



PanaKids Biliteracy Program

Create a brighter future for a Guatemalan child!

Silent Auction & Cultural Event – May 22, 2011
Jones Coffee Roasters, Pasadena, California

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Dear Friends of PanaKids,

Last August, I drove from California to Guatemala with my family to immerse ourselves in our heritage language and culture. Once we arrived in Guatemala, I discovered a tremendous need for educational programs that effectively develop literacy in Spanish and English while maintaining a child's native dialect. In Guatemala, schools rely heavily on rote memorization for developing basic skills. Meanwhile, the family structure is deteriorating as children lose their mayan language and can no longer communicate with their elders. I was fortunate to find a bilingual preschool eager to build a biliteracy program, PanaKids. We currently serve children, ages 2-7, and plan to introduce a new grade level each year (preK to 6th grade). Students at PanaKids Biliteracy Program will develop the essential tools for a successful future. The community-based curriculum empowers children to lead sustainable lives, while developing a genuine appreciation for their community and families.

We are grateful to several sponsors in the United States who provide scholarships for some of our students to attend PanaKids due to their economic circumstances. We hope to serve many more children who could benefit from our program by hosting our very first fundraiser on May 22.

From April 20 to May 22, PanaKids will be silently auctioning off a number of fun and unique items to raise money for our school. The more items we have the more money we can raise, so we're asking for your help.

Give a little and get a lot in return

Whether you have 1 item or 100 to contribute, your participation is an invaluable part of our fundraising effort. By donating an item or service, you'll be helping to raise money for children in Guatemala. You'll also receive a mention on our website that can link back to your own web page and promote your business.

Please send an email to: AlisonAKelly@aol.com

Provide:

- a brief description of the donated item
- a photo or image
- your website URL (if you are a business)
- an approximate value of your donated item

Thank you in advance for your contribution!

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