

# Website Grant Updates: 2018 Grant Projects

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## Trees Water People (TWP) - \$19,000

### Supporting Sustainable Practices throughout the Caribbean:

TWP's mission is to improve people's lives by helping communities protect, conserve, and manage the natural resources upon which their long-term well-being depends.

For over nineteen years, Trees, Water & People has been a leader in not only reforestation, but also in the design and distribution of clean cookstoves and other clean energy products which greatly reduce the use of natural resources for energy creation. Positive Legacy is proud to provide funding to TWP annually, supporting many projects such as:

- **Cookstoves** - Each cookstove decreases a family's need for firewood by 50-70%, as compared to standard open fire cooking.
- **Forest Replacement Associations (FRA)** - An FRA is a partnership between farmers who have small plots of their land available for tree production, but cannot afford the start-up costs and small timber consumers who do not have the land or labor to plant and care for a tree plantation
- **Tree Nurseries** - Community tree nurseries give TWP a place to safely grow all of their tree species and provide meaningful employment to local people.
- **Community Tree Plantings** - TWP's partner organizations on the ground develop close relationships with local leaders, farmers, governments, schools, and universities to plant trees in and around homes, on local farms, in protected areas, and throughout communities.
- **Renewable Energy** - Trees, Water & People's Tribal Renewable Energy Program puts the power of nature — the warmth of the sun, the power of



the wind, the shelter of trees — to work for Native Americans. Working with tribal communities, they build and install residential and facility-scale renewable energy applications. These include off-grid solar air furnaces, grid-tied photovoltaic systems, and small wind turbines.

We are furthering our partnership with TWP to create a more interactive program for individuals that wish to become more involved in both organizations. Look for our exciting announcement soon!

To learn more please visit [www.treeswaterpeople.org](http://www.treeswaterpeople.org)

### **Dreams for Mayan Children - \$31,045**

#### **Offering Educational Opportunities for Underserved Children in Mexico:**

Campamento Hidalgo, a small 200 person, indigenous Mayan village in the Eastern Yucatan has a large number of children under the age of 18. This year, Positive Legacy awarded \$31,045 in support of DMC projects to:

- Create a Learning Center on the community grounds
- Provide classes such as basic computer skills to English (reading, writing and comprehension)
- Music to workshops covering their traditional practices (hammock making, expansion and
- Maintenance of their organic garden, bordering and apiary fundamentals
- Train primary and secondary teachers
- Purchase of music equipment, and transportation for students and teachers

Our continued work in the Yucatan will further strengthen ties to this community and continue to leave a legacy of strong minds and bodies for years to come!

To learn more please visit [www.mydmc.org](http://www.mydmc.org)

## **Hands up for Haiti - \$10,000**

### **Supporting Healthy Communities in Northern Haiti:**

#### **Hands Up For Haiti Clinic**

Haiti remains the poorest country in the western hemisphere. As one of Positive Legacy's most enduring partnerships, your dollars have helped to create healthy outcomes for some 50,000 individuals in Northern Haiti.

To support the community's healthcare needs, Positive Legacy provided a \$10,000 grant to expand core direct care, public health and education programs including:

- Saving Mothers and Babies
  - Program Statistics from July 2017 through May 2018:
    - i. 71 Births, 6 in hospital and 65 at home by matrone
    - ii. 2 women abandoned the program; no deaths
- Cervical Cancer
  - Program Statistics past 2017- 2018, 12 months:
    - i. 1189 women were screened
    - ii. 10 with advanced cancer and 4 deaths
    - iii. The youngest age for screening is 20
- Fighting Malnutrition
  - Program Statistics from July 2017 through May 2018 for all sites:
    - i. Number of children enrolled: 533
    - ii. Number of current active children: 99, including 48 new
- Supporting Shada Low-Cost Community Clinic
- Youth Leadership program
- Hypertension
  - Program Statistics:
    - we currently have 170 patients enrolled, and the compliance rate remains at 95%.

- Hospital Surgery Fund
  - Program Statistics from September 2017 through May 2018:
    - i. 137 children referred
    - ii. 127 completed treatment
    - iii. 10 active cases
- The Clean Water Project
  - Newest well in Robillard (#12) was completed in 2017
  - Well #13 is being planned for Dondon and will be completed in 2018.

