

From Houses To Homes

## **IMPACT REPORT 2022**

"From Houses to Homes aims to create pathways out of poverty by providing safe housing, education and healthcare."

### A Note from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

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It's hard to believe what has been accomplished since From Houses to Homes built the first home in 2005. Our Founder, the late Joe Collins, started with the vision of building one home at a time. In 2022 we reached a milestone when we completed our 1800th home. We saw the results of hard-working and dedicated teachers at Escuela Kemna'oj. Clinicas Médicas San José, although it is now managed by a second party continues to provide quality healthcare to our families, students and staff.

Our gratitude runs deep as we could not do any of this without all of you. The culmination of generous donations of time, money and hard work result in life changing situations and opportunities for so many deserving families, students and employees. This impact report will paint a thorough picture of what we accomplished in 2022

We look forward to continuing the important work we do in 2023. Our Board of Directors, and staff are committed to continuing the work we do along with exploring other solutions to some of the challenges the people we work with face every day. We hope you will continue to be part of our From Houses to Homes "family." Together we can accomplish so much more and continue the good work Joe started 17 years ago.

Judy Baker

**Executive Director** 





## HOUSING







**218 volunteers** 





In 2022 we were able to make a significant impact in the lives of 148 families by giving them a safe and secure place to call home. This year, we built the most houses since our inception in 2005. In these 17 years, we have completed a total of 1,836 houses across 23+ communities in the Antigua region — a significant milestone!

This year, 218 volunteers helped bring these houses to life, although it is still less than an average of 400+ pre-pandemic levels, it is higher than the last two years. 32% of the houses were built by volunteers. We are fortunate to continue our partnership with <u>Home for a Home</u>, which donated 64 houses this year.





We went beyond just providing a house this year by encouraging donors and volunteers to purchase additional items for families, such as stoves, water filters (Ecofiltros), and bunkbeds, including bedding and pillows. We continued to provide bags of food, thanks to the donors that donate them monthly, averaging 63 a month.



136 stoves



760 bags of groceries





**88 water filters** 





### EDUCATION

### Education Report 2022

#### Escuela Kenma'oj

While instruction continued during the pandemic at Escuela Kemna'oj, as of June of 2022, all of our students were welcomed back to school for full in-person teaching. Finally, after two years of hybrid instruction, we have seen great improvement in student performance this year.

We saw great success this year with 96% of our students moving on to the next grade and a decrease in student dropout compared to the previous two years. Once in-person learning started, both students and parents were motivated to attend school and work hard.

We also saw our largest graduating class ever, with ten students completing 9th grade and continuing their education in high school or vocational schools in the Antigua region.



152 Sponsored students

**10** 9th grade graduates



### Education Report 2022



#### **High School Program**

We also saw success with our high school students. This year, we were able to send twenty two Kemna'oj alumni to different area high schools and vocational schools and pay for their tuition, transportation, internet, school supplies, and uniforms. In 2022, nine students earned their high school diploma with a focus on: accounting, culinary arts, biological sciences, business administration, digital electronics.

We also achieved a milestone with a group of graduates attained who have the previous unimaginable. Between 2020-2022. twentv students completed their education through high school and are now proudly working in various occupations in retail and industry, with a few headed to university. This exemplifies the power of education and represent FHTH hopes of creating pathways out of poverty through education.



22 High School students

20 Sponsored students

**9** Graduated High School in 2022

20 2020-2022 High School graduates

### Education Report 2022

#### **Sponsorship Program**

We ended 2022 with 172 students sponsored out of 189 we educated, achieving a 91% sponsorship rate. Our goal is to achieve 100% sponsorship for all students in 2023 and beyond, so we encourage our donors and volunteers to sponsor a student.

We have also improved communication between students and sponsors. In 2022, students received 140 letters from their sponsors using a Google Form. Sponsors received mid-year and end-of-year reports to follow their student's progress. They also got a handmade Christmas Card written by their students. Students feel encouraged when they hear from their sponsors, and sponsors enjoy getting cards on the mail and learning about their students' progress.





In addition to our overall impact in 2022, we have also several success stories to share. These success stories highlight the transformative power of education and the positive impact our organization has on the lives of individuals in Santa María de Jesús.

