



Dear Friends,

As Safe Passage celebrates 25 years of impact, growth, and transformation, we are incredibly grateful to you and this global community that has sustained and nurtured us.

We are reflective of the contributions of so many special people in our organizational history; of volunteers who have spent months or years here in Guatemala, of incredible former staff and board members who gave so much of themselves to ensure that Safe Passage not only survived, but thrived; of the individuals that have come here to see our work and never turned away, and to those who heard about us from others and felt moved to be a part of this work; and of course to the students, families, and partner organizations, all who have joined us in this journey of community transformation.

At this important milestone in our history together, we find ourselves experiencing significant changes that we want to name and ask for your partnership in navigating. We are witnessing community transformations—some are beautiful and speak to the strength of our work, our model, and those who have given of themselves along the way. And some are deeply challenging.

## **LET'S START WITH THE POSITIVE:**

- Safe Passage's programs are STRONG, and IMPACTFUL. Through 25 years of thoughtful evaluation and evolution, our educational model, holistic wellness services, and the strengths of our students are bearing fruit. Our students are graduating with dreams, opportunities, values, skills, and abilities that will serve them as they transform their own lives, communities, and Guatemala. Together, we have built an organization that is deeply loving, and connective.
- After 25 years of Safe Passage and our community partners investing thousands and thousands of hours in education, health, parent education, and community development, students are coming to us more ready to learn than ever before.
- Our team in Guatemala is stronger than it's ever been, and Guatemalan leadership and the aspirations of our students will define our next 25 years. Our teachers and health staff are true experts in their fields and they give our students an excellent education and the holistic wellness programs needed to break cycles of poverty and violence. Without a doubt, we are building the next generation of leaders who will change Guatemala for the better.

## NOW, ON THE CHALLENGING SIDE:

• Issues of violence and trauma have escalated in the last year; they stem from issues outside of our control and are requiring us to operate differently. We are having to make some signifi-

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