



## BUENAS NOTICIAS

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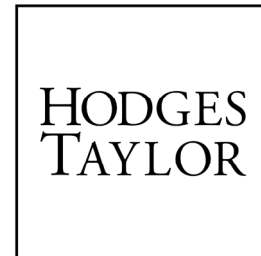


### A Clearly Defined Path to Strengthen Our Mission

At the January BFB Foundation Board Meeting, the excitement was palpable as we reviewed results from 2018 and discussed leveraging opportunities for 2019. With a renewed commitment to our mission, we are focusing on four key program initiatives:

#### **1. Financial Education**

After new teacher training last fall, [Aflatoun International](#) will continue to play a key role in the social and financial development of students in our partner schools. With 23 teachers from those schools newly trained, and our Academic Advisor Mishelle Rodriguez being trained this month on their new curriculum focused on girls' empowerment, we are excited about the strengthened alignment with our mission.



### Donor Spotlight

#### **Hodges Taylor Art Consultancy**

[Hodges Taylor](#) has been supporting BFB Foundation for several years and we want to thank them publicly for their support! As many of you remember, Hodges Taylor is an art gallery and consultancy in Charlotte, North Carolina and co-hosted our first fundraiser in their gallery space (Fall 2017). Not only did the event yield enough funding for 21 academic scholarships in 2018, the owners, Lauren Harkey and Christie Taylor have also sponsored two new scholarships for 2019! In addition, we were incredibly honored they chose BFB Foundation as the nonprofit to feature in their recent holiday card. Thank you, Hodges Taylor!

## 2. Academic Scholarships

The first reunion of 21 **BFB Foundation Women's Scholarship** recipients held last year in Antigua, set the stage for an exciting 2019 and 14 additional *new* scholarship recipients from Socorro! We plan to expand the scholarship program to middle school students on the path to high school. We are kicking off our new [All 4-1 Campaign](#) to support academic scholarships for girls in University and high school.

## 3. Business Training

[Riecken Community Libraries Women's Leadership Program](#) provides women's entrepreneurship and leadership training in five of its Guatemala libraries through BFB Foundation. The five-year program will run throughout this year. Later in 2019, Namaste Direct will implement a new entrepreneurial training seminar in participating Riecken Libraries to continue their business and leadership training.

## 4. English Language Immersion

BFB Foundation is offering a new pilot program to 30 middle school students at Socorro San Andreas. Intensive English language immersion will be a powerful supplement to their current school curriculum, one we hope to expand to our other partner schools.



Student at Ninos de Guatemala, one of our partner schools. Photo: Kathleen Greeson



## Our Thanks to...

### Board Member, Zach Winegar

Zach, a BFB Foundation Board member since 2012, will be leaving the Board as his term expires. "As one of our founding directors, we couldn't have gotten BFB Foundation off the ground without Zach. We have benefited greatly from his marketing expertise, energy, and generous spirit. Thank you for your years of service, Zach!"

- Christine Burns-Fazzi



Students at Ninos de Guatemala

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## 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 programs and impact, visit [www.BFBfoundation.org](http://www.BFBfoundation.org) or [Donate Here](#).

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