



## GREETINGS EVERYONE! ¡SALUDOS A TODOS! LA UTZ AWACH KONOJEL

Hello Everyone!

What a year 2021 has proven to be – one of generosity and of celebration! Our community of donors and sponsors continued to come through with support and enabled us to keep moving forward with our programs in Guatemala. Behind the scenes, our team produced a cookbook, hosted two fundraisers, and updated our website. We are excited to share these additions with you!

### A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER:

*In the spirit of the holiday season of gratitude, sharing, and celebration, BFB Foundation is especially grateful to you, our community, for your unwavering support through the challenging times our world has had to endure. Our communities can only be strengthened when we all come together. With your support, we have been able to continue all of education programs this year. This is only possible with your support, so thank you.*

*We are also inspired to develop new programs to engage the community right here in Charlotte. The planning for our new speaker series **Voices : Voces** is underway and we are excited to host aerospace engineer, Shayla Rivera in April 2022.*

*We are looking forward to seeing you again in person. Join Us!*

*In gratitude,*

*Chris Burns-Fazzi  
Co-Founder*



### WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We are thrilled to welcome three new board members. [Please click here](#) to read their bios.



Lynne Barr



Shelly Brock



Anne Vari

### UPDATE FROM GUATEMALA

[\(See our 2021 Impact and Funding Chart linked here\):](#)

The students in Guatemala have not returned to the classroom and are still learning remotely. Our 41 University Scholarship students tenaciously stayed the course - five of whom completed their University studies this year!

While the COVID-19 vaccines have been rolled out in Guatemala, as of October 2021, less than 20% have been vaccinated. One of the reasons is a shortage of syringes. The lack of supply chain infrastructure has hampered the vaccination efforts.

Thanks to an incredible anonymous donor, BFB Foundation was able to provide 56 pre-owned, refurbished laptop computers to under-resourced students in our partner schools in Guatemala. This donor has donated over 150 computers in recent years! We also want to thank **Corporacion Radio Electronica S.A.** in Guatemala for donating the cost of shipping the 56 computers from Charlotte, NC. Thanks to both donors who are helping the girls to do their schoolwork remotely!

### In Her Own Words - A Student's Perspective:

*"Being able to complete my [University] coursework is a moment of great joy and gratitude for all effort and success achieved. To my parents and brothers, to BFBF for their unconditional support and being part of my life and accompanying me in this academic process."*

--Carmen Nik'te Lopez, BFB Foundation University Scholarship Recipient



### A Teacher's Perspective:

*"It was a challenging year, but full of learning and good moments to be remembered. Due to Covid-19 a couple of our students had family loss and others were affected emotionally, because they were taking care of themselves but the situation in each community was not okay, so they felt and still feel afraid. Plus, the internet challenges/issues they all had throughout the year. However, this year was special, because we started and finished the year, so we felt proud that we could carry out this program until the end. We feel thankful for having this support and opportunity to collaborate to reach more development in our communities fully supported by the BFB Foundation."*

--Teacher in our Prosperity English Program (PEP)



### BREWERY EVENT WAS A SUCCESS THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME!

In October our Lift-A-Pint event at NoDa Brewing brought supporters together to celebrate in person. We look forward to hosting the event again next Fall!

Thanks to our event sponsors, [Above Charlotte Homes](#) and [Growing for Good](#); and to the bands that donated their musical talents: [Marie Calabro MCC Music with Greg Biddlecome \(Riverpointe Sound\)](#); [Catawba Rush](#); and [Under the Influence](#).

### SPECIAL THANKS TO SHELLY AND RICH BROCK!

As many of you already know, BFB stands for Burns-Fazzi Brock, the two co-Founders of BFB Foundation--Chris Burns-Fazzi and Rich Brock-- business partners for 25 years. In November 2021, Rich and his wife Shelly (BFB board member) hosted the first All 4-1 Sponsor event since the pandemic. Five new sponsor groups will support 5 girls' University Scholarships. Thank you,

Rich and Shelly, for opening your home to BFB Foundation and promoting this wonderful program! The ALL 4-1 Campaign supports our University Scholarship program which pays for tuition, books, internet, transportation and housing.

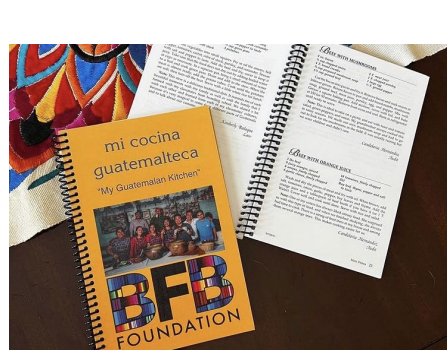


### NEW IN OUR BFBF SHOP!

[New in our shop – a cookbook!](#)

The shared traditions of food between mothers and daughters have been collected in our latest project, **Mi Cocina Guatemalteca** (My Guatemalan Kitchen), a cookbook full of recipes from the women and girls of the schools we fund. We hope that you will share this journey with your families and community. The book is available for purchase through our shop link.

[Link here to a featured recipe](#) from one of our scholarship students, Nik'te López.



### UPDATED WEBSITE:

Our website now reflects the new initiatives highlighted in this newsletter. Take a look at the new features on our site:

1. [Continuing Efforts – Updates on BFB's activities](#)

2. [Join Us – Events updates](#)

3. [Updates in the SHOP](#) (see above)

### KEYNOTE EVENT IN APRIL 2022:

**Voices : Voces featuring Shayla Rivera**

Partnership with Central Piedmont Community College, BFB Foundation is pleased to invite you to the first in our speaker series, **Voices : Voces**, featuring aerospace engineer, Shayla Rivera (April 9, 2022) in Central Piedmont's Dale F. Halton Theater. The event promotes the foundation's latest initiative, a STEM training and learning program in Guatemala for women and girls.

Rivera is a former rocket scientist with NASA, turned salesperson, corporate trainer, and now international keynote speaker, TEDx speaker, TV & radio host. She is also currently the director of the ENGR[x] program and professor of practice with the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University. She has been a lifelong champion of science and education. Please join us to learn about Rivera's journey and vision of how our potential can be realized through education and science. See you in April!

Visit our website's [Join Us!](#) tab for additional details.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Because BFB Foundation covers the cost of administrative overhead, **100% of your donation goes to our programs.** Your contributions directly impact approximately 2400 girls and women in need.

1. By program area or a general donation

2. One-time individual donation

3. Recurring monthly donation (PayPal only)

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