



From Houses to Homes

Impact Report 2018



"2018 marked the launch of our Mother and Child Program."

A Note from our Executive Director

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I along with Oscar and our entire staff would like to express our gratitude for your continued support of our mission. We could not continue the work we do without our volunteers and the financial support we receive from so many.

In 2018 we extended our work into several new and very needy communities. These have included Yalu, El Chipoton and Los Planes. We are pleased to have provided 672 Guatemalans with a safe roof over their heads. We have hopes to further our reach in 2019 by providing homes for more families in different communities. The need is great and again we are thankful for everyone's support.

The grant from Grousemont which enabled From Houses to Homes to partner with New Course has meant that 2018 marked the launch of our Mother and Child Program at our school Escuela Kemna'oj. Over the past year both our students and their Mothers have received eye examinations for the first time (glasses were given to those who needed them), and growth and development clinics and medical and dental care have been given. School attendance is key; however, it is a nationwide problem in Guatemala and puts children at risk for falling behind academically, dropping out of school, facing serious long-term health, employment and financial consequences. This program has helped improve school attendance and we are on a mission to address the issue of malnutrition that many children we work with suffer from.

I hope that this report provides a clear image of the impact your support has had on so many over the past year.

Gratefully,

Judy Baker



Our Mission:

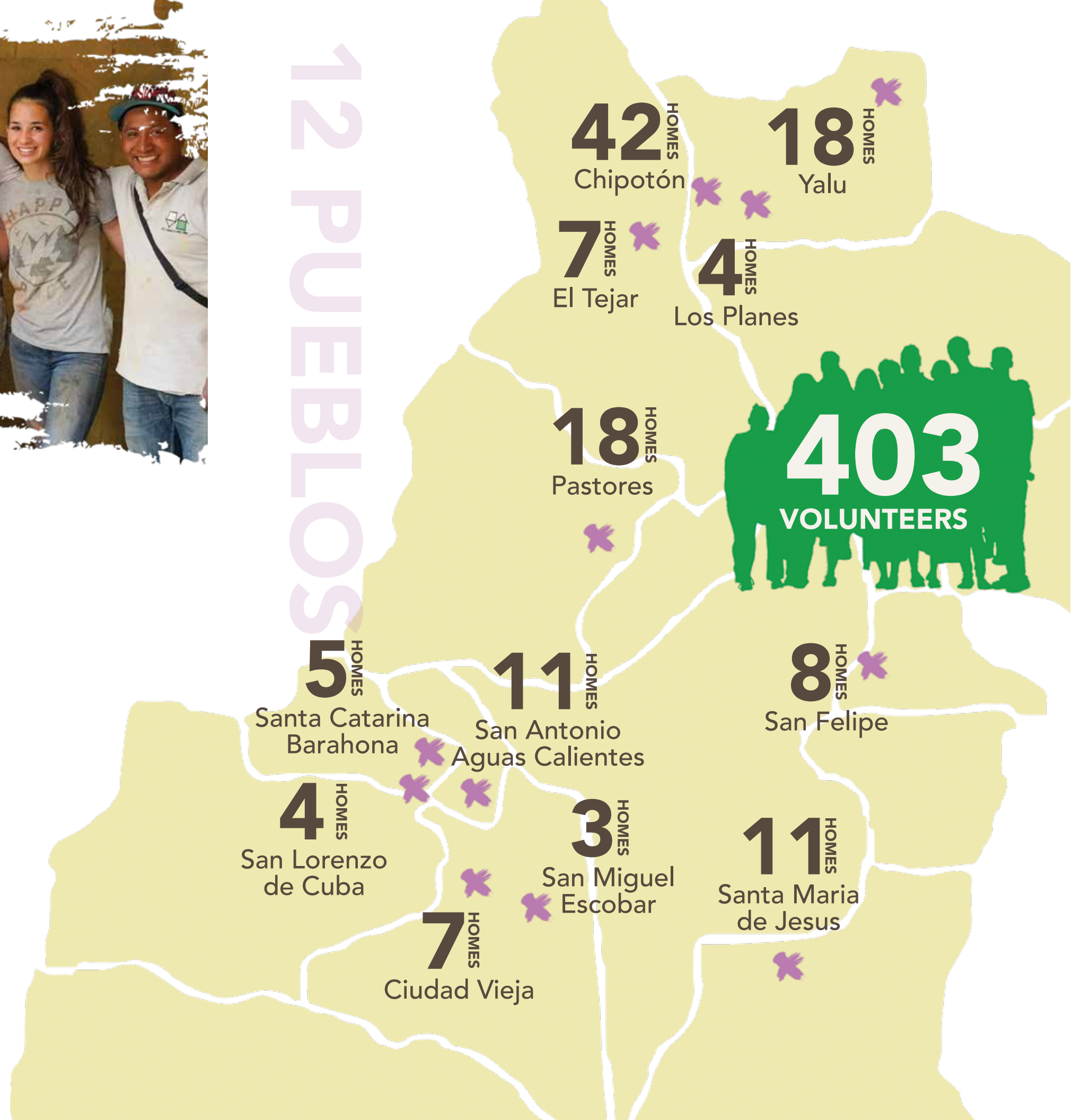
"From House to Homes aims to create pathways out of poverty by providing safe housing, education and health care."



