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A *Year-End Reflection*
by Erin Mooney

As this school year winds to a close, *I sit in awe of our students and graduates.*

Over the last couple of years, we have watched our student outcomes grow at an exponential rate– the cumulative effect of constant evaluation and evolution of our programs. Of quality education that is woven with love, care and intention, and layered with physical health, mental health, socio-emotional wellness and learning, 4 meals a day, parent involvement, character building and ethics.

As we wait for final word on how many of our 2026 graduates will enter university in 2027, our Proximo Paso team just shared some news that makes my heart swell– 8 graduates from 2025 spent last year working, saving and applying, and have been accepted to the University of San Carlos (USAC) to start their studies in January. As the daughter of a lawyer, I am especially moved to know that 3 more young women will join the cohort of 3 young women who entered Law School at this year or last year. 3+3= so much more than six…For starters, we have a couple more 2026 graduates who are still in their application process for law, so it may be 7 or more young women studying law from Safe Passage.

As I talk to these young women who have chosen law as their career path, I am impressed with their clarity and commitment to bring accessible legal services and justice to a community that has seen so little justice historically.



Join *Deep Roots. Wide Reach.*

Our 2026 Year-End Campaign

This month, Safe Passage launched Deep Roots, Wide Reach, our year-end fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising **$480,000** by January 7th.

The funds raised will *sustain and strengthen* the programs students rely on every day, from classroom instruction and daily meals to psychological care and family support.

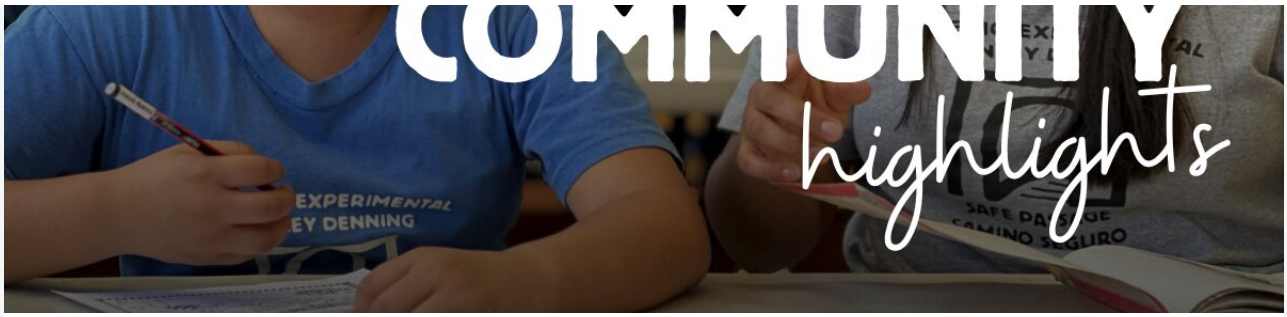
The campaign name reflects two parts of the same story. The roots are the daily consistency on campus, including teachers who know each student, psychologists who listen, and meals shared together every school day. The reach is what that consistency makes possible over time, and this year 35 Safe Passage students are enrolled in university, up from 22 at this time last year.

There are a few ways to be part of the campaign. A one-time gift goes directly toward the **$480,000 goal**, and a monthly gift lets teachers, psychologists, and support staff plan the 2027 school year knowing the funding will be there. New monthly donors giving $25 or more will see their name added to the hummingbird tiles on our middle school's Giving Wall. The students have enjoyed watching the tiles spread across the wall over the year demonstrating the love and consistent support that stands with them from around the world.

You can also ask your employer to match your gift, including monthly gifts, or share the campaign with one or two people who want to help positive change.

Give to Deep Roots, Wide Reach





Crianza con Cariño Closing Ceremony

Crianza con Cariño is Safe Passage's parenting and family program, and taking part in it is one of the ways families partner with us in their children's education. This year, the second cohort of families completed the program and gathered for a closing celebration.

The day was full of joy, pride, and excitement as families celebrated the effort, learning, and growth of their time in the program. We are grateful to every family member who took part, for their support, for all they do for their children, and for engaging deeply with us to be most responsive to the greatest needs in the community.









University Partnerships in 2026

Throughout 2026, Safe Passage strengthened its collaboration with four Guatemalan universities: **Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (USAC), Universidad Rafael Landívar (URL), Universidad Panamericana (UPANA), and Universidad Regional.**

These partnerships created opportunities for university students to gain practical, community-based professional experience while contributing their knowledge and skills to Safe Passage's educational, psychological, and nutritional programs.

Psychology/Mental Health Support and Social Work

Through partnerships with USAC, URL, and Universidad Regional, Safe Passage welcomed 15 psychology and Social Work interns, who supported the team in strengthening services for students and families. Their participation contributed to our broader efforts to promote socio-emotional well-being and provide comprehensive student support.

Nutrition and Food Services

Students from Universidad Panamericana (UPANA) collaborated with Safe Passage to evaluate our school meal programs, reviewing nutritional requirements, portion sizes, and food distribution across different age groups. Their work identified opportunities to improve nutritional balance, reduce food waste, and make more efficient use of existing resources.

Building Stronger Connections

These collaborations reflect our commitment to connecting higher education with community development. By welcoming university students into our programs, Safe Passage benefits from additional expertise while providing future professionals with meaningful opportunities to apply their learning in real-world settings.








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Two Longtime Supporters' ***First Visit to Campus***

*"*Visiting Camino Seguro was the highlight of our trip to Guatemala this month. Twenty years ago we first learned of Camino Seguro from a young German tourist who had volunteered at the school. Every time we have visited Guatemala, we dashed from the city into Antigua or other areas, so we had never seen the school until now. The best part of our visit to Camino Seguro was spending time with Angie. Angie first entered the school 13 years ago as a 6 year old. When we met her, she was just finishing her year long apprenticeship with Safe Passage, and her first year of university studies in law. Understanding how Angie's life, her siblings lives, and her community have been transformed by Camino Seguro was both powerful and amazing. It is one thing to read the statistics, and something else to meet Angie. ***Please make a point to visit the school when you can travel to Guatemala and it will be transformative for you, too."***

Plan Your Visit to Safe Passage: www.safepassage.org/visit

—Pat and Jerry Brodkey





Long-time supporter and Safe Passage fans, Pat Brodkey and daughter, Anna Maria on a recent visit to Guatemala.

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