

Ramsey Social Justice Foundation Arizona State University Seeds of Hope

Sololá-Sacatepéquez-Chimaltenango

“Uniting our efforts we are able to change lives”

BACKGROUND

In Guatemala, there are numerous communities with great needs in terms of health and sanitation. Habitat for Humanity Guatemala is building a partnership with Ramsey Social Justice Foundation with the objective of helping three communities located in the departments of Sololá, Chimaltenango, and Sacatepéquez.

Habitat Guatemala will benefit 150 families with Healthy Home Kits and cement floors.

- In the department of Chimaltenango, Habitat Guatemala is planning on supporting 93 families with the products of the healthy home kit and 16 square meters of cement floors
- In the department of Sacatepéquez, Habitat Guatemala is planning on supporting 20 families with Healthy Home Kits products
- In the department of Solola, Habitat Guatemala is planning on supporting 37 families with the latrine

The project will be executed in 9 months with the local affiliate and the local committees.

START OF THE PROJECT

The project starts in the month of July 2016 with the training and execution of the cement floors in the department of Chimaltenango. It is currently being executed.

Project Implementation:

Habitat Guatemala has started with the implementation of the project with cement floors in the community of Chimaltenango.

STORY OF THE FIRST CEMENT FLOOR:

The first family that received a cement floor is composed of 9 people. Juana is the mother of the family. She has cancer that is causing many inconveniences to the family, since the older daughters had to stop studying to be able to support their younger siblings and their mother goes to the closest health center to receive treatment.

The family has constructed a house with corrugated metal sheeting, where all the members of the family live and sleep. There is a dirt floor, which has caused gastrointestinal diseases, parasites, and constant flu in the family due to the direct contact with humidity and untreated water that they drink.

When the cement floor was being constructed, the whole family was helping to move the materials to the house, since there is a steep path to reach it. This experience was very gratifying as even the younger children were helping in this process.

The family expressed their gratitude with Ramsey Social Justice Foundation and showed solidarity for the rest of the families that will be benefitted with this project.



CONCLUSION:

The support of the Ramsey Social Justice Foundation has been essential for the development of this project. We keep working in its execution in order to improve the conditions of living for these 150 Guatemalan families.