Housing Project

In 2018 we built a total of 133 homes. 672 Guatemalans, who were previously living in a cornstalk or corrugated metal shack have been provided with a block home. The impact on these families is life-changing: A door they can lock provides them with a sense of security, a roof protects them from the elements, and a window provides light into their home. Below you will not only see the impact our housing project has on these families but also where these houses have been built. You will notice that we have expanded into new communities where there is much need.

133
HOMES



Escuela Kemna'Oj

2018 marked our first graduating 9th grade class. We are pleased to announce that out of the 15 students, 13 students have decided to continue with their studies. Eight of these students are young ladies. Women's rights and education are key areas of our organization so we are pleased to report that our female students are now taking advantage of the opportunity to study in the following areas: legal secretary studies, marketing and advertising, early childhood studies, high school diplomas with a focus on science and another with a focus on tourism. The students are following their dreams and we are so incredibly proud of them all!



STUDENTS



130 SPONSORED

A Student's Story

Ajeu Eliseo Piche Ixchop

Eliseo is 9 years old and attends our school Escuela Kemna'oj. His Mother is called Estela Ixchop Quinilla and is 37 years old. His Father is called es Mario Piche García and he is 48 years old. Neither parents had the opportunity to go to school. Eliseo has 3 brothers and sisters, one of which also attends our school.

Mario works in the fields earning just \$4 a day and Estela washes clothes when given the opportunity. They often struggle to make ends meet and are appreciative not just of the education Eliseo is receiving but also the meals he is given at the school as well as the free medical care they receive at St Joseph's Clinic.

2018 marked a difficult year for Eliseo and his family. Eliseo started to lose feeling

in his right leg. His foot started to hook into his stride. It was confirmed that Eliseo was born with spina bifida, a birth defect which is usually picked up during a baby's first year and is then treated. Sadly pre- and post- natal care is not widely available for many in Guatemala which has the highest maternal mortality rate in Latin America. Many have babies at home and often common illnesses go untreated. This was the case for Eliseo.

After numerous trips to the national hospital and with very little treatment available his condition had deteriorated to the point where he has lost all feeling in his leg and also urinary sphincter function. His condition was degenerative which means it is getting worse day-by-day.

It was confirmed that his condition had now led to tethered cord syndrome. He needed spinal surgery as soon as possible and thanks to the support of St Joseph's medical clinic and many generous donors he was able to have the operation he needed.

UNICEF and other organizations have called Guatemala one of the worst countries in the world to be a child. For families like Eliseo's it can be difficult for them to get ahead in Guatemala. Fortunately Eliseo and his sister both attend our school and the entire family have access to free medical care.



