



BUENAS NOTICIAS

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Are You Familiar with BFB Foundation?

If this is the first time you have heard of BFB Foundation, let us welcome you to our community of individuals and organizations that believe in empowering women and girls to change the course of their lives, those of their families and their communities through educational opportunities.

BUENAS NOTICIAS has been created to provide an on-going window into our exciting work and the people with whom we work. Our goal is to give you an update about every quarter, featuring special news and highlights, and some of the people that make BFB Foundation such a compelling organization!

Enjoy this first edition! To learn more about us visit our website at www.BFBFoundation.org.

BFB Foundation Women's Scholarships:

A Commitment to the Future

With less than 10% of Guatemalan youth going to school past high school, girls in particular face limitations due to lack of education affecting opportunities for their future.

To support high school girls in Guatemala who want to continue their education beyond high school, the **BFB Foundation Women's**



Donor Spotlight:

Board Member, Jennifer Jackson

BFB Foundation Board Member, Jennifer Jackson, has been involved with the foundation since 2011 when she started sponsoring a student in the Padrino Mentor program at our partner school, Niños de Guatemala.

"I had been looking for ways to step outside myself and my world to try to make a difference in the lives of others. BFB Foundation gave me that opportunity when I started sponsoring a little girl named Odeth in the Padrino (Mentor) program." After she was elected to the Foundation Board in 2017, Jennifer made a visit to Guatemala along with her photographer cousin, [Kathleen Greeson](#), where they "shadowed" two girls in the Niños de Guatemala program. Inspired to bring visibility and awareness to the program, Jennifer came back with a very personal - and visual - account of her experiences to share with the BFB Foundation community and beyond.

"These are incredible families. They are proud, giving people who want something more for

Scholarships program was established in 2015 for girls at Instituto Indigena Nuestra Señora del Socorro, our partner high school in Antigua, Guatemala.

With your help, our fall fundraiser raised over \$12,000, which has allowed us to extend scholarship support to 21 University students currently (\$500 each for the whole year including tuition, books, transportation and lodging). This fall, we are expanding the number of scholarships to include girls in another Socorro partner school in nearby San Andres (Solola), Guatemala.

We have also hired a full-time **Academic Advisor** in Guatemala to serve as a resource for the current and prospective scholarship students. We are pleased to welcome Mishelle Rodriguez to the BFB Foundation team!

Read more about Mishelle and her newly appointed role [here](#).



You can help support the **BFB Foundation Women's Scholarships** program at by [clicking here](#) to donate.

Amigas Club Update

Our pilot clubs between middle and high school girls (in Guatemala and Charlotte) was a great success! The students at Charlotte Country Day School and Charlotte Catholic High School (pictured below) raised \$1,446.24 and every penny will go to our partner schools, Nino de Guatemala and Socorro! Thanks to all four schools for participating in the club's first year (Trinity Episcopal and Charlotte Christian were the other two in the U.S.). Girls communicated through Google Hangouts and shared experiences about their schools,

their children while doing the best they can in extreme poverty...If you ask them what we can do [to help], they will say "educate our children." Although they are uneducated, they realize their children's education is the opportunity they have to change the world they live in."

You can read about Jennifer's eye-opening travel experience and see wonderful photos at ["A Day in the Life"](#)



Recent Trip to Guatemala Connection, Inspiration, Action!

On our recent trip, BFB Foundation Founder, Chris Burns-Fazzi, and Director, Elizabeth Maddrey, were joined by Board member, Tom Farrell, as well as a family of 5 who wanted to learn more about Guatemala and the programs we support. They volunteered for a day in one of our partner schools, Ninos de Guatemala, and loved getting to know the students and teachers!

One of the primary reasons for the trip was to prepare for the upcoming Reunion of our **BFB Foundation Women's Scholarships** recipients. We are hosting the reunion September 3rd – 5th to serve as a platform for our current and prospective scholarship students to network and learn about career resources. We plan to offer the reunion annually so they develop an organizational network of support that they can rely on for years to come. Pictured are some of our current scholarship recipients who are helping plan the reunion with the BFBF team!

cultures, language and what's like to just be a girl in the world! Stay tuned for year 2!



About BFB Foundation

The BFB Foundation headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a non-profit public charity whose **mission is to strengthen developing communities by supporting education-focused initiatives for girls and women.**

To learn more about BFB Foundation, our program and impact, visit www.BFBfoundation.org or [Donate Here](#).

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