

# CasaSito Association Year-End Bulletin

December 2025

As we close out the year, we would like to share **four ways** in which your support has made a difference.

## UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

This year, we highlight **two youth scholar graduates from rural areas who achieved a milestone reached by fewer than 5% of Guatemalans:** earning a university degree.

### Gabriel Bacá Juan

**Graduated with a Bachelor's  
Degree in Legal and Social Sciences**

*“With every step forward and every cause I defend, I will carry with me the memory of your support and my deep gratitude, transforming that act of generosity into a lifelong commitment to justice and development...”*

[Click here to read Gabriel's full letter and learn about his future plans.](#)



### Marta Coy

**Graduated with a Bachelor's  
Degree in Social Work**

Marta is from Alta Verapaz, where more than 90% of the population lives in poverty, surmounted the barriers to education to achieve her dreams. She has since joined CasaSito as the Social Worker supporting young people and families in her community.





## Youth Art Exhibition

ALTA VERAPAZ

**For the first time, CasaSito held a youth art exhibition in the municipality of San Cristóbal Verapaz.**

Six local artists from Alta Verapaz participated as special guests, alongside CasaSito scholars who attended with their families.

The exhibition welcomed a full house, including current and former youth scholars, families, and the wider community.



## Youth Art Exhibition

ANTIGUA

On November 30th, CasaSito held its annual art exhibition at the art spaces of Mesón Panza Verde, Antigua. The exhibition brought together youth scholars from Alta Verapaz and Sacatepéquez, who showcased and sold their artwork. For some youth participants, it was their first visit to Antigua.

These experiences are an important part of CasaSito's youth development approach, **providing young people with new cultural, social, and personal learning opportunities, while encouraging community participation.**





## Thanksgiving - Annual Fundraiser

This year, 120 guests came together to celebrate Thanksgiving in the beautiful setting of El Convento de Santa Clara. CasaSito's annual Thanksgiving dinner is our largest fundraising event of the year to support the upcoming year's programs.

We are deeply grateful to all our guests, the volunteers, partners, and community members whose time, generosity, and commitment made this meaningful evening possible.



## Interschool Debate Festival

OCTOBER 22, 23, 25

At CasaSito, we are immensely proud to host this space that celebrates students, teachers, and the power of education to build confident voices.

Growing each year, the festival brought together **19 debate clubs from 17 schools**, where children and young people showcased their skills, many overcoming nerves to debate in front of an audience. Over the course of the three-day festival, 400 people attended.

Through the 2025 Teacher Development Program, **13 teachers supported 293 students in learning debate**, with 38 children and young people going on to represent their schools at the festival.

# FROM OUR DIRECTORS

We wish to sincerely thank everyone who makes our work possible: our volunteers, friends, donors, beneficiaries, and the entire team that brings our mission to life every day.

This year was full of learning, challenges, and achievements that could only happen because we worked together to transform lives and create new opportunities.

May the coming year find us with the same commitment, compassion, and hope. Let's keep building a more just and caring future, together.

With Gratitude,  
Regional Executive Directors

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