



Children Seeking Sponsors!



*BE THE CHANGE for a child!
Wilmer Misael Ixcoy
Vasquez needs a
sponsorship in order to
continue to attend school.
He is one of several children
on our waiting list seeking
an educational sponsor.*

You can make a child's dream come true. Learning how to read, write and become productive and self-sufficient will change not only this child's future, but will help break the chain of poverty.

For the complete list of children on the waiting list, click [HERE](#). Email amy@xelaaid.org for more information or to sponsor a child.

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June Russel-Glennon Joins Xela AID Board of Directors

By unanimous nomination, **June Russel-Glennon** has joined the Xela AID Board of Directors.

June is an entrepreneur who for many years ran her own successful escrow business. She has served on a number of boards over the years, supports numerous organizations fighting poverty and supporting the survival of wild animal species, and was the Chair of the Board of the Coachella Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity.



June has been involved with Xela AID since its founding in 1992, when she traveled to Guatemala to experience Xela AID projects and inspect potential sites for building. She was the benefactor of two buildings central to Xela AID's operations, the first of which is now home to Xela AID's San Martin Tots Preschool serving 35 children daily.

The gifts of approximately 200 other donors and the capstone gift June made, made it possible to erect Xela AID's base of operations in the extremely underserved community of San Martín Chiquito later named for her, the June Russel-Glennon Clinic and Community Center.

"We are extremely pleased that June has joined our Board at this important time in our history," said Sue Rikalo, Board Chair. "We are receiving training from the Annenberg Foundation to build our board and hone best board practices. June brings with her a wealth of experience in board service. This, and her exceptional history with and

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dedication to the mission of Xela AID, make her an invaluable addition to our Board."

Top Performers at Las Nubes Rewarded



It is not often that children of the remote village of Las Nubes get a chance to be recognized, but today is different. Twelve months ago, Xela AID's Las Nubes Program Manager **Sherry Robin** personally challenged

kids at the remote Las Nubes school to excel, and for these four top achievers, their efforts have paid off. **Anibal Julian Lopez Mendez, Donald Carmelio Lopez, Elida Roxana Mejia, and Sucely Marísol Gomez** each received marks totaling 80% (equivalent to an "A") and received the opportunity to tutor other young children for pay - a great opportunity in an area where unemployment tops 75%.

The four will spend 30 hours over the next month tutoring and will each receive Q1000 (about \$132) for their labors. This equates to more than \$4 (Q33) per hour, about three times the average wage when there is work. Xela AID salutes these four young people for their achievement, and thanks Sherry Robin for her personal commitment to the village of Las Nubes.

Special Thanks to New Sponsor!



Barbara Andryjowicz is now sponsoring **Rocio Nohemy Méndez Izara!** Rocio (pictured at left, second from left) is 16 years old and dreams of becoming a nurse or doctor with a specialty in surgery. Rocio loves to

learn new things and wants to continue her education in order to help others receive the medical assistance they need. She is very thankful to Barbara who is making it possible for her to continue following her dreams of

becoming a doctor and changing people's lives!

Xela AID's Work Study Scholarship Program is **in the news!**
Read the full article [HERE](#) (in Spanish)

If you'd like to sponsor a child, visit our waiting list [HERE](#) and
e-mail: amy@xelaaid.org for more information.

Warmly,

Leslie Baer Dinkel

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Executive Director

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

--Mother Teresa

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

[The Xela AID Board of Directors and Advisors, and Staff](#)

