



NOVEMBER UPDATE

Graduation Time in Santa Cruz!



November is the time of year when the rains end here on Lake Atitlán, the sun comes out, and we get to celebrate with our incredible graduates! From young children to young adults, education is on the rise in Santa Cruz. At every grade level, more and more young girls and boys are completing their education. And their parents, who a generation before likely only attended a year or two of school, are beaming with pride. After 20 years of Amigos investment in education, we are truly seeing a difference taking shape!

#GivingTuesday is Just One Week Away!

Black Friday
Cyber Monday

#GivingTuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving back, when people around the world chose to support a cause close to their heart.

On November 27th, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, your **donation to Amigos will be DOUBLED** by a generous donor up to \$7,000!

That means that each dollar you give will go twice as far. Help Amigos to reach our goal, to give the children of Santa Cruz a chance for a brighter future.

PS: Can't wait? You can donate starting starting today and note 'Giving Tuesday' in the memo to have it doubled on Tuesday.



High School Graduates Breaking Barriers



This November, 11 Amigos scholarship recipients graduated from high school! These young men and woman worked hard to achieve their dream, the first generation to become educated in Santa Cruz.

Aresnio, Maria and Julia are three of this year's graduates. Arsenio studied music, and Maria wants to be an accountant. Julia, a wife

and mother of two young children, hopes to work on programs that empower women. Most women in Santa Cruz are expected to stay in the home and take care of the family after marrying and having children, yet Julia refused to give up on her dream and was supported by her husband and children in her studies. She is a true example that a woman's potential should know no boundaries!

And Congratulations to the Teachers, too!

As we close this school year, we want to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of so many teachers here in Santa Cruz. They are the faces that the children see each day,

introducing them to a world of learning and encouraging them to stay in school.

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