

San Lucas Tolimán Scholars Annual Report

### San Lucas Tolimán Scholars

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** 

2023

#### From the Board of Directors

San Lucas Tolimán Scholars' primary purpose is to provide scholarships to students, from limited financial means who have demonstrated academic aptitude and achievement, allowing them to continue their education beyond the 6th grade.

As members of the program's board of directors we are grateful to the many sponsors whose donations allowed 951 students to remain in school and receive the benefits of higher education.

The 2023 school year saw the return to 100% classroom learning. Students are once again benefiting from the social and cultural aspects of school, as well as from extracurricular activities such as music and sports.

Many of our 335 junior high and high school graduating students carried flags and were escorts during the ceremonies in recognition of their status as distinguished students. Also, we are very pleased that we have 21 students pursuing university-level degrees.

In addition to providing scholarships, a special donation helped fund an educational conference centered on the theme "What's Next?" Organized by our Program Director Rita Chajil, the aim of the conference was to provide motivation for continued studies (middle school and high school graduates) and to speak about work/educational opportunities for high school graduates.

We are proud to announce that 2 of our SLT Scholars graduates are now giving back to the program by serving as members of the Guatemalan Board, offering their knowledge and insights as former SLT Scholar recipients to help the program expand and improve.

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#### Rita Chajil

Program Director

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Program Administrator



951 students



335 jr. high & high school graduates & 3 university graduates



\$311K raised for scholarships

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Claudia Asucely is 20 years old, a bookkeeper by profession and now a chef with her own business. She is the owner of a business selling tacos and breads, with the support of her father.

She was a scholarship recipient from 2017 until 2022.

#### Claudia says:

Having been part of this scholarship program was a great blessing for my family and above all it helped me develop as a person and as a professional. Thanks to the support of my sponsors, I managed to successfully complete my studies, graduating as a bookkeeper. But my dream wasn't to work as a bookkeeper in some company. I always wanted to have my own business, which I achieved with the help of my family.

We started a business selling fast food, specializing in tacos and breads. With my first profits, I was able to enroll in a school to prepare myself as a professional chef. This year will be my graduation! And all this thanks to the scholarship I obtained from my first years in junior high school. Today I can generate my own income. My dream is to employ other people in my business.

My business has been a success, my business is profitable, and I support my family, since everyone supports us, and we take care of the business.

My words to the scholarship program:

It is a project that has helped thousands of families by helping educate their children with support for tuition, uniforms, school supplies, and all the expenses involved in being able to study. Thanks to your support many have had the opportunity to train as professionals and obtain new opportunities in life.

SLT Scholars is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

More than 99% of monies donated for student sponsorship are allocated to student tuition and educational needs.

Designated donations help to pay administrative expenses.

2022 Fiscal Year

(supports the 2023 school year)

Revenue: \$349,548 Expenses: \$344,194

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