

Dear Planting Seeds Family,

We want to start by thanking you for being a part of our family. This year has been tough for so many. It feels at times like the world is collapsing externally and internally. Our team, the families we work with, and our donor community have all dealt with health issues, political turmoil, and personal tragedy. Through all of this, we have been able to come together and support each other. Planting Seeds is stronger than ever and that is because of our team on the ground, your generosity and the incredible stories of the participants in our programs.

2023 has seen us inaugurate a Community Center open to all, expand the number of teachers and schools implementing our preschool methodology and create a new strategic plan for 2024-2028 together with the Planting Seeds community all while continuing to showcase high quality in all of our programs.

This year, we have made the decision to switch our end of year Annual Report to March of 2024, so we can present our entire financial picture of the previous year to you all. With that, we wanted to send an end of year summary with some highlights, achievements and challenges of 2023.

Preschool Education

In 2023, we grew to ten preschools implementing the methodology, which is 24 classrooms and over 360 students. In 2024, we will work with over 400 students and have 30 teachers implementing and getting trained in the PSI methodology. In addition, our partner school REKKO, in San Pedro Yepocapa, will turn into a Model School for Planting Seeds! This will allow us to expand even more within the region of Yepocapa and ensure more students gain access to our methodology. Our goal over the next few years is to build out more model schools so we can continue to expand in the regions we work.

This year however was just as much about quality than it was about growth. Through our incredible academic coordinators, Carla and Martina, we were able to provide more intentional and hands-on support for all teachers implementing the methodology.

While the students thrived academically, we also implemented our nutrition program, ensuring all students received a healthy daily meal, improved our parent training program, lent 4 books/month to all Planting Seeds families and implemented our play with my kid program.



Community Center

In July of 2023, together with our supporters, our staff, and members of the community, we inaugurated the Community Center. This project has been over 5 years in the making and brought tears to all of our faces as this center finally became reality for all of those involved.

The Center accumulated over 806 signups and 27 community volunteers in the first two weeks! Community members can gain open membership to the center by participating actively in a program, volunteering, or paying. Through our community facilitators and internal/external volunteers, we have been able to provide story time, book lending, an open library space, boxing, breakdance, karate, group exercise classes, english, math, tutoring support, carpentry and art workshops, seven family nurturing programs and early childhood stimulation classes.

In addition to this, the Community Center is an open, free space to any person who gains membership. Community members can reserve spaces in the center or come in and use the center at the time of their choice.



How to get involved

It is amazing what we can do when we work together. Please consider joining us once again this year to support Planting Seeds and provide our initial funding for 2024. It is going to be an incredible year. To get involved, please consider the following options!

- **Help us to unlock the \$30,000 match!**

If you are from the US, we still need your support. One Day's Wages offered us a generous match, but in order to get it we still need to raise \$19,400 before December 31st!

You can support us by clicking [HERE](#).

- **Join us in the 2024 Educational Tour!**

Feb 19-26, 2024. Mark your calendars! Join us on this educational adventure and witness firsthand the positive impact of your support.

For more details on how to get involved, contribute, or join our tour [HERE](#).

- **Become a champion!**

Let's create together a thriving environment for children, youth, and adults alike. By donating a minimum of \$30 monthly to our Champions Fund, you'll support scholarships and access to community-led programs for over 700 children, youth, and families. Find more details [HERE](#).

*With Peace and Love,
The Planting Seeds Team*

