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## JOIN US ON AN UPCOMING VISION TRIP

November Graduation Dates:

November 11-14, 15-18, 18-21, 22-15



### SAVE THE DATE:

Hearts for Honduras

February 12, 2016

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# PLEASE HELP!

Lunches for Learning is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation that exists to break the cycle of poverty in Honduras by providing a lunch to elementary school students at their school; thereby allowing these students the opportunity to stay in school through the 6th grade and enter the work force as literate individuals. Established in 2004, incorporated in 2005, and a registered nonprofit in Honduras in 2008, L4L uses the cooperative efforts of individuals, civic groups, churches, and corporate sponsors and the involvement of school principals and community mothers.

Please select the giving level that is right for you and give today. Then, simply return this card along with your tax deductible donation made payable to Lunches for Learning, Inc. Or, if you prefer, log onto our website at [www.lunchesforlearning.org](http://www.lunchesforlearning.org) and click the "Donate Now" button for a one-time or recurring donation. Also, please provide us with your contact information so we can keep you updated on how your donation is working to help break the cycle of poverty in rural Honduras.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 feeds one child lunch for a year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1500 feeds ten children lunch for a year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5000 feeds an entire small school for a year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7500 feeds an average school for a year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 feeds a large school for a year

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We, U.S. citizens, celebrate the Independent Spirit. That is what brought our ancestors here, and that is the spirit that settled the West. Our entire legal system is built around the sanctity of the individual. Individual independence is the philosophy that guides us forward and we should wear it as a badge of courage; however, there are other equally compelling philosophies and we see one of them in the students we feed every school day.

Small rural communities of Honduras worked as a unit before Columbus arrived and have brought that philosophy forward. Communities work together to ready fields for planting and harvesting. These communities come together in times of hardship and times of celebration. Communal awareness and participation is the philosophy that guides our Honduras friends forward.

- You can see a disproportional percentage of school pictures show students working on school assignments in groups. To be sure, each individual must learn math, reading, and other facts; however, with these facts, students will automatically work together on assignments.

- You can see this communal effort in the annual 6th grade essay. The teacher explains the structure and points that must be included in the essay then the students work in groups to write this letter. By reading all letters from one school (community) one can see the issues that are central to the community as presented by each individual because each letter is heavily influenced by the group.

- You can see the community effort in the preparation of every L4L lunch each school day by ladies (mothers, aunts, grandmothers) of the community.

- You will see this community involvement when you attend graduation ceremonies where the entire community joins to celebrate the accomplishments of their young adults.

I hope we will bring our independent spirits together as we look toward providing a nutritious lunch to our L4L schools for the upcoming 2016 school year.

Siempre su amigo,  
Ron Hicks



## School Spotlight



The success of the L4L program at Dr. Juan Lindo is evident and confirmed by the director, Mr. Reyes, who says the program is working well at his school. This school has water available on site, which isn't the case for all the schools in the area. Some of the other L4L schools do not have water readily available and the mothers, who serve as cooks, must transport it to the school to cook the lunches.

The students at Dr. Juan Lindo school endure many hardships to get an education, but because of their sponsor, The Love Family, and Lunches for Learning a missed meal isn't one of them.

For more tidbits on our sponsored schools, please find and "like" us on Facebook.



## Life Changing Impact .....for Honduras

### .....for You!

By Craig Simons, L4L Chairman



The lunches that our sponsors and L4L provide help Honduran students grow beyond their destiny of the ongoing grinding poverty of their families and communities. Together, we offer hope that through these children, who will complete a basic education which will enable them to secure productive employment, there will be a brighter future for individuals, communities and their nation.

But the truth is that through our meager sacrifice in supporting Lunches for Learning, we are given an opportunity to tap into a far greater level of personal growth and joy that we simply do not find in everyday life here in the US. Those who are willing to go beyond our financial contribution to know and understand the recipients of our love, come to experience the beginning of a life-changing journey. All it takes is a visit to be with our schools, students and their communities.

When we get to experience life in these rural communities, we not only meet enthusiastic, industrious and beautiful people with untapped potential, but we see the enormous opportunities that individually and collectively we can make that will impact lives in a way that can't be accomplished back in our communities at home. Without fail, our sponsors leave such a visit with an energy that results in spectacular life improvements in Honduras, but even more importantly, our donors receive a level of appreciation and personal gratification for their efforts that makes their hearts sing.

In 2016, L4L will offer numerous opportunities for you to experience the impact you are having in Honduras and you are invited to join us on one of these trips or to have us assist you in organizing a trip for your group. If you or your organization have any interest in learning more on how you can visit this coming year, please reach out to Mary Lou at [mary\\_lou.monaghan@lunchesforlearning.org](mailto:mary_lou.monaghan@lunchesforlearning.org) for more information.

