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With your help, all things are possible.



As the holidays approach, we are reminded to pause and count our blessings.

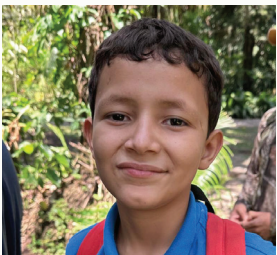
As I reflect on 2025 and all that we have collectively accomplished at AJC and AHLE, I am humbled by the generosity, dedication, and ongoing support of our donors. Thanks to you, we have once again been able to grow, improve, and offer more opportunities to the children and young people we serve.



One of my personal highlights this year was seeing Angner — a graduate of our university program — return to visit us. He now has a full-time job and recently started a private electrical company with another one of our graduates, Anner. Angner was beaming with pride as he shared that he had been offered a part-time teaching position at UNITEC University. Moments like these remind us what your support makes possible.



Another inspiring moment came during my visit to our Marine School, where I saw so many young men and women full of excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to train for careers aboard cruise ships. They spoke with hope and confidence about their futures — something many of them once thought impossible.



I also had the joy of attending the opening of our new Refrigeration Technical Program this spring. It was moving to see not only the enthusiasm of the students, but also the gratitude of their parents and community, who recognize what a difference this opportunity makes.

Meanwhile, our farm continues to flourish, providing much of our food while teaching our students to respect and appreciate the land and what they can cultivate from it.



It has also been deeply rewarding to see several of our university graduates return to work with us — not for the salary, but, as Cesia said, “to give back to the hand that fed her.” Their dedication fills me with pride.

And then there is Gerson — another remarkable young man. In addition to his full-time work at a nonprofit that supports mothers of malnourished children, he helps us manage our university program. He interviews applicants, tracks their classes and grades, and monitors their volunteer work at the foundation. His example reflects the values we hope to instill in every student.



To our wonderful donors — thank you. Your support over the years has allowed miracles to continue and hope to grow. We are deeply grateful and look forward to your continued partnership this season and beyond.



Wishing you and your loved ones peace, love, and joy this holiday season.

DR. BOB WALSH



FOSTERING EDUCATION

Opening Doors for Girls Through Scholarship

Through our Girls Scholarship Program, education is no longer a distant dream. In Honduras, where opportunities for young women are limited, we're changing that reality. Our program provides financial support and empowers girls as they receive training in essential areas such as computer literacy, life skills, health education, self-esteem, and relationships. In addition, they participate in seminars on leadership and personal growth that help them realize their full potential. As they gain confidence and complete their studies, many go on to apply to our Higher Education Program and become inspiring role models.

Ana Julia is a powerful example of how our program can inspire and transform a young woman's life. She has come a long way since her time in our Girls Scholarship Program. During one of the program's workshops, led by a lawyer, Ana Julia experienced a pivotal moment of realization, graduating from high school was just the beginning. She knew she had the potential to go further and make a lasting impact with her life.

Today, Ana Julia is one of our outstanding students in the Higher Education Program, studying long hours to become a lawyer and inspiring others along the way.



Ana Julia (right) with student



University students visit to lead workshops



A happy moment among friends



Building teamwork in the kitchen



Learning to tackle chores



Working in the garden

FOSTERING EDUCATION

Boys Sponsorship Life at AHLE

Through sponsorship, our children receive reliable support that helps provide them a safe, nurturing environment where they can grow and thrive. This steady contribution helps us invest in programs that provide them with skills for a better future. Our children know that someone cares about them and believes in them. Every time we visit, we see it. As their confidence grows, their smiles widen.

Sponsorship is more than just support, it's a powerful message that says: you matter, you are seen, you are loved.



Chill time



Classmates and friends



Walking to school



Treehouse fun

Celebrating Birthdays and Holidays as a Family



With your generous support of the Birthday & Holiday Fund, we are able to celebrate our children's birthdays every month, creating days filled with joy, smiles, and unforgettable memories.

Your kindness helps our kids celebrate together as a family. When the fund allows, we take them on special outings, whether it's a sunny day at the beach, splashing at a water park, or exploring the beautiful nature reserves of Honduras.

Thank you for bringing happiness, togetherness, and lifelong memories to our children. Your generosity truly makes these moments possible.



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Agricultural Program

We are thrilled to share that our Experimental Farm is now completely off the grid! Thanks to the generosity of our donors and a “Dream Team” installation crew made up of university graduates and skilled technicians, the new solar borehole pump was up and running in just one day.

Saturday mornings at the farm have quickly become a favorite activity. The boys help tend the crops, work hard, share lunch together, and often get to enjoy the very first taste of the harvest. The farm is now producing enough to supply our kitchen and even share fresh produce with our community.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Genaro leading this program. Not only does he keep the farm operating smoothly, he inspires and guides the children and youth who work alongside him. Genaro has a special gift for turning effort into enjoyment – and the kids absolutely love working with him!