Access to quality, local care has helped to reduce children mortality, reduce deaths due to cancer and improved access to prenatal care enabling healthy outcomes for the people of Haiti today and for years to come!

To learn more please visit [www.handsupforhaiti.org](http://www.handsupforhaiti.org)

### **2018 Hurricane Relief efforts - \$10,000**

#### **Hope Starts Here - Hurricane Relief**

We at Positive Legacy and Cloud 9 Adventures were deeply saddened by the destruction caused by the hurricanes that made landfall in the USA and Eastern Caribbean. Many communities were destroyed and countless individuals and families were displaced. Positive Legacy and Cloud 9 Adventures are proud partners with Norwegian Cruise Lines and All Hands Volunteers to help rebuild schools in communities devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The need is vast and deep. All Hands Volunteers is committed to rebuilding schools in several communities affected by the recent



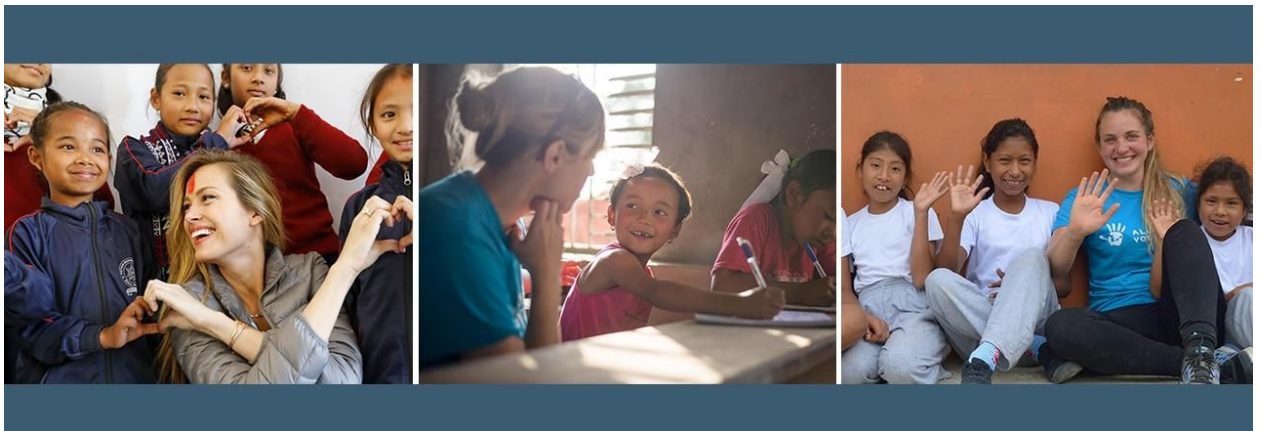
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hurricanes, so children can continue to learn as well as have some sense of structure and normality in their lives.

Your generosity counted QUADRUPLE — four times the relief, four times the hope for children, their families and whole communities. Positive Legacy matched donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000, and Norwegian Cruise Lines matched Positive Legacy's donation to All Hands Volunteers, turning every \$1 donated to Positive Legacy into \$4 of relief funds!

With your help and the generosity of Norwegian Cruise Lines matching the dollars raised by Positive Legacy, we were able to reach our goal of \$40,000 in relief funds! 100% of your donation will bring lasting hope to people in Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Cuba and the Florida Keys by rebuilding safe, resilient schools for children in these communities.

All Hands Volunteers is a US-based, 501(c)3 non-profit organization that addresses the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disasters by engaging and leveraging volunteers, partner organizations and local communities. Their vision is to demonstrate the power and value of volunteer service through completed tangible work, the hope it brings to suffering communities and the transformative experiences it provides for volunteers.



### **Camp Southern Ground - \$5,750**

In 2018 we were excited to include Zac Brown Band's Nonprofit, Camp Southern Ground, in our live auction at Castaway with Southern Ground. We auctioned a one of a kind autographed guitar for \$5,750, all of which was given to Camp Southern Ground to support their projects!

The mission of Camp Southern Ground is to provide extraordinary experiences for individuals to recognize and magnify the unique gifts within themselves and others to profoundly impact the world.

During summer, Camp Southern Ground hosts campers for week-long residential camps. For the remaining weeks of the year, they support military and veteran families, and partner with proven organizations that host remarkable programs at their state-of-the-art facility. Additionally, the facility can be leased for retreats, corporate events and galas.

