



Annual Report 2019-2020

Luis Amigó site Champerico, Guatemala



Chalice has been partnering with the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family in the small town of Champerico since 2001. Their initiative, the Proyecto Fray Luis Amigo (Friar Luis Amigo project) work with impoverished families who rely on low-income/seasonal work in fishing and agriculture, and small home businesses such as tortilla-making. Sponsorship provides education and health to children. Parents are supported through programs and workshops. The Sisters also run a Nutrition Centre.

Child



- 99% of sponsored children are enrolled in school.
- Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, children in grade 1 have advanced in their language learning.
- With supplemental support, students in grades 1-6 overcame setbacks in math, writing and reading courses.
- Chalice field workers visited schools and met with teachers and school directors consistently to better understand how they could support sponsored children and their needs.
- During school closures, children received their assignments as delivered packages.
- 60 children received a healthy lunch each weekday at the Andrés Girón dining room.
- Children also received medical and dental care, and deworming.

Family

- Staff report seeing a change in the guardians participating in the family circles. They are stronger in their decision-making and feel more empowered to care for the lives and health of their children.
- Before the pandemic, staff conducted training workshops in nutrition, food handling, menu preparation and cooking.
- Family circles engaged in prayer and fasting for each other during the pandemic, They also shared prayers and encouragement with each other through mobile messaging.
- When the children's lunch program was closed, staff arranged for each family to pick up a stocked hamper of essentials, holding vegetables, pasta, sugar, rice, beans, eggs, milk, meats and basic grains.
- Site staff monitored children's height and weight. Through the Chalice gift catalogue, staff helped families of children showing anemia or malnutrition to improve their nutrition and buy vitamins.



Community

- The community grew in solidarity throughout the pandemic. They supported one another through prayer, visits (when safe to do so) and close communication.
- Families shared food, such as corn, beans and sesame with families facing food insecurity.

