



LOCAL HOPE ♦ XELA AID

33 Years of Local Hope, Xela Aid

In this room you will learn about some of our milestones from 1992 to 2023, and how our programs have provided tools for transformation to those we humbly serve. Other history panels can be found outside this room. We are grateful to our devoted Staff, Directors, Advisors, Supporters and Partners through the years for making this deeply satisfying work possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS

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- Dr. James Bruce, Chair of the Board
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- Andrew Dorantes
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Advisors

- Kathy Burt
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- Bailey Smith
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STAFF AND CONSULTANTS, GUATEMALA AND U.S.

Executive Team, Guatemala

- Elmer Mazariegos, Country Director, Guatemala
- Maria Julia Donis Barillas, Deputy Director
- Estrella Vasquez, Health Programs Administrator
- Ilsy Mazariegos, Special Needs Coordinator
- Shirley Gomez, Hospitality Programs Coordinator

Partners/Consultants

- Tamalyn Gutierrez, Development Officer
- Rony Escalante, Architect
- Felipe Gutierrez, Health Program Advisor
- Carlos Ramirez, Transportation Coordinator

Staff, U.S.

- Elizabeth Deering, Administrator
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- Lisa Bernfeld, External Relations

Local Legal Body, "Esperanza Local"

- Legal Representative and President, Marco Herrera
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- Member at Large, Elmer Mazariegos
- Additional Founding Board: Maria Julia Donis Barillas, Estrella Vasquez

Local Hope–Xela Aid Directors Emeritus

- June Russell Glennon – Founding Member (1993-1995, 2005-2007)
- Colleen Dodds (1995-2006)
- Karen Edwards (1995-2006)

Staff, Guatemala

- Wendy Garcia, Study Center Coordinator, Montessori Assistant Teacher
- Sofia Gómez, Computer Department Coordinator
- Brenda Guzman, Administrative Assistant
- Maria Juarez, Montessori Teacher
- Maria Juarez Gonzalez, Special Education Teacher, Study Center Teacher
- Claudia López, Montessori Assistant Teacher
- Julia Esperanza López, Nurse
- Olga Mendoza, Computer Teacher
- Wilson Mendez, Computer Teacher
- Alberto Ramirez, Maintenance Area Manager, Receptionist
- Marisela Suy, Montessori Assistant Teacher and Housekeeping Manager
- Juana Vásquez, Montessori Teacher

Part-Time Staff, Guatemala

- Lucia Victoria Amaya, Psychologist
- Sindy Celis, Doctor
- Pedro Fuentes, Gardener
- Luis David Gomez, Radiology Assistant
- Miriam Gonzalez, Neurologist
- Evelia Hernandez, Physiotherapist
- Migdalia Hernandez, Doctor
- Yuliza Hernandez, X-Ray Technician
- Yadira Juan, Optometrist
- Juana de León, Housekeeping
- Micaela de León, Weavers' Coordinator
- Obispo Luciano López López, Art Teacher
- Sergio Israel Gómez Pérez, Senior Program
- Ludwin Jonathan Pérez Pérez, Doctor
- Alba Roque, Kitchen Assistant
- Victoria Pérez, X-Ray Technician
- Yuliana Elizabeth Sánchez Pérez, Dentist
- Brenda Soch, OBGYN
- Maidely Monzon, Small Business Development Advisor