



**Potter's House**  
Association

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**JOHN 15:1-17**

**TOGETHER**  
*with Him for others*



*Thank you!*

## Dear Potter's House family,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the impact that God has made through Potter's House. Our mission to serve poor and at-risk children and youth in Guatemala continued and through faith, dedication and the generosity of our partners, we have been able to provide spiritual resources, education, healthcare and nutrition for those who need them the most.

In 2024 we focused our services, resources, strategies, programs and structure to create a positive and lasting impact over time in the lives of the Treasures and other participants. We were able to serve more than **37,092** Treasures around the country and have seen how God has redeemed and changed lives! **287** Treasures participated in our Education Program and **23 of them graduated from High School.**

In the Eastern and Western regions where girls are taught that they are made to stay home, do house work and care for children, 47% of the students in our education programs are girls, this means we are changing the culture there! We celebrate the fact that for 3 consecutive years there have been **no cases of teenage pregnancies recorded in our Program.**

In the following Annual Report, you will find stories of resilience, hope and testimonies of lives touched and futures brightened. None of this would have been possible without each of us fulfilling our calling as participants in God's plan- **together with Him for Others.**

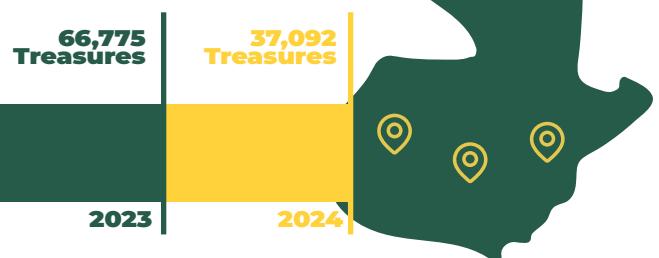
