



Amigos de Guatemala

Investing in Latin America's Future

Community Garden



1. Synopsis – During the pandemic, families with scarce resources were affected the most with food insecurities. While this is a continual situation especially for the single mothers and the elderly, it came to the forefront as white flags were being flown where people had no food. See the Food Insecurities project from 2020. An outgrowth of this situation was to develop a community garden to benefit the elderly and single mothers.
2. Area of Focus – Health
3. Cost – \$47,000 to purchase the land that includes a working well and two houses.
4. Commentary – Through generous donations from several individuals, the land was secured. The scholarship students work the land. Their harvest then goes to those in need. One of the crops that is dear to the Mayans in the area is the indigenous black corn. It is almost extinct. Couple of indigenous families in the remote mountains still planted and harvested this corn. We were able to secure some seeds and have been starting to cultivate it to preserve the Mayan culture and heritage. This will be expanded to be able to be able to grow crops throughout the year. This will also be the basis for a water purification system to be implemented in the coming years.

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