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**TRIP DEADLINES  
APPROACHING:  
March 1st and 15th**



*BE THE CHANGE on an upcoming Xela AID service trip to Guatemala*

[Click here for your trip application](#)

**2014 Trip Schedule\***



**June 13-22**

(late-night departure)

**Deadline: March 1st, 2014**

**"Dignified Housing & Other Projects TBD with Intensive Spanish Study Option."**

Includes Atitlan, Antigua and Tikal option. Contact

[leslie@xelaaid.org](mailto:leslie@xelaaid.org)



**August 1-10/13**

(late-night departure)

**Deadline: March 15th, 2014**

**"Literacy, Art Therapy, & Special Projects at Las Nubes." Contact**

**Benefit Concert Enjoyed By All**



The Benefit Concert at Monkey Business Cafe in Fullerton was great fun! Thanks to all who were able to make it, and to **Gary Robertson** for his wonderful performance.

Proceeds from the event are being shared by Xela AID and Heart Community Homes to help children and families here and in

the Guatemala highlands.

[See more photos from the Benefit Concert here!](#)

**Meet Sofia - Our New Xela AID  
Computer Lab Coordinator!**



**Sofia Everilda Gomez Perez** is now the Computer Lab Coordinator for the Xela AID Computer Lab located at our **June Russel-Glennon** Clinic and Community Center. She will assist with maintaining the lab as well as teaching computer classes of up to ten students at a time. Special thanks to **Kathy, David, Maddy, and Duke Nicolson** for sponsoring her in Xela AID's Work Study Scholarship Program. We also

appreciate funding from the **SG Foundation** which contributed to Xela AID's Women's Empowerment Program from which Sofia has benefited. This new position has been made possible by

[sherryrobin@cox.net](mailto:sherryrobin@cox.net)

\*A 12-person minimum applies to all trips which otherwise may be canceled or combined. Thank you for your understanding.

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the sponsorship of **Helen and Milton Dinkel**, Covington, Louisiana for which Xela AID and Sofia are most grateful.

Sofia is part of the Xela AID's Leaders in Action Program. Despite numerous obstacles in her life, she has persisted and quickly regained her confidence upon joining the Leaders in Action program. In fact, Sofia is the top performing student in all of the San Martin Chiquito area of more than 5,000 students. She is currently studying law and dreams of becoming a lawyer and working on social justice and women's rights. She is extremely active in her community and we are so lucky to have her working in the computer lab!

### Update from Las Nubes: Students Are Enjoying Their New Classroom!



The community of Las Nubes is nestled in the misty forest on a mountain not far from Xela AID's base of operations. A handful of children from the exceptionally isolated community participate in Xela AID's Work-Study Scholarship Program. For many years, a small structure made of wood

served as a classroom for just a handful of children, with many others unable to study. In recent years, Xela AID helped to add several classrooms, including the one pictured where construction was completed recently. Improvements at Las Nubes are being made possible through the generosity of volunteer **Sherry Robin**, who is also overseeing Xela AID's Literacy Program.

[Visit our Las Nubes Facebook Album to see the old classroom and for more photos of the new one](#)

Warmly,

*Leslie Baer Dinkel*

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Leslie Baer Dinkel  
Executive Director

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone  
across the waters to create many ripples."

--Mother Teresa

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**Thank you...** for your ongoing interest and support!

**The Xela AID Board of Directors and Advisors, and Staff**