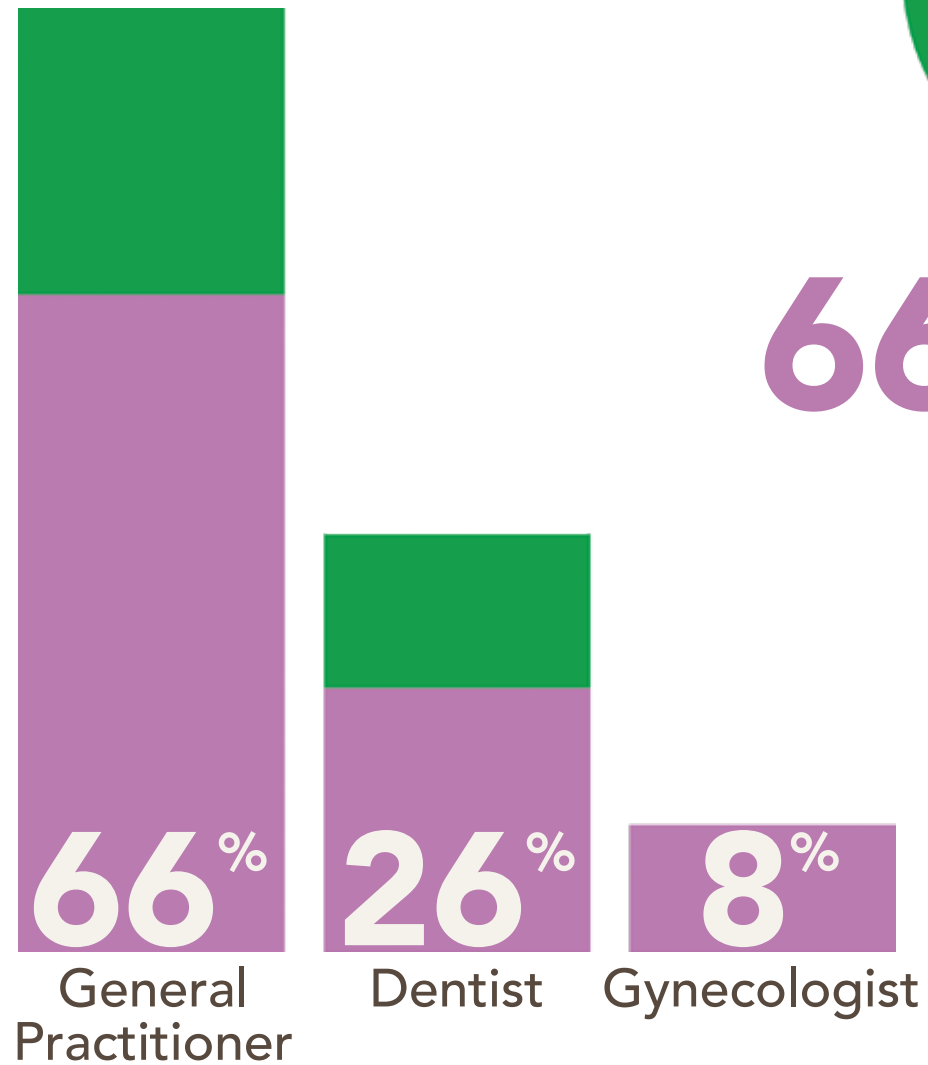
**Thank
you for
changing
the lives
of children
like Eliseo!**

San José Medical Clinic

2018 has been a challenging year for the medical clinic; it is our most underfunded project. Nevertheless, the clinic was able to attend to more than 5000 patients and provide them with the care they needed. Some of the main causes of death in Guatemala still include treatable diseases, such as gastrointestinal ailments, pneumonia, malnutrition, and tuberculosis. The most common health issues we address are respiratory infections, gastrointestinal and dermatological illnesses.



66 % OF ALL PATIENTS
FEMALE



SERVING NEARLY
5300  **PATIENTS**



Make an Impact

Individuals, families, and groups who are interested in a life changing experience are welcome to join us!

"Our old house leaked all the time when it rained. Now with this home I know we will be warm and that my children will get less sick"

--Familia Alvarado Hatz

**5 DAYS
+
\$500
=
HOME**

YOU CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE: BE A SPONSOR

- Volunteer fee for building (age 13 and older) - \$500
- Home for a family - \$2000
- Groceries for a month - \$30
- 'Pila' - sink - \$65
- Stove - \$200
- Vitamins for a month - \$24
- Women's health clinic visit - \$30
- Medical Clinic Visit and Medication for one person - \$50
- Medicine for 4 people - \$100
- School supplies for one student: \$100.00

- Student Sponsorship for a year - \$720
- Student Sponsorship for a month - \$60

For each student we provide:

- 2 meals a day (breakfast and lunch)
- Access to our medical clinic (including their family)
- Education materials
- Social Worker support

How to Donate

- Check (payable to From Houses to Homes)
- Online
- Corporate Matching Funds
- Gift of Stock
- Amazon Smile
- Planned Giving

