

Our mission is to transform lives by providing students in the Guatemala City garbage dump community with an excellent education, a higher quality of life, and pathways to a job with dignity so they can achieve a better future for themselves and their families.



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SO YOU WANT TO ORGANIZE OR JOIN A SUPPORT TEAM?

We are here to make your planning as easy as possible!

Contact teams@safepassage.org to check the availability of your desired dates, or to inquire about joining an existing, open team. A non-refundable \$500 deposit (\$1,000 for double teams) will secure your week, and count towards your team fee.

The Support Team Coordinator in Guatemala will be your main point of contact as you prepare for your trip as well as your host during your Support Team week. We take care of all the logistics and details for your time in Guatemala so you can focus your energy on serving and being with our students.

After you have experienced Safe Passage during your Team Week, we will support you as you determine your next steps. You are now a voice for hundreds of children and families in Guatemala. That's a powerful thing.

Welcome to the Safe Passage family!

WHERE WILL YOUR SAFE PASSAGE STORY BEGIN?



VOLUNTEER



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VISIT

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

www.safepassage.org/take-action



SERVICE LEARNING SUPPORT TEAMS



WHAT IS A SUPPORT TEAM?



Support Teams are groups of friends, community members, students or families that spend a week serving at Safe Passage in Guatemala. Support Team members must be at least 15 years old to volunteer at Safe Passage. Teams are typically 8-13 people but we can also host double teams of 14-24 people.

The Support Team service learning experience is designed with first time visitors in mind but many of our teams join us again and again! While you have fun and learn about Safe Passage, you will also make a difference with the time, skills, and energy you share with our students, staff, and volunteers.

Many of our Support Teams have limited Spanish language abilities and still have a great experience. Don't let language be a barrier! We are here to translate and support you during your time in Guatemala.

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We saw so much, and learned so much in a short time, it was truly amazing. It is an experience I'd recommend to anyone interested.” GIL, VERMONT



WHAT WILL YOUR WEEK LOOK LIKE?

SUNDAY



- » Arrive in Guatemala. *Welcome!*
- » Dinner and orientation with your Support Team Coordinator

MONDAY-THURSDAY

- » Tour Safe Passage and the community to learn about our context and programs
- » Engage in a variety of educational activities with students
- » Plan and lead English language learning initiatives in our English classes
- » Meet the women artisans of our Social Entrepreneurship program and create products with them
- » Support our Operations Team by assisting with a much needed project

FRIDAY

- » Free day! Explore Guatemala and take some time to relax. We have lots of great ideas for activities if you need help planning

SATURDAY

- » Take a group of Safe Passage students on an excursion to a local water park, allowing them to experience a place they would have little opportunity to visit

HOME

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

Schedules vary by team.
Contact teams@safepassage.org to begin planning your Support Team experience today!

WHAT DOES THE TRIP COST?

The Support Team fee* is \$695 per person. Teams are also encouraged to make a donation of \$2,500 for a single team, or \$5,000 for a double team.

While the team fee covers services provided for the week, this donation goes directly towards Safe Passage's programs and students.

Many teams are able to fundraise 100% of their total trip costs. Your Support Team Coordinator can help you plan a successful fundraising strategy!

*Please note: team fees are not tax-deductible

What's Included

- » Seven nights of accommodations
- » Meals (excluding lunch on your free day)
- » Airport pickup and drop-off
- » Daily private transportation between your hotel and Safe Passage
- » Saturday excursion to a local water park with Safe Passage students

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I've been family with Safe Passage as a donor for over 10 years ... but this experience gave me a much better understanding of the work they do as well as their philosophy.”
GAIL, NEW YORK