

Category	Construction	
Location	Antigua	
Year of foundation	2004	
Number of permanent employees:	20 masons 8 office / general staff	
Project description:	<p>Guatemala has an acute problem of inadequate housing: a typical house is made of cornstalk walls, a dirt floor and a scrap material roof. Facilities for basic hygiene like clean water and bathrooms are most often non-existent.</p> <p>This NGO offers basic housing to families living in extreme poverty. They always work in collaboration with local partner organizations to identify and select families of exceptional need. Beneficiary families participate in the construction of their home and also pay back one fourth of the total cost of their house over four years. The NGO collaborates with its partner organizations also in other construction projects and community service programs.</p>	
Description of volunteer tasks:	Assist in the construction of a new house for a certain family. You help in the building process (foundations, cutting blocks, make cement), and you also get to interact with the benefitting family.	
Opening hours:	Not applicable. To construct a house takes 2 weeks.	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	None
	Minimum time commitment:	1 week (in 2 weeks you build a complete house.
	Work schedule:	8-12AM and 1-4PM.
	Others:	Fill out application form and disclaimer. Fundraise \$500 for "your" house to build.
How to get to the project:	First general meeting in Antigua. Then you are picked up from your host family and accompanied to the construction site, or you take a public bus, this depends on the project. Volunteers pay for the public bus if this applies.	
Closing dates of the project:	Approximately Dec. 23 rd until Jan. 1 st (only limited construction)	
Lodging options:	Hotel, hostel or host family in Antigua. Prices can be found here .	
	<i>For groups or agencies, complete houses can be donated for \$4,000 each house.</i>	

Photo impressions



Before



After