Our young beekeepers have officially completed their training – and they are now fearlessly tending to our hives! Through hands-on learning, they are discovering both the science and the art of beekeeping, while gaining a deeper appreciation for nature, responsibility, and the delicate balance of our ecosystem.

Every buzz around the hives is a reminder that even the smallest creatures play a vital role in our world. And with each visit, our students are not just caring for bees – they are nurturing curiosity, confidence, and a stronger connection to the environment.

With the hives thriving, we look forward to harvesting our first batches of honey soon – and expanding the apiary so even more students can take part in this sweet and meaningful experience!



Helping Young Leaders Build Their Careers



Interns and graduates.

Thanks to your continued support, our Higher Education Program is thriving and helping young leaders take meaningful steps toward their future careers. This year, we are proud to share that Damaris graduated with a bachelor's degree in Financial and Banking Administration and Luis graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics. They are now both gainfully employed.

Also five of our students have begun their professional practice placements prior to graduation – an important milestone that reflects both their hard work and the strong academic foundation you help make possible.

This year, we are investing in the renovation of our Higher Education student houses – strengthening both the living environment and the university program. These improvements will help students transition more smoothly into professional life by providing spaces that support academic focus, healthy routines, and independent living skills. These upgrades are more than renovations – they are investments in human potential and the long-term success of our future professionals and leaders.

Alongside these physical improvements, we continue to strengthen our values-based academic support, ensuring that each student grows not only in knowledge, but also in character, solidarity, and personal development.



A Letter From Our Undergraduate, Alex Moya

then



now



Dear Sponsors,

I hope you are both doing very well.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share something so important to me: why I chose to study Psychology.

The truth is, my decision wasn't just about choosing a professional career, but about something much deeper and more personal. There was a time in my life when I went through very difficult moments. Burdens from the past, painful experiences – all of that began to be reflected in my behavior in ways that hurt me and also affected those around me. I felt trapped. But, even in those dark moments, I always believed that somewhere there was a way out, a light.

That light came thanks to the help I received through the AHLE Foundation. They provided me with professional psychological support, and little by little, with time and a lot of patience, I began to heal. What impacted me the most wasn't just the change I achieved within myself, but the humane, caring, and understanding way in which I was treated. I felt that someone truly saw me, listened to me, and believed in me when I had stopped believing in myself.

That experience changed my life. It made me think, "What if I could one day do the same for someone else?" That's how my journey began. I reflected a lot on what I wanted for my life, on my abilities, my wounds, my desire to help, and my wish to transform pain into purpose. And that's how I chose to study Psychology.

Today, I'm about to finish my degree – I only have ten classes left – and I can say with complete certainty that I love what I do. I love this career because it connects me with the deepest aspects of the human being, their history, their struggles, their capacity to heal and rebuild themselves. It excites me to think that very soon I will be able to support others in their processes, just as someone once did for me.

My name is Alex Eduardo Moya López, I am 22 years old, and I am proudly about to complete this beautiful career that changed my life and that will allow me, with love and dedication, to change the lives of others as well.

From my own wound, I chose to help heal the wounds of others.

With love and gratitude,

Alex Moya



HIGHER EDUCATION

Merchant Marine - Technical School



A FUTURE IN THE MERCHANT MARINE

In addition to the internationally-recognized STCW (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) certification courses, we are now offering expanded training opportunities for young men and women pursuing careers as seafarers.

To strengthen their professional profiles and improve employment readiness, students can now enroll in specialized courses such as Advanced English, Professional Waiter Service, Bartending, Refrigeration, Auto Mechanics, and Welding.

This initiative has been made possible through our collaboration with the National Vocational Training Institute (INFOP), the Honduran Merchant Marine, and the Municipality of San Francisco de Yojoa. Together, we are opening doors to high-quality training and a brighter future at sea for the youth in our community.



Installing base for water tank



Organizing craft activities

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

Giving Back

Giving back to the Foundation that opened the door to their education, our Higher Education students dedicate hours to tutoring, organizing activities, and mentoring younger students at AHLE – showing them firsthand what is possible and inspiring the next generation to dream big.



Tutoring the younger ones



Learning about home care



Preparing nutritious meals

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Sustain What's Next

\$30 A MONTH

- \$30 per month will help sponsor a child – basic needs per child per month = \$250
- \$30 per month funds a scholarship for one girl in the Girls Scholarship Program
- \$30 will buy a backpack with school supplies for one year through the Backpack Program

\$100 DONATION

- \$100 will pay for courses in auto repair, refrigeration, or welding with Technical School Training and Certification

\$250 DONATION

- \$250 will help cover Merchant Marine Training and Certification (STCW) through the Merchant Marine School of Honduras [Total tuition = \$2,500]



\$450 DONATION

- \$450 Will help sponsor a university student [Total tuition cost per year = \$5,000]

OTHER AMOUNTS

- Any contribution to the Holiday and Birthday Fund will go toward celebrations and outings
- Any contribution to help keep our pets healthy and well fed
- Any contribution to help cover the renovation of the university student houses



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