



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER #6!

This month, we're excited to share new inspiring stories from the coffee world that show the lasting impact of your support.

In these pages, we'll take you to the Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta #2 in San Antonio Chacayá, Sololá—a project that has grown and evolved thanks to the generosity of our founder.

We'll also share the latest updates from our project “LO MEJOR DEL CAFÉ” with the active participation of the Santa Bárbara, Huehuetenango community, and wrap up with a positive story that we're sure will make you smile.

Your commitment makes it possible for us to keep transforming lives in coffee-growing communities across the country, and we're thrilled to tell you more about this journey.

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A SHADE OF HOPE IN SAN ANTONIO CHACAYÁ

Over 15 years ago, with the support of our donors, **Coffee Care** built the Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta #2 in the community of San Antonio Chacayá, near Santiago Atitlán. It was the beginning of a long-lasting relationship with its students and teachers, with the main goal of providing children a safe and healthy environment to learn.

For years, our partnership provided school meals and health support, ensuring students had the energy and wellbeing they needed to focus on their studies.

As time went on, the projects evolved. Since the Government of Guatemala increased school meal funding in 2017, direct support in this area was no longer needed.

This allowed us to focus efforts and resources on other critical needs of the school. Our commitment to this community, however, remains as strong as ever.

We continue to visit the school every year to identify ways to improve learning conditions. Recently, teachers shared an urgent need: the school playground had no shade, preventing children from using it during the sunniest hours of the day. The intense heat not only limited playtime but also posed a health risk.

With the help of our founder, **Coffee Care** sponsored the installation of a shade structure over the playground. Now, students can enjoy a safe space to play, exercise, and socialize without worrying about the sun. This project is a reminder that while needs may change, our mission to empower communities through education and wellbeing remains unchanged.





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LO MEJOR DEL CAFÉ

This project was created to raise awareness of the vital role the community plays in coffee production—especially in Santa Bárbara, Huehuetenango, renowned for its exceptional coffee.

LO MEJOR DEL CAFÉ is a joint initiative between the German company **Tchibo** and **Coffee Care**, seeking to recognize individuals who stand out for their dedication, talent, or contributions within their community, leaving an inspiring example for current and future generations.

As part of the project, interviews were conducted with exemplary community members, leading to the production of a documentary featuring the voices of women, men, and children whose stories deserve recognition

The documentary is currently in editing and will premiere at the end of 2025.

Stay tuned—it promises to be truly inspiring!

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POSITIVE STORY

Planting and Harvesting Hope

Education is one of the most important components of our work—especially when it comes to children and youth. The **Coffee Club** project promotes knowledge and coffee production techniques, planting in new generations the passion for one of the country's most important products: coffee.

Since its creation, **Coffee Club** has allowed young people to see the fruits of their effort and dedication. At the start, the project had only 3 small plots of land that weren't being managed properly. Thanks to the students' work, more than 140 pounds of parchment coffee were successfully harvested in the very first year.

In this issue, we're excited to share a new milestone: students from the Escuela Fe y Alegría Coffee Club planted 206 new coffee trees, expanding their work to 3 plots of land—triple the area they started with in 2024, which began with just 1 plot now in bloom during 2025.

Remarkably, the most recent harvest yielded 240 pounds of parchment coffee—100 pounds more than the first harvests. It's estimated that once all the plots reach full production, they will generate at least 14 quintals of coffee.

We congratulate these young participants for this important achievement and encourage them to continue moving forward in building a more inclusive and fair coffee industry.

