

Habitat for Humanity  
**Lima Area**

**THANK YOU**  
for your partnership



**FY2017**  
impact  
report



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Guatemala

# HISTORY

of our partnership

**Habitat for Humanity Lima Area** has been a partner of Habitat for Humanity Guatemala since **2005**.

Throughout this **12 year partnership**, the affiliate has kindly tithed **\$91,430.59** towards reducing the housing deficit in Guatemala. During the 2017 fiscal year alone, your tithe has impacted **two families**, providing **one with a Healthy Home Kit** and **one with a new home**.

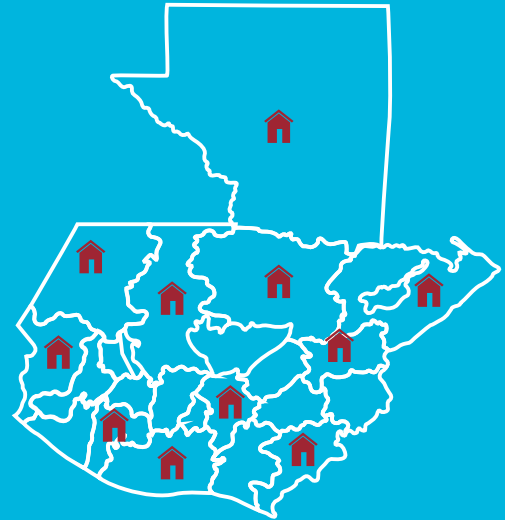
We want to share with you concrete numbers that demonstrate the impact your partnership has had towards ensuring that every Guatemalan family has an adequate place to live.

On behalf of our team at Habitat Guatemala, we want to express our extreme gratitude towards Lima Area's board of directors, staff, donors, & volunteers for your commitment to building a better future for Guatemalan families.



# CHALLENGES

## In Guatemala



Today in Guatemala, there is a housing deficit of over 1.6 million homes that must be improved or constructed. It is estimated that this number will increase to 2.1 million homes by 2020. Earthquakes, tropical storms, political turmoil, extreme poverty, and problems with land ownership, as well as legal and financial aspects, all play a role in this housing deficit. Additionally, 67.8% of the population works in the informal sector. This statistic indicates that the average monthly income of 2,158 Quetzales (\$294 US) is not enough to provide a family with the bare minimum essentials, which cost 4,171 Quetzales (\$568 US) each month.

Consequently, Guatemalans face challenges with emotional development, a life of security, health issues, and other effects that hinder a healthy lifestyle.

# REPORT of your tithe

Your dedication towards our work has allowed us to achieve the following milestones. Thank you, Habitat Lima Area, for making this possible!

