



# La Casita



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**La Casita is looking forward to a new kitchen!** Now that school has started, La Casita is at full capacity with over 50 children coming each day for tutorial help. With the increased number of students coming to La Casita, the staff have identified the need for healthy snacks to be served and that this will significantly contribute to their educational progress. However, the current kitchen is crowded, hot and inadequate.

### La Casita Programs & Classes

#### Learning Centre

- Library
- Tutorial Time
- Computer Literacy
- Entrepreneurial classes
- Parent Consultation
- English Classes
- Special Events
- Vacation School

#### Ancianas

- Lunch
- Social time

#### Scholarship Students

- Financial aid
- Computer and
- Library research
- Volunteer time



Staff and volunteers make nutritious snacks for the children every day and lunches for the Ancianas twice a week. We've outgrown this space. Many options were considered as we looked at the use of the property as a whole. It was agreed that removing the current building, digging down to street level, building a street-level multi-purpose area, a second-level kitchen, and top-level open multi-purpose area would be an excellent enhancement to the use of the space. We've received two major donations that will cover most of the construction. However, there will be further costs for plumbing, electricity and furnishings. Donations toward this initiative are greatly appreciated. Please contact us through our website at:

<https://www.innovativecommunities.org/communities/guatemala/san-anonio-casita-kitchen-building/>



**La Casita** Scholarship Students ("Becados") provide extra help with computer skills, math, reading, and English. Extra classes are given at night and on the weekends as well. The "Becados" volunteer their time by supporting our teacher Lidya, and helping individual students with their homework and research. This year we have 11 Scholarship students ranging from Jr. High to University students.

## Sandra Verónica ChogXajil

Sandra is one of our new "Becados." She is 14 years old and has just obtained her 6th grade diploma. She is the first daughter of the Choguaj family who is going to enter a higher level of education that requires expenses for supplies and the study time that she needs.

Sandra's father is a day laborer and her mother weaves bracelets and works in the onion fields. Neither parent learned to read or write. They are very proud of her and encourage her to become a teacher so that all children can learn.

**Sandra and her Mom at home**



Scholarship students volunteer their time to work with the younger students and healthy snacks help keep the children's minds active.

