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DATES TO SAVE

SOCIODRAMA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

January 24-26, 2014

Catalina Island

Cost: \$280*

[RSVP here!](#)

For more information, contact:

leslie@xelaaid.org

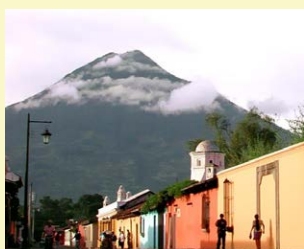
**10 person minimum. Boat transportation (\$65 RT) and lodging not included; Shared lodging will be available.*



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

2014 Trip Schedule*

More details to come soon!



SWEET PROFITS -- Women from Xela AID's Tesoros del Corazon Fair Trade Weaving Cooperative are learning to make chocolate - another source of income they'll use to invest in buying thread to make their artful weavings. Their challenge, according to Coop Coordinator Yaneth Gramajo: "To keep from eating all the profits!"

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters who recognize that education is key to overcoming poverty, Xela AID's Work Study Scholarship program (WSS, formerly PEX) is growing in leaps and bounds.

We are grateful to the following people who during summer trips or in the past month have sponsored children so that they may be able to follow their dreams, support themselves and their families, and live more informed and fulfilled lives.

Xela AID would like to thank these sponsors for making it possible for the following children to pursue their dream of getting an education:

March 14-23

(late-night departure)
"10-Days, 3-Volcanos"
CLIMB the progressively
tougher volcanoes of
Antigua, Xela, and Lago
de Atitlan to benefit
Xela AID. This trip is for
the especially fit and
their cheering section!
Contact trip leader Cliff
Hague at
cliffrider@mac.com



June 13-22

(late-night departure)
"Dignified Housing &
Other Projects TBD with
Intensive Spanish Study
Option." Includes
Atitlan, Antigua and
Tikal option. Contact
leslie@xelaaid.org



June 27-July 6

(late-night departure)
"Education Programs
with Intensive Spanish
Study Option." Includes
Atitlan and Antigua.
Contact trip leader Sue
Rikalo at:
sue@rikalo.com

- * **Susan McCaw** sponsored [Brenda Leticia Mendez Marinda](#)
- * **Kathy Logan** sponsored [Ingrid Magralia Argueta Lopez](#), [Xiomara Andrea Lopez](#), [Glendy Leticia Lopez Vasquez](#) (below, left), and [Carlos Alejandro Garcia Ramirez Aida Baquix Robles](#)
- * **Sheryl Fontaine & Debi Esquivel** sponsored [Estrella Vasquez](#)



- * **Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy** sponsored [Julia Azucena Baquix Robles](#)
- * **Geraldine (Jahnavi) Baldassarre** sponsored [Aida Baquix Robles](#)
- * **Isaura and John Capell** sponsored [Edilson Cristofer Vasquez Romero](#)
- * **Jordan Klarenbeck** sponsored [Jose Fernando Silva Garcia](#)
- * **Mel Dinkel** sponsored

[Ana Leticia Vasquez](#)

- * **Autumn Reifensnyder** sponsored [Victor Dario Baquix](#)
- * **Barbara and Esteban Andryjowicz** sponsored [Wilmer Menacio Perez Lorenzo](#)

*Want to change a life with the gift of education?
Visit our [Waiting List](#). For more information, contact
amy@xelaaid.org*

DON'T MISS THE DATES AT TOP, LEFT!

Check out the column at left to RSVP for our Leadership Training Conference on Catalina Island for those interested in leading trips and to note the dates or reserve space for next year's Service Trips.

Most sincerely yours,

Leslie Baer Dinkel



**July 31-August 9
(late-night departure)**
"Literacy, Art Therapy, &
Special Projects at Las
Nubes." Contact
sherryrobin@cox.net

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

Remember to LIKE Xela AID on Facebook so you'll get updates from our travels in Guatemala and other messages from the field! If you haven't already, it's easy. Do it **NOW!**

Leslie Baer Dinkel
Executive Director

"I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something..."

--Edward Everett Hale, American Clergyman and Writer

Seeking...

COSTUMES STILL NEEDED



As part of their Alquifiestas microbusiness, Xela AID's Leaders in Action group is appearing in costume and being photographed with party goers. Donations of costumes in adult sizes would be greatly appreciated (used are fine), including princesses, superheros, vampires and other recognizable characters. Donate a costume and receive a gift-in-kind receipt for your tax deductible donation. To donate, contact **Sue Rikalo** at sue@xelaaid.org.

GOT STUFF?

Are you upgrading your technology? Cleaning out drawers? Or just want to go out and buy a little something to help someone meet their needs?

Consider a tax deductible gift-in-kind that we can put to extremely good use in the highlands of Guatemala this summer. Needed are:



- > Used (or new) working PC laptops, iPads, iPhones, Kindles
- > Miscellaneous sewing supplies
- > Hair brushes (new)
- > Hand mirrors
- > Combs (new)
- > Notebooks
- > Paper





- > Pencils
- > Pens
- > Birthday candles
- > Ribbons
- > Balloons and other party supplies...

Contact Leslie at leslie@xelaaid.org



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

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