

February 2021

Report from Epilogos Charities, Inc.
2020 Summary of Activities



Scholarship students receiving shoes

Epilogos Charities is most appreciative of the long-term support from many generous donors. We feel very fortunate to have reliable supporters of our mission to help the people of San José Villanueva (SJV), El Salvador, and we are truly grateful.

2020 was certainly a challenging year for everyone. But our staff worked tirelessly in SJV to provide help for those that needed it, and our donors continued to provide financial and spiritual support so that we could fulfill our mission:

To work **in solidarity** with the people of SJV to improve their quality of life while transforming the lives of volunteers.



Education

Through all of the challenges of the year, school continued on! Administrators, teachers, students, and families rose to the challenge and managed to complete the school year in November. As in the US, in-person schooling was shut down in the spring. Many families in SJV have limited (or no) internet access, unreliable power, among other challenges. But they figured out solutions and persevered!

With a collaboration between Epilogos donors and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in 2020 we provided scholarships to:

- 53 Elementary to Middle School Students
- 85 High School Students
- 7 Special Education Students
- 3 College Students
- Supported 3 Teacher's Salaries

Please check out this wonderful video of our scholarship program on You Tube:

<https://youtu.be/uspXjautMcU>



Adopt a Classroom

Volunteer Trip February 2020

We were very fortunate to get our “February trip” in right before the pandemic shut the world down. Two families have new *casa dignas*, thanks to the work of our giant group of 40 volunteers who travelled to SJV at the end of February.

This group included parishioners from Christ the King Church in Concord, NH, students from Concord area high schools, and a group from Maryland.



Family at House Dedication Ceremony

Student Volunteer Reflection:

By traveling to the community of San José Villanueva, El Salvador, my eyes were opened in unimaginable ways. I have not only been able to recognize the importance of service but how I must take the time I am granted on earth to positively impact as many lives as possible. Whether it is traveling to El Salvador to build homes, or doing something as simple as holding the door open for a stranger, we are all capable of spreading love and support to our community.

Meagan, Bishop Brady Student



Volunteers at work site



COVID-19 and Tropical Storm Amanda

In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 also brought a devastating

tropical storm to SJV. Through the generosity of many donors and the work of our staff we were able to provide much needed aid to those affected. Over 20 families received roofing materials, food aid, hygiene supplies, and other essentials to stay safe and healthy.

Other Projects Completed in 2020:

- 2 Classrooms Adopted
- Roof repairs at the Complejo Educativo Católico
- 39 Water filters and 3 eco-cook stoves supplied to families
- Transportation and funding support for children with medical needs
- Clothing fund drive with our Rotary partners in Lebanon, NH to benefit Big Friend/Little Friend



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