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**DATES TO SAVE**

**Benefit Concert at Monkey Business Cafe**

**February 15th 5-8pm**

(For Details and to Reserve, see last story on right)



*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)

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

Includes Atitlan, Antigua and Tikal option. Contact

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

**WSS Students Are Excited to Receive Their Scholarship Funds!**



Xela AID's Work Study Scholarship Program (WSS) makes it possible for nearly 100 children to be in school who otherwise, would not have the opportunity. This is made possible by our generous sponsors! Older WSS-sponsored children receive monthly distributions to be in technical school and college. Two times a year,

funds are distributed to children in grade school, like the one pictured above. Children and their parents sign agreements in which they promise to attend school and maintain a 60% average in order to continue to receive their help. Distribution time is an exciting time, since with monies, children will register for school and purchase books, paper and other essentials so that they can have an opportunity that in many cases their parents did not: to learn to read and write and begin to explore the secrets of our wonderful world!

Want to make a child's dreams come true? Visit our [Children Awaiting Sponsors](#) page, then write to us at [amy@xelaaid.org](mailto:amy@xelaaid.org).

**Summer Trip Deadlines February 1 and 15**

This year marks another exciting season of Xela AID Service Trips. This is a reminder that trip applications are coming due for our two trips with availability:

**JUNE 13-22: Dignified Housing: A**



### **August 1-10/13**

(late-night departure)

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

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!](#)



### **Home for Julia With Intensive Spanish Study Option**

For more information:

[June Trip FLYER](#). Deadline: Saturday, **February 1st, 2014**

### **AUGUST 1-10: Literacy, Art Therapy, & Special Projects at Las Nubes**

For more information:

[August Trip FLYER](#).  
Deadline: Saturday, **February 15th, 2014**



**APPLICATION LINK** - For your convenience, we have included a link to the application [HERE](#). (Trips shown here are the two with availability.)

You will send this completed application with your deposit check and a color copy of your passport (if you currently have one, or you can provide that upon receipt of your passport) to: Xela AID, 111 W. Ocean Blvd. 4th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.

**If you wish to confirm space, please reply immediately** so that space may be held for you, to [amy@xelaaid.org](mailto:amy@xelaaid.org). We hope you will be traveling with us this summer!

### **Xela AID Benefit Concert and Dinner at Monkey Business Cafe**

On February 15th,  
2014, grab your  
sweetheart and

support both Xela  
AID and Hart  
Community Homes'  
non-profit cafe that  
serves delicious fare!



Featured will be **Gary Robertson** who will thrill with his eclectic blend of fingerstyle jazz, standards, pop, folk, rock, and blues. Donation will be \$25 when you reserve below or at the door which will fund education and work experience opportunities for youth both here and in Guatemala. Dinner will be available for \$6-\$20.

**Reserve** your spot [HERE!](#)

If you can't make it to the concert but still wish to donate to the cause, you can do so through the "HERE" link above.

Warmly,

*Leslie Baer Dinkel*

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**