#### **Fernando Perez Cuca**



Fernando is a graduate of Escuela Kemna'oj who was sponsored to get a high school degree with a focus in electronics. He graduated in 2021 and soon found a job in La Bodegona, the largest supermarket in the Antigua region, in Santa María de Jesús. Fernando values the skills he learned in Kemna'oj, such as the the importance of hard work and discipline, and the value of always being wellpresented, which is now serving him well in the workplace. He advises current students to always give their best, be respectful, and diligent, because these skills will benefit them significantly when they graduate school. His job also allows him to socialize and he is happy now to be able to help his family and save to buy a vehicle.

### **Keily Cuma Jiménez**

Keyli Nicol is a Kemna'oj graduate who obtained her high school diploma with a focus in accounting in December 2022. She graduated with excellent grades, passed her university entrance exam, and now hopes to study psychology. A high school degree in accounting will improve her future significantly, allowing her access to a higher-paying job and the opportunity to pursue higher education. Keyli's future is bright thanks to our high school sponsorship program.

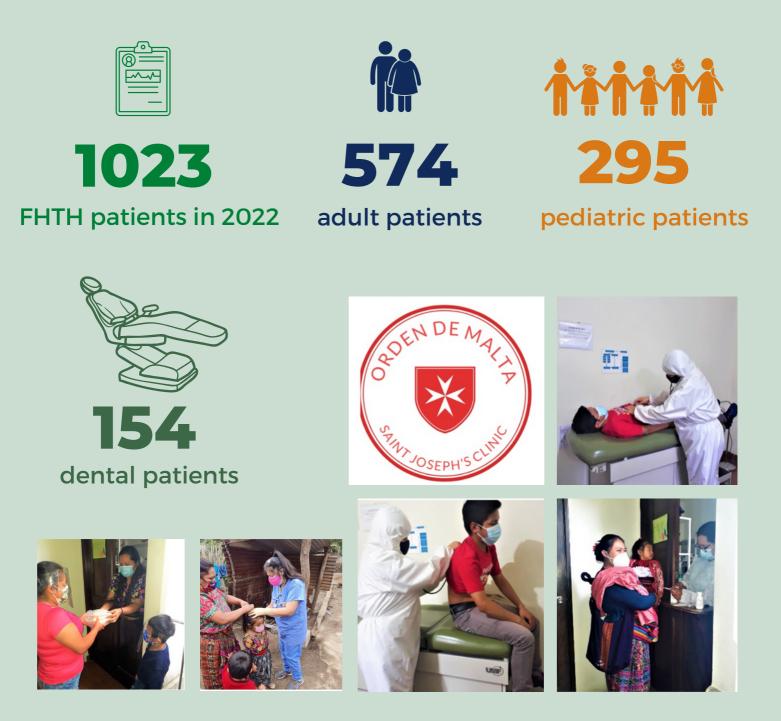




### HEALTHCARE

### Clinic Report 2022

Under the management of Order of Malta, Clínicas Médicas San José provides medical, pediatric, psychological, and dental consultations to families who have received homes through our organization, as well as our staff, and the families of Kemna'oj students. Patients are entitled to receive the necessary medications to aid in their recovery. 39% of all patients seen at the clinic are FHTH.



## **Build a home today**

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### Make an impact

Individuals, families, and groups who are interested in a life changing experience are welcome to join us!

You can also donate a home for \$3,000 with or without volunteering! 5 DAYS + \$500 fee per volunteer

НОМЕ

## You can make a difference Be a sponsor today



When you become a sponsor, you help us provide access to quality education, 2 meals a day, free healthcare services, psychological support and access to reliable learning resources! US\$60/month OR US\$720/year

## HOW TO DONATE?



- Online on our <u>website</u>
- By check
- Coporate matching funds
- Gift of stock
- Amazon Smile
- Planned giving

See how we use the money you donate

# TOTAL EXPENSES 2022

Other\* 8%

School 24%

## US\$ 808,752

Homes 56%

### USA admin 12%

\*Groceries for families in need. Donations/gifts to individuals.



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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



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