

FTGA Holiday Giving Back Project... Funding Stoves in Rural Villages

Friends Through Guatemalan Adoption invites you to join our 6th Annual Holiday Giving Back Project in conjunction with Behrhorst Partners for Development. BPD works in respectful partnership with Mayan Guatemalans to have a positive impact on the problems associated with Guatemala's history of violence against indigenous populations, natural disasters, poverty, illiteracy and disastrously high rates of infant and maternal death.



BPD works with village communities and municipalities to implement project such as

- **Healthy Homes (water, stoves, and latrines)**
- **Strong Family Centers**
- **School construction**
- **Micro-credit programs**
- **Rural Health Programs**
- **Preschool Education Programs**

So how can you help? This year we will support the purchase of fuel efficient vented stoves for rural families in the Highlands of Guatemala. The total cost of an installed stove and training on the use and maintenance of the stove is \$150. Families can fund the total cost of a stove or a portion of the cost.

Stove Funding Benefits:

- 70% less wood is burned which results in less deforestation which can lead to mudslides and crop loss.
- Women gain two working days per week that would have been spent chopping wood.
- Venting the smoke outside reduces the risk for upper respiratory problems which are the #1 killer of children in Guatemala.
- The vented smoke greatly reduces issues of glaucoma and eye infections.
- The risk of serious disfiguring and fatal burns are eliminated as the stove eliminates the open flames.
- By ensuring the active participation and involvement of the communities at all stages of the project implementation, we leave a legacy which puts power into the hands of these communities and creates role models for others.



