Learning methodology. **In Expeditionary Learning, an "expedition" is a unit of study involving research, group work, community outings, and a final presentation.**

This year you helped bring our students to the Museum of Natural History, the Botanical Garden, a water treatment plant, a belt-making factory, a recycling facility, and more!

Thank you for making this interactive learning style possible and for providing our students with a vibrant, engaging learning environment! **You are truly transforming lives and building futures.**

Clockwise from top left: 3rd graders at the municipal water treatment plant; 3rd graders at the Botanical Garden; 6th graders and their teachers on their way to the belt-making factory; 5th graders at the fireman academy; 2nd graders role play as veterinarians at DiverCity.



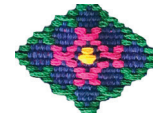


2018 HIGHLIGHTS

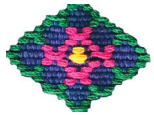


23 families graduated from the
Family Nurturing Program

First year of **sixth grade**

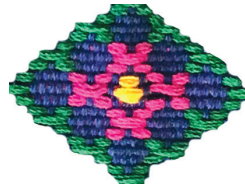


96% retention rate
in our full-day school

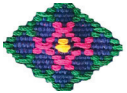


13 students graduated from the
Adult Education Program

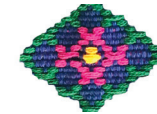
Over **800 food bags** were
donated for Giving Tuesday



New CRE Library opened, offering
books in both Spanish and English

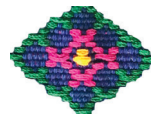


7 outings for students' expeditions



109 sponsor visits

30 student interns in the
Young Apprentice program



In-kind donations in Guatemala valuing **\$133,419**





DONOR SPOTLIGHT: JEN BUSH

How and when did you first hear about Safe Passage?

I first heard about Safe Passage not long after I moved to Maine in 2006. I read about Hanley's tragic accident in the paper, and had assumed that meant her organization would close as a result. I was amazed when I realized a year later that Safe Passage was still thriving.

How would you describe your involvement with Safe Passage?

My first experience with Safe Passage was on an Open Support Team in 2015. It was a profound week, and also when I met Yancy, who would become my sponsored student. I returned for another Support Team week the following year with a friend, and then volunteered for a few months in the Maine office. I now work in the Falmouth Schools and am lucky enough to bring a group of 10 high school students every year to Safe Passage as a Support Team. Dream job!



Jen and her Falmouth High School Support Team



Jen with her sponsored student, Yancy

Why is supporting Safe Passage meaningful to you?

There are an infinite number of organizations doing so much good work around the world. What keeps me so engaged with Safe Passage is their focus on the root causes of the challenges in the Guatemala City dump community.

What do you hope your Falmouth students get out of visiting Safe Passage?

There is so much for the high school students to absorb while we are there. I hope they leave inspired by what a difference one person can make. And perhaps more importantly, believing that they, too, can have that type of positive impact on the world. Safe Passage does an excellent job telling Hanley's story to Support Teams and I am grateful for that.

How would you define success for our students?

I define success as being safe, happy, and ultimately self-sufficient.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

Success for Safe Passage students can take on many shapes. We asked staff, volunteers, and students what success looks like to them.



"The most important success is [the adult students'] **increased self-esteem** and the realization that they have value and that they have rights."

- LORENA, ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

"As a tutor, it's a pleasure to see students treat learning as an end in itself - **to have fun sharing knowledge.**"

- PADDY, TUTOR



"[For me, success is] having learned how to read and write. I didn't know how to read and write before and I felt isolated. **Now I have better opportunities for work** -- I got a job working at a laundromat because I can write and add up what people owe."

- ELENA, ADULT EDUCATION STUDENT

"Success is in everything they learn. No matter how little it is, **those little successes will take them from the place they are now, to the place that they want to be in the future.**"

- PABLO, HEAD OF PSYCHOLOGY



"Success is a student who has developed a **strong character**, which is key to overcoming obstacles."

- PATTY, DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

"During the time that I've been using the Expeditionary Learning methodology, the majority of **my students have discovered their capacity for being leaders.** They've built confidence."

- YASMIN, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER



"Finishing high school with a diploma as a bilingual secretary and **being able to be an inspiring example for my younger brothers** and other young people."

- PAOLA, YOUNG APPRENTICE

"Feeling like **I can confront any problems** that might come my way, because I've already overcome so many to get where I am today, about to graduate from high school."

- JOSEFA, 2018 GRADUATE



"[For me, success is] working really hard and making it to sixth grade -- it was a dream of mine and **I'm part of the first-ever 6th grade class at our school.**"

- JOSE, 6TH GRADER

"Students...bring neighbors and family members to our Saturday classes (which are open to the community), putting into practice **their belief in the importance of education.**"

- GRANT, ENGLISH & TUTOR PROGRAMS





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: SHARED BEAT

We interviewed the Executive Director of Shared Beat, Jenny Hartsell, RN.

What is the history of the Shared Beat - Safe Passage partnership?

In 2005, 4 friends visited Safe Passage and began talking with Hanley and Rachel about preventive health care. In 2006, Shared Beat (SB) was formed. In 2007, the first partnership agreement was drafted for SB to provide management of the health program. The clinic was managed by Bayer at [that] time so our management included preventive health and community clinics. In 2009, SB took over complete management of the health program.

