



Give new LIFE to Hospitalito Atitlán!

The Campaign to build a new hospital in Santiago Atitlán

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Dear Pete,

Greetings from Lake Atitlán!

As Campaign Chair, I would like to thank you for agreeing to serve on the Campaign Committee, update you on our campaign progress and share recent exciting news and upcoming events.

- Last week, Asociación K'aslimaal received the Juan Bautista Gutiérrez Foundation's top annual award for outstanding humanitarian service in Guatemala. The highly competitive and prestigious award brought with it a donation of Q500,000 (approx. \$63,000). It will be doubled by the Kendeda Fund, which matches every donation to the campaign dollar for dollar up to \$750,000.
- The Capital Campaign is now just shy of halfway to our goal of \$2 million, with \$990,000 raised to date. Although we still have a way to go, we are very encouraged.
- Clara Neutze, a prominent community leader in Guatemala City, has agreed to serve as Vice Chair of the Campaign, and will be a great asset to the success of the campaign. She and her husband have a vacation home near Santiago, and are very enthusiastic about the new hospital and what it will mean to the people of Atitlán. Clara is already planning an event in Guatemala City that will further engage the Guatemalan donor community.



- Amigos Hospitalito Atitlán (www.amigosha.org) is now incorporated. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers Narda and Ulysses Sherman, AHA, which will support the work of Hospitalito from the U.S., has been incorporated as a nonprofit organization in Portland, Oregon. The application for 501(c)3 status with the IRS has been filed and verification notice should be received within the next several months.
- Hospitalito has its own website, www.hospitalitoatitlan.org. Please visit it often as it will be regularly updated with new information on the hospital, volunteers, the status of the construction and the campaign.
- This fall, thanks to Dr. Brian Strom, Dr. Kent Bream and Dr. Rob Meyer, there will be several friend / fund raising events in private homes and university settings in Philadelphia and Boston, where Hospitalito has numerous volunteers and supporters. Dr. Juan-Manuel Chuc, Lyn Dickey and I will be participating. If you happen to be near those cities in late September, please let me know and I will get all the details to you. We would be delighted if you could come. Next spring, we will hold more events in other cities in the U.S. Please let me know if you might be able to host such a gathering in your area.
- Emily Crawford joined the campaign team as manager last month. Formerly with CARE International and a graduate of Emory University, Emily will be coordinating all the daily activities of the campaign. We are so pleased to have her on board and are already benefiting from her skills and talents. Please contact her if you need any information or campaign materials. Her email is EmilydelHospitalito@gmail.com

It is a pleasure to send you this update, *finally*. Please forgive me for taking so long but as you may imagine, things have been busy here for the last six months. I very much look forward to one day thanking each of you in person for being a part of this campaign.

My warmest regards,
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