For more information, go online:
<http://www.fromhousestohomes.org/donate/>

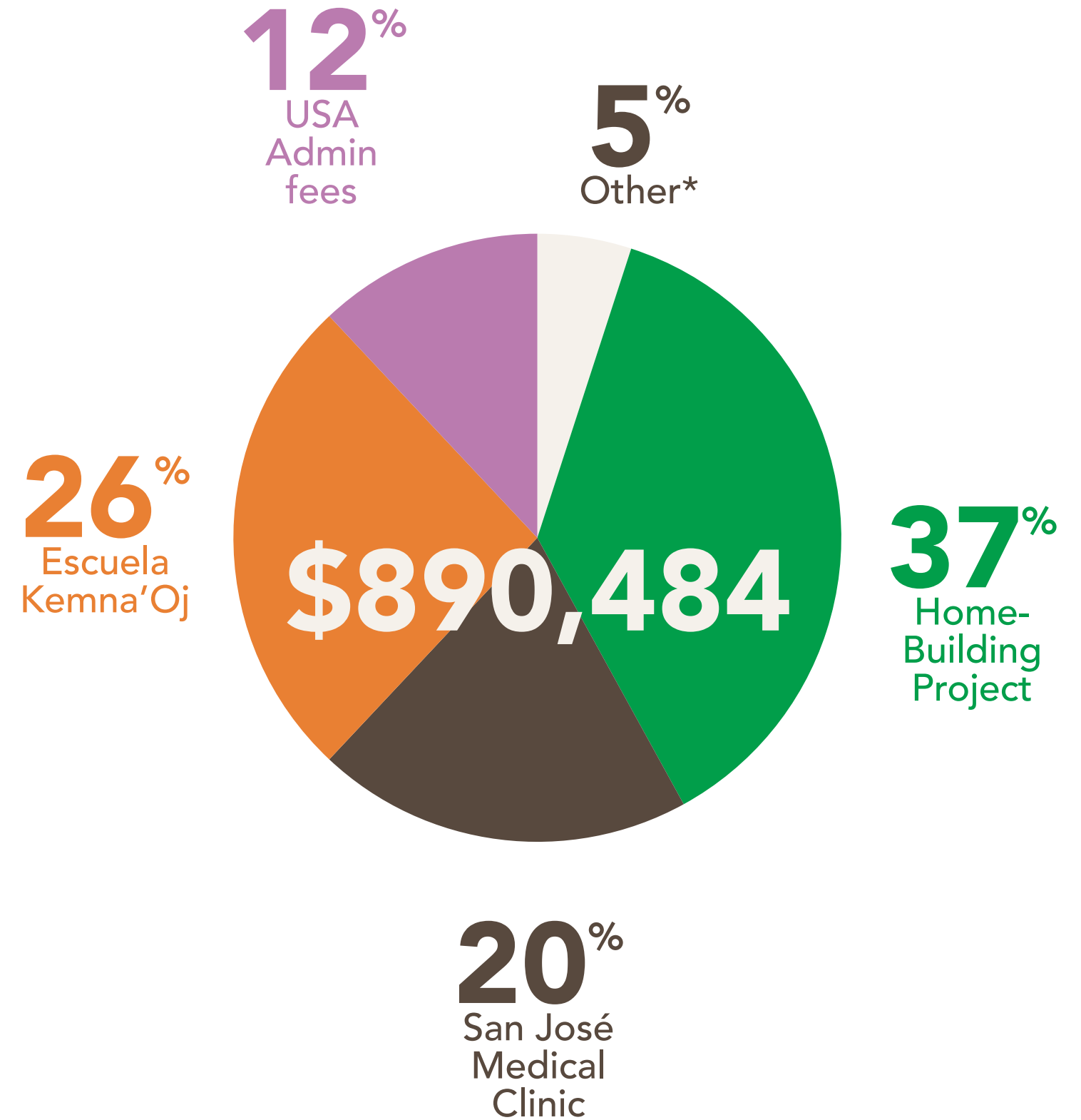
or email Judy Baker at:
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See how we use the money
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TOTAL EXPENSES



* Monthly groceries for families in need, Donations/ gifts to individuals (clothes, medical care outside of San Jose Medical Clinic, education support outside of Kemna'oj etc)

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