FY2017 GIVING	LIFETIME GIVING
\$9,767.84	\$91,430.59

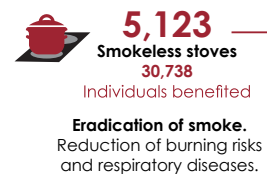
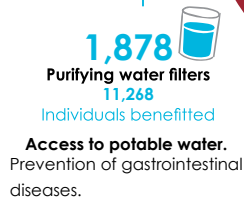
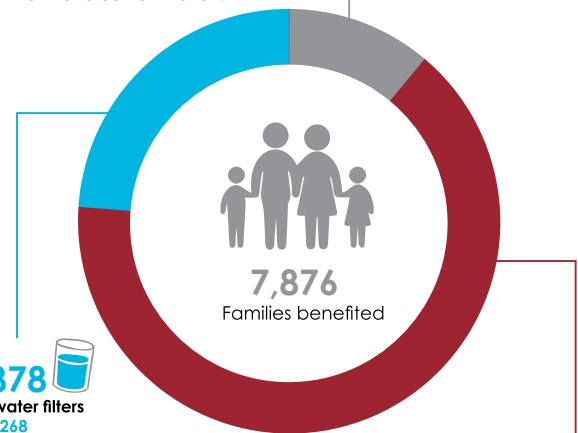
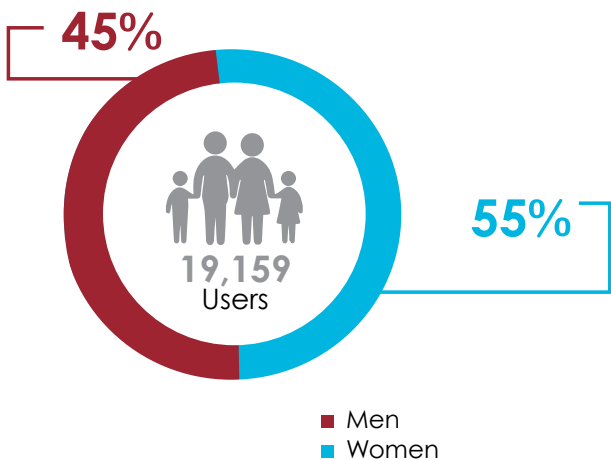
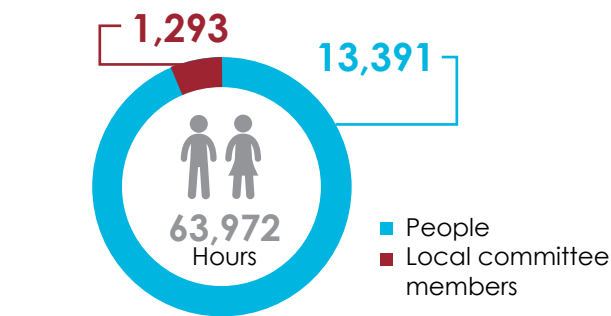
**FAMILIES SERVED** **9,715** Through FY2017:  
**85,320**

**New Houses** **2,145**

**Other Solutions** **36**

**Extreme Poverty Focus Program** **5,685**

**Home Improvements** **1,849**



# The Arias Hernandez Family



every  
family  
matters

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Just a few months before her first child was born, Sandra (22) was living in Ciudad Vieja, Sacatepequez which is about an hour away from where her husband's home. Jose (27) lived in San Pedro, las Huertas next to Antigua Guatemala with his family where he grew up. They had recently married they were still figuring out where to settle. For a moment, they were not living together since from the time they met to the time their son was born they were still living in their parent's home. Meanwhile, Sandra would commute from her home to Jose's every day and this journey was very long and tiring. "Sometimes, I would walk all the way because the buses were really full," said Sandra, "I just wanted my child to be safe." Lilia, her mother-in-law, realized that the couple was going through these difficulties; she gave her son a piece of land for them to build a home.

Maria Desire, one of Lilia's older daughters, had previously built her home through Habitat so she knew how Habitat worked. Almost immediately after the paperwork was processed, the construction of their home began. By December 23rd of 2017, they had moved into their new home.

They are now able to enjoy their new life in a new home and best of all, a safe place for them to grow as a family and enjoy their time together. "Thank you for doing a labor that not many others do," says Lilia.

Starting life together doesn't have to be such a struggle and working with Habitat Guatemala has made things easier for many families including the Arias' Family.

# A LETTER FROM our director



Dear Bruce Hilty,

During the 2017 fiscal year we were able to celebrate a great achievement: building our 85,001st housing solution since our start in 1979. This number represents the number of families who today can say that they have a healthier place to call home, and we want to thank you for partnering with us in accomplishing this landmark.

This turning point was made possible because of the support of all of our friends and partners, including the gift of tithe from your Habitat affiliate.

As we embark on our next voyage, we invite you to join us as we serve our 100,00th family during the week of April 21 - 29th, 2018. This accomplishment will be the culmination of years of strong inter-organizational partnerships and global solidarity that push us forward. These relationships and the trust bestowed in us to steward their investment will not soon be forgotten. To friends and partners, including you, thank you for helping us serve 9,715 families in 2017. We hope to see you next spring!

You have been cordially invited to Habitat for Humanity Guatemala's

## **Executive Director Learning and Networking Trip** in celebration of our **100,000<sup>th</sup> Housing Solution**

Please save the date: April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For more details or to reserve your space, please contact our team  
at [donor@habitatguate.org](mailto:donor@habitatguate.org) before September 1st



Victor Velazquez  
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