As an inclusive camp, they serve children ages 7-17, from all socioeconomic backgrounds, races and religions, with programs that challenge, educate, and inspire. They bring together typically developing children, children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), learning and attention issues such as ADHD, and Dyslexia, and social or emotional challenges. They also support and include children of military families as a vital part of our camper population.

To Learn more about the extensive programs this amazing organization is undertaking please [click here](#) to visit their website.

## **Tunes for Tots - \$5,700**



The world famous jam band, Widespread Panic believes that art education, and in particular music education, is integral to the overall education and advancement of children. Art allows for personal expression, appreciation of ideas, celebration of cultural awareness, sharing emotions, and gives purpose to life! Widespread Panic agrees with research findings that art education supports more traditional academic subjects as well as being a worthy pursuit in its own right. With these intentions, Tunes For Tots began in 2005. Widespread Panic held their first Tunes for Tots charity VIP cocktail party and concert at Atlanta's Roxy Theater, raising over \$100,000 to purchase musical instruments for Georgia Public Schools. To date, the organization has raised over \$2,000,000 towards their mission.

We at Positive Legacy are 100% committed to supporting Tunes for Tot's mission and are blessed to have their support in return! Panic en la Playa is always a favorite for our staff and traditionally in the top 3 fundraising events we participate in. In 2018 we once again partnered with Tunes for Tots in our Live Auction at Panic en la Playa to raise \$5,700 through a one of a kind autographed poster and a special autographed canvas photo! Thank you, Playa Freaks!! We love you!!

To learn more please [click here](#) to learn more about WSMFP's Tunes for Tots!

## **Jam Cruise 17, Belize - Day of Service - \$15,000**

### **Community Baboon Sanctuary, Belize**

Since 1985, the Community Baboon Sanctuary (CBS) has been working to achieve five main goals: conservation, education, research, ecotourism, and community development. Since the inception of the CBS, howler monkey



populations have increased 460% to 590% and the total population of howlers in the CBS is 4,500 – 5,500 monkeys.

Since 1998, the CBS has been managed by the CBS Women's Conservation Group (CBSWCG). The CBSWCG is a non-profit organization that conserves the natural resources of the Community Baboon Sanctuary through education, eco-cultural tourism, scientific research, promotion of cottage industries for the socio-economic benefit of the communities and ecological integrity of the Belize River Valley area. Over the years the CBSWCG has created direct and indirect economic opportunities for many families who sustain their income from tour guiding, home stays, cultural entertainment, food preparation, and the sale of local crafts. The CBSWCG have successfully distributed over 50 small grants ranging from Bz\$2,500 to Bz\$10,000 to entrepreneurs and to strengthen existing businesses in the area. These grant initiatives include training in small business management, organizational management, record keeping, accounting, and business plan development. Examples of these businesses are: F&B, local fruit, catering, organic gardening, beauty salons, home improvements to accommodate home stays, arts, crafts, certified home nursing, certified tour guides, backyard tilapia farming, chicken, pigs, and sheep farming. To date the CBSWCG successfully implemented projects in the amount of \$800,000.

The Community Baboon Sanctuary (CBS) is unlike any other protected area or wildlife sanctuary in Belize. The nature and functioning of the CBS is completely embedded within the seven Belize River Valley communities that



comprise it and it is inextricably linked to the Creole culture and history of the region. The nature of the CBS exists because of the long-held cultural appreciation for the black howler monkeys (*Alouatta pigra*) by the people that co-inhabit the region. Villagers in the Belize River Valley have very



rarely ever hunted howlers for food and rarely engaged in capturing them for pets or the pet trade. In fact, there is a deep-seated appreciation and enjoyment of the howlers and they have become part of the fabric of the rural lifestyle along the Belize River. Thus, humans and black howlers have co-existed in the Belize River Valley for generations.

The CBS has stood for 33 years as an example of community-based conservation that helped to define a whole new category of protected area in Belize and globally. More importantly, the CBS has had a catalytic effect on rural communities in Belize, Belizean NGOs and the Government of Belize. This catalytic impact led to a wave of community-based conservation and ecotourism projects across Belize from 1986 to present and spawned the development of co-management agreements nationwide. CBS is a proud member of the Association of Protected Areas Management Organizations (APAMO). APAMO is Belize's leading network of non-governmental conservation organizations that seeks to influence and encourage the Belizean society to safeguard the integrity and diversity of Belize's protected area system and to ensure that any use of Belize's natural resources is sustainable.