How do you define success?

Success isn't always big or glamorous. Something as simple as a child learning to cough or wash their hands appropriately means everyone wins. Less school days missed, maybe even lives saved.

What else do you want people to know about Shared Beat?

Our primary goal is student success through preventive health.

THANKS TO SHARED BEAT, THIS YEAR:

52
students
received
glasses

Every
student had
health class
twice a
month

Students
had **check-ups**
and **vision**
screenings
once per year

600
community
members
were seen in
outreach
clinics

SB Scholarship Program supported:

- **2 students** with their health careers in high school
- **3 former students:** 1 in medical school, 1 in a dietitian program, and 1 in a physical therapy program
- **3 mothers:** 1 in nursing, 1 in respiratory therapy, 1 in a pre-nursing program

5 students
received
hearing
aids

GRACIAS

We've made a long-term promise to our students to be committed to their success. We'd like to thank all of those who helped make this past year possible, including:

22 Support Teams, who dedicated a week of service learning at Safe Passage

our **Board of Directors**, located in both Guatemala and the US, and committed to one mission

Friends Groups and Ambassadors, who share our story around the world

2,818 Donors from 28 countries, whose generosity gives hope, education, and opportunity to our students

553 Visitors, who see our work in action

623 Child and Mother Sponsors, whose gifts and care give hope

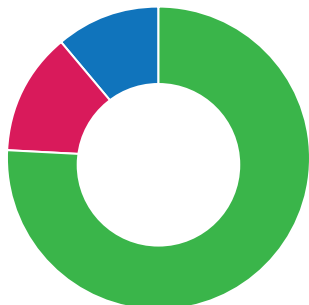


98 Volunteers, international and national, who donate their time and skills to keep us successful

our **Guatemalan Teachers, Social Workers, Administrators, and Staff** - without their daily efforts, our program wouldn't be possible

You - for reading, sharing, and contributing to the success of Safe Passage

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

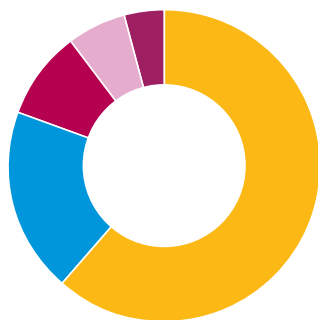


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Use of Funds†

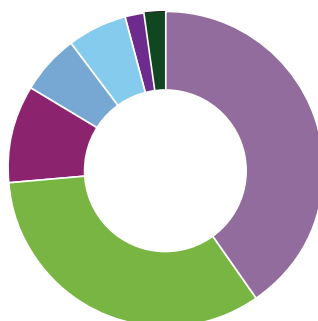
- 76% Program
- 13% Fundraising
- 11% Administration

†For operating purposes.



Program Breakdown

- 61% Education
- 19% Nutrition
- 9% Adult Education + Creamos
- 6% Family Services
- 4% Health and Wellness

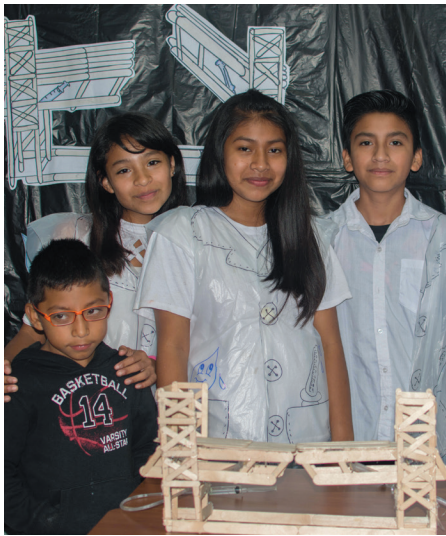


Sources of Operating Revenue

- 40% Annual Campaign
- 33% Sponsorship
- 10% Grants
- 6% In-Kind
- 6% Endowment
- 2% Teams
- 2% Events

Safe Passage is a U.S.-registered 501(c)(3) organization. Camino Seguro is a Guatemala-registered non-governmental organization. View our Financial Statement and IRS 990, audited annually by Macdonald Page & Co, LLC of Portland, Maine by visiting: www.safepassage.org/financials





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*GT = Guatemala,
U.S. = United States*

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

We extend our gratitude to Mary Jo Amani for her interim leadership of Safe Passage from October 2017 to June 2018. Mary Jo's long engagement with Safe Passage extended back to working with Hanley Denning to develop an educational curriculum and launch the library program. Over this last year, Mary Jo charted a steady and positive course for ongoing programs, empowering the staff leadership team and advanced critical planning for the opening of the new Middle School in January 2019.



Susanna Place at the Boston 5K

I'd also like to thank Sandra Aguilar de Gonzalez for serving as the Board President of Safe Passage from 2015 until early 2018. Thanks to Sandra's exemplary leadership and passion for our mission, Safe Passage successfully began the transition into a full-day primary school.

And lastly, I'd like to thank you, our supporters, donors, and friends. You have made all of the transitions and life-changing successes in this past year possible. On behalf of my fellow board members, thank you.

Susanna Place
President of the Board



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EDUCATION
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