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OPPORTUNITY & ACCESS CHANGE EVERYTHING
Your support not only makes it possible for students to attend school—beyond the classroom it provides resources like homework centers, libraries, and computer labs. You make it possible for Common Hope to offer tutoring, youth support programs, and other critical educational support programs that give students what they need to be successful in school and in life.

CELEBRATING ESTUDIANTES ESTRELLAS
In 2019, Common Hope’s Scholarship department hosted the inaugural Star Student Ceremony, a celebration to honor students who achieved and maintained top marks (at least 80%) in all of their classes. “Despite the barriers they face, these students are overcoming the odds,” said Nineth Garcia, Scholarship Manager.

NUMBER OF COMMON HOPE STUDENTS SERVED IN 2019
3,880

NUMBER OF "STAR STUDENTS" IN 2019
125

NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN 2019
157 plus 4 university grads

NUMBER OF TEACHERS SERVED in 11 schools
146 teachers

TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN 2019
11,155

“"We continue to prove to be a safe environment for youth and their parents. Our space and programs create stability, support resilience, build values, foster confidence, and empower for their futures."” -Rebecca Sanborn, Country Director

Princeton University Vision Team pictured with the Escobar Temal Family and their new home.
WE MADE SAFE HOMES, QUALITY HEALTH CARE, AND FAMILY A PRIORITY.

NUMBER OF
VISION TEAMS
30

NUMBER OF BLOCK HOMES
BUILT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CONSTRU CASA
50

“2019 was the first year Common Hope, in partnership with Constru Casa, has been able to build 40 homes for families in San Miguel Milpas Altas. It was a huge milestone celebration for the staff and a joyous occasion for the families and community.” - Josué Sican, Operations Director

NUMBER OF
DENTAL EXAMS
AND TREATMENTS
14,779
2,031

NUMBER OF
HEALTH CARE
VISITS AND
EXAMS
14,779

NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS IN 2019
Vision Team Members
440
Dental Team Members
100
Long Term & Short Term Volunteers
60
U.S. Volunteers
123
One-Day Experience Volunteers
70

NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEER HOURS
LOGGED BY FAMILIES
4,695

NUMBER OF
HOUSING
IMPROVEMENTS
EARNED BY FAMILIES
261

NUMBER OF LETTERS
DELIVERED TO STUDENTS AND SPONSORS
12,198

NUMBER OF
SPONSOR VISITS
IN 2019
424

INCLUDES RETAINING WALLS, STOVES, BUNK BEDS, NEW ROOFS, AND MORE.
Together, We Built Community.

Coast to Coast, Partners Made it Possible.

Vision Teams
Vision Teams are the backbone of Common Hope’s support system. These groups of volunteers travel to Guatemala to work alongside staff and families.

Aliso Tech Vision Team, Minnesota
Allina Team, Minnesota
Boston Scientific Team Builder, USA
Columbus United Vision Team, California
Concordia University Team Builder, Minnesota
Eagle Heights Vision Team Junior, Minnesota
Embros Rotary Vision Team, Wisconsin
Engineers Without Borders Team, USA
Faith Waconia Vision Team, Minnesota
First Parish of York Vision Team, Maine
Kinsky and Friends Vision Team, Minnesota
The Madlins Vision Team, Wisconsin
New Hope Vision Team, Minnesota
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Princeton University Vision Team, New Jersey
River Life Vision Team, California
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The Scanlan Family Team Builder, USA
Travel to Serve Vision Team, Minnesota
University of South Dakota Team Builder, South Dakota
Western Springs Vision Team, Illinois
West I zip Vision Team, New York
Wrennska Vision Team, Illinois

School Community Partners
Learn. Study. Think Globally.
School partnerships create cultural awareness and promote service-learning, helping students of all ages develop a global perspective.

Bonita Springs Charter School, Florida
Clear Springs Elementary, Minnesota
DesPlaines Elementary, Minnesota
Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion, Minnesota
Eaton Valley High School, Iowa
Ellen Hopkins Elementary, Minnesota
Good Shepard School, Minnesota
La Academia, Minnesota
Manassas High School, New York
MAST Academy, Florida
Minnestoa High School, Minnesota
Minnestoa Elementary, Minnesota
Morningside High School Ping Pong Club, California
Richfield Dual Language School, Minnesota
Shakopee Area Catholic School, Minnesota
St. Croix Preparatory Academy, Minnesota
York Community High School, Illinois
Zipa de Esperanza (University of Akron), Ohio

Faith Community Partners
Faith partners serve, learn, and grow as a community through shared experiences that allow them to give back through mission-focused work.