~ You will be forever changed!

## Did You Know?

Lunches For Learning's new website is very user friendly and is a continual work in progress while we develop it into an all inclusive one stop shop. It includes info from Vision Trips, recent newsletters, school sponsor information and other key details that will keep our donors, volunteers and prospective donors informed and up to date on the exciting things happening in the organization.

Our website now makes it easier to:

- Sign up as a one time or recurring donor or even become a school sponsor
- Learn about upcoming Vision Trips and Events in support of L4L
- See how your donations have made a positive impact in the lives of children
- See recent posts to our Facebook page
- Link to our Facebook page and like us
- Read and connect with the students through the personal letters sent to L4L
- Communicate with us.



Log onto [www.lunchesforlearning.org](http://www.lunchesforlearning.org) today..... check us out on Facebook too!





## POSITIVE GROWTH = ADDRESS CHANGE FOR L4L

A few of the donors have inquired as to why we moved Lunches For Learning from Montgomery, AL to Roswell, GA. We first want to clarify that Lunches For Learning, Inc. is still operating under the same mission statement – nothing in the core of what we stand for has changed.

In the past, the operating address for L4L was that of the Messiah Lutheran Church of Montgomery, AL. When we had only a few schools under our L4L 'umbrella' it worked well for Ron Hicks, L4L President, and a small group of board members to oversee the daily operations of L4L. But through the grace of God and the generosity of our supporters we have grown to currently include 29 schools in the Lunches For Learning program with many more deserving schools waiting to join us. As a result, we expanded our volunteer board, obtained donated office space and hired someone to help us in order to meet the needs for our continued growth and to improve our communication with the L4L supporters/sponsors. It just so happened that the donated space and qualified candidate for this position were in the Roswell, GA area. As the word spreads about L4L, so does the passion for our cause. We have a very strong support system in both Montgomery, AL and Roswell, GA as well as in many other areas of the US.

## L4L @ Vino100 - Alpharetta, GA

By Mary Lou Monaghan, L4L Operations Administrator

Over 40 friends, supporters and volunteers of Lunches for Learning came together for a special event held at Vino100 in downtown Alpharetta, GA. Vino100 is a local wine store that hosts a wine tasting each week for the benefit of a different charity. Lunches for Learning was selected as their featured charity at the September 26th event.

Vino100 Owners, David and Suzanne Mott did a wonderful job. Guests were given five tastings covering a broad wine spectrum, which they paired with appetizers, all while listening to Benny Boynton's musical interlude. The evening also included a silent auction and raffle for the benefit of the students in L4L sponsored schools.



L4L would like to thank the many supporters who donated items for the silent auction and raffle: Lightspeed Automation (Randy Smith), Southern Refreshment Services (Scott Plaisted), Chattanooga Bakery-MoonPie (Bryan Shelfer), Nestles (Dan Roach), Snyders Pretzels (Tom Richardson), Tangled Salon (Shellie Nielson) and Photographer, Anne Angelo. In addition, special recognition must be given to volunteers Victoria Montoya, Donna Mayo and Ann Angelo, as well as Mary Lou Monaghan from L4L for their time and dedication to make this a successful event. The kids, families and communities of Lunches for Learning sponsored schools are thankful to be chosen as Vino100's spotlight charity.

## One VISION TRIP... and you're HOOKED!

Lara Dyer, St Lukes Director of Family Ministry, and a group from St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, CO traveled to Honduras last month and visited 5 of the Lunches For Learning schools. After returning home she sent a letter to Jessica concerning their visit to Honduras. Please read the following which are excerpts from Lara's letter to Jessica.



Jessica- I have been trying to process our trip to Honduras and attempting to put words to our experience ever since we returned. I hope this email reflects some of what I'm feeling about our trip...

We want to thank you and Fernando for welcoming us so warmly and taking so much time to show us around, not only Lunches for Learning but your country and your town. We fell in love with the



people, the culture and the food and can't wait to come back! We have so much admiration for what you and Fernando do and the hearts with which you do it. We loved watching you both interact with the kids and teachers at the schools and also with the people that we encountered in town. I have to say that your smile and Fernando's laughter both made my heart lighter.

I grew up in a family that had a lot of financial struggles and have been a single mom for about 12 years and have been through times that it has been difficult to provide my kids with the things they need but have never had to worry about choosing between my children's education and them being able to eat. Watching the kids at the schools you work with made me realize how many parents there are in the Nacaome area that are able to sleep better each night because they know that there will be food for their children while they are attending school.



I cannot seem to put into words how much our trip changed me. I saw so much kindness and beauty while I was in Honduras and was so touched by how easily everyone welcomed us into their lives.

Blessings to you both and to your families, Lara