



Dear Friends,

**Global Leaders is hosting our 16th Annual Fiesta de Global Leaders Benefit Auction on April 29, 2023. We are looking for your support!** As a member of our local community, we are seeking your support in the form of a donation for our silent and live auction. This event is our **biggest fundraiser** of the year and provides **crucial support** for our financial aid program, as well as funding for the service projects our students complete locally and abroad during our immersion trip to Guatemala.

### **Who are we?**

Global Leaders is an independent 501c3 organization that empowers students to make positive change through our service-learning and leadership program. We are proud to call the Fort Collins, Colorado community our home. Our program is **unique** in its **local focus**. Our students are able to develop a lifelong ethic of service by combining local service-learning experiences with international service-learning experiences. Our students participate in extraordinary educational programs in Central America combining Spanish language study, home stays, and service-learning.

### **What do we believe?**

We believe in a simple equation: **(Education + Skills) x Empowerment = Positive Social Change**

- We believe **any student has the capacity to be a leader, regardless of financial background**. We strive to be inclusive of students from all walks of life.
- We believe that students are not the leaders of tomorrow; we believe in them as the leaders of today.
- We empower our students to act in service with intention and integrity.
- We believe in our local community. We recognize that service is necessary at home and abroad. Our students perform at least 70 hours of local pre-journey service.

**Your support directly impacts these students who would not ordinarily have access to this kind of leadership program and encourages local youth to continue to give back to their community.**

### **What can you do to help?**

Please consider making an item donation to the Fiesta de Global Leaders Benefit Auction and invest in our youth today. We also have several sponsorship opportunities available and would love to meet with you or speak over the phone to develop a package that works for your business. For sponsorship inquiries, please contact us at 970-672-7060 or [kyla@globalleadersinc.org](mailto:kyla@globalleadersinc.org).

With gratitude,

Joe Fontana  
Co-Founder and Executive Director



## Global Leaders Fact Sheet

History	2019 Program	2021-2022 Program (First Full Year Post Covid)
<p>26 years of travel and service programs for high school students</p> <p>31 international trips</p> <p>Local Service Hours: 72,000 hours of local service-learning in Larimer County and Guatemala since 1997.</p> <p><b>As of December, 2022:</b></p> <p>38 school rooms built in Guatemala</p> <p>1,300 Students served</p> <p>75+ Student Initiated Projects</p> <p>38,000 trees planted</p> <p>60 clean cookstoves installed</p> <p>40,00 hours of GL volunteer work dedicated abroad.</p> <p>20,000 shoes donated to families in Guatemala</p>	<p><b>72 Students</b></p> <p><b>Local Service: 5,000 hours</b> of local service-learning in Northern Colorado</p> <p><b>International Service: 2,400 hours</b></p> <p><b>Financial Aid: 40%</b> of students receive need-based aid</p> <p><b>Executive Board: 9</b> GL returners developed and led service projects. <b>75%</b> of meetings and seminars are student led, planned, and executed.</p> <p><b>Internships:</b> GL expanded our financial aid program, partnering with local nonprofits like the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) and Habitat for Humanity to pair students with internships.</p> <p><b>Cookstoves:</b> GL'ers helped install <b>25</b> clean cookstoves with families in Segunda Cruz, Guatemala. GL partners with local agencies and community members to determine needs within the community.</p> <p><b>Reforestation:</b> Students partnered with the Municipalidad de Pastores on their reforestation project, planting <b>2,000 trees.</b></p> <p><b>Hospital:</b> Students spent over <b>450 hours</b> with live-in patients at Hospital Hermano Pedro, Guatemala.</p>	<p><b>40 Students</b></p> <p><b>Local Service: 3,000 hours</b> of service-learning in the Northern Colorado Community</p> <p><b>Service Projects:</b> A Little Help, Tutoring at Lopez Elementary, Pop-Up Food Pantry at Poudre High School and Lopez Elementary, Shire Farms, Respite Care, and more!</p> <p><b>International Service: 1,500 hours</b></p> <p><b>Financial Aid: 45%</b> of students receive need-based aid and participate in our Work and Earn Program</p> <p><b>Executive Board: 3</b> returning students developed seminar plans and coordinated service projects in the community.</p> <p><b>Cookstoves:</b> GL'ers helped install <b>20</b> clean cookstoves with families in Segunda Cruz, Guatemala. GL partners with local agencies and community members to determine needs within the community.</p> <p><b>Reforestation:</b> Students partnered with the Municipalidad de Pastores on their reforestation project, planting <b>1,000 trees.</b></p> <p><b>Coffee Farm:</b> Students spent over <b>270 hours</b> working on a coffee farm owned by Alberto, the brother of our partner Aurelio.</p>



*(Volunteers - complete the form below and return it to your team leader or to GL Staff)*

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Value of donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Restrictions (expirations, purchase required, etc.):

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Item status (circle one): at GL Office / to be picked up / to be delivered

Pick up/delivery date/time:

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Tax Deductible receipt to donor (circle one): Yes No

***Thank you for your support!***