Columbine United Church, Colorado
First Congregational Church, Illinois
Faith Lutheran Church (Waconia), Minnesota
Faith Lutheran Church, New Mexico
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Corporate Partners
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AbeTech
Bituminous Roadways
Boston Scientific, BSCI HOLA
Bridgepark’s Ice Cream
Christian & Estelle HAIER Showdown Displays

Dental & Medical Teams
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Dental
O’Brien Dental Team, California
Nancy Norling Dental Team, Minnesota
University of Minnesota Dental Team, Minnesota
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Medical
Guatemala Surgery Team, USA

University & Higher Education Partners
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Boston Scientific Team Builder, Antigua Guatemala, September 2019
Graduate Silvia Sánchez pictured with sponsor Marian Hollingshead at the graduation ceremony in Antigua, Guatemala.
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SPONSORS' CELEBRATING sponsored for 30 years, 25 years, 20 years, and 10 years.
The organization recognizes the anniversary of those who have Common Hope celebrates the dedication of all sponsors.

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Karen Van Sylve
Rick and Karina Ohr
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David Webb
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Sandra and David Swanson
Scott and Jennifer Polman
Together, we navigate forward.

We’re finding creative solutions for delivering our mission during this crisis.

Though the purpose of this report is to provide an update on 2019 financial health, program results, and impact, it is important to acknowledge and share how progress and impact will look different in 2020 in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The way Common Hope delivers on its mission evolves daily and our staff is working hard to generate innovative and creative solutions for supporting students and families in the face of so much uncertainty.

Keeping Education Accessible and Important

Schools in Guatemala are closed for the foreseeable future—and the quality and accessibility of distance learning is low. Common Hope needs to keep education a priority for children and parents so the education team has created new ways for students to engage in learning. The SPARKS or Chispudos program, which has kids continue to build skills in math and reading and keep learning at the forefront, has ensured that kids continue to build skills in math and reading and keep learning at the forefront. The education team also operates a daytime & evening homework hotline to help students when they need it while the library, computer lab, and homework center remain closed.

Providing Comprehensive Quality Health Care

Continuing a holistic approach to providing quality health care to families remains a high priority. This includes physical, emotional, and mental health. Clinic staff continue to lead the development and implementation of safety protocols for these delivering these services while also monitoring new tele-medicine resources. During lockdown, tele-health is critical. Common Hope has dedicated resources to support not only physical health, but to also address anxiety, stress, and emotional health during these unprecedented times.

Staying Connected with Families and Their Needs

Now more than ever, it is critical for Common Hope families to be connected; to health resources, to education resources, to friends and family. Common Hope’s social workers need to be able to maintain contact with families in order to understand their needs. Common Hope has invested resources to provide cell phones, data plans, and other technology to frontline staff. Although telephone calls and text messaging has replaced in person visits, Common Hope’s connection with families is stronger and more frequent than ever before.

Ensuring Basic Needs Are Met Including Food Security

Food and basic necessities are available in Guatemala but decreased income and travel restrictions have affected the ability of families to purchase what they need. Food insecurity is among the top concerns for families during this crisis, especially considering these families already lived at the poverty line prior to the pandemic. Common Hope will continue to provide food and other essentials to families for as long as needed to aid in the effort to prevent even greater food instability and hunger.
The Common Hope’s Visionary Circle Member, pictured with members of Common Hope’s Housing Team and students celebrating the inauguration of a new truck donated in part by the Scanlan Family that is helping build homes for families.

The Esperanza Society acknowledges cumulative giving of $1,000 or greater (re/f_l ects only annual giving; excludes vision team fees, vision team fundraising, and event sponsorship).

¡Mil Gracias a todos!

Many thanks to Common Hope’s 2019 Esperanza Society Members.

TOGETHER, WE CELEBRATE YOUR IMPACT.
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