Positive Legacy is investing \$15,000 on Jam Cruise 2019's Day of Service, which includes a \$5,000 grant to the CBS Women's Conservation Group for micro grant opportunities in their community. Within this budget and our volunteer power we will also be implementing facility and school improvements at the CBS!

For more information, please contact [info@positivelegacy.com](mailto:info@positivelegacy.com) or check out CBS's website: <http://www.belizehowlermonkeys.org/>

**Jam Cruise 16, Roatan, Honduras - Day of Service - \$9,409**

**Building Healthy Spaces for Children in Roatan, Honduras:**

**School of Life (SOL) International Foundation**

Positive Legacy had the opportunity to deepen and expand our impact in Roatan since we have gotten to port there many times on Jam Cruise. Returning to Roatan in 2018, Positive Legacy provided SOL \$9,409 to:

- Support the expansion of green space around the center
- Convert the land into a much-needed permanent Community Green Space
- Create gardens, expand the playground, build composting areas, chicken coops and food spaces.

We were blessed to host a Day of Service to implement these projects with SOL! Along with the school improvements, we enjoyed dance, hula hooping and soccer together to help build healthy bodies and create smiling faces!

### **Comunidad Central Vallarta- Mexico 2 Events Day of Service- \$2,620.00**

#### **Central Vallarta Community Medical Clinic Site Development and Improvements**

In 2017, Positive Legacy funded the construction of a new school house in the community of Central Vallarta . Positive Legacy's Day of Service Patrons spent their day working on the new medical clinic and bathroom (which are being funded by Positive Legacy), doing a community clean up, making recycled bottle art, repainting the recreation equipment in the playground, and building an orchard garden!



Upon completion of the medical clinic, the government has agreed to send doctors to provide checkups and care to the residents in Central Vallarta, who

otherwise are unable to receive medical support. The community members struggle to meet their basic needs such as food, water and shelter, making

the medical clinic project unattainable without Positive Legacy's support. We are honored to be a part of this amazing community, while supporting them in various ways through our Day of Service.

### **Comunidad Central Vallarta - Healthcare Clinic - \$6,500**

#### **Support the Development of the Community Health Care Clinic**

##### **Central Vallarta, 20 miles from Now Sapphire**

Central Vallarta is a small community that has rich relationships, is full of heart but has little financial means. In 2017, Positive Legacy funded the construction of a new school house in this community. We will spent the day working on the finishing touches of the new medical clinic and bathroom (which are being funded by Positive Legacy), implementing a community clean up, making recycled bottle art, repainting the recreation equipment in the playground, and building an orchard garden!

Once the medical clinic is completed, the government has agreed to send doctors to provide checkups and care to the residents in Central Vallarta, who otherwise are unable to receive medical support. The community members struggle to meet their basic needs such as food, water and shelter, making the medical clinic project unattainable without Positive Legacy's support. We love building community connections and will continue to give back to the beautiful people of the Central Vallarta!



## **Flora Fauna y Cultura - Mexico 3 Events Day of Service- \$12,500**

### **Improving Infrastructure, Re-Planting Native Vegetation & Beach Clean Up**

#### **Xcachel, Mexico – Flora Fauna y Cultura Sanctuary**

Positive Legacy collaborated with Flora, Fauna y Cultura for multiple days filled with ecological conservation and community action! The beautiful beach, Xcachel, that we visited is a sea turtle sanctuary and educational center aimed at the protection, research and conservation of sea turtles nesting on the coasts of Quintana Roo. Sea turtles demonstrate the ultimate lesson of ecology – that everything is connected. Sea turtles are part of two vital ecosystems, beaches and marine systems. If sea turtles become extinct, both the marine and beach ecosystems will be impacted.

We are honored to team up with Flora, Fauna y Cultura to support their mission to improve the quality of life in the region by promoting the ecological value and conservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Mexico. Their projects throughout the local community and green areas nurture their vision of a world in which natural and cultural heritage are respected and shared for the benefit of all. Their program for sea turtle conservations covers 13 nesting beaches that total 34 km of beach, which makes it the largest program of its kind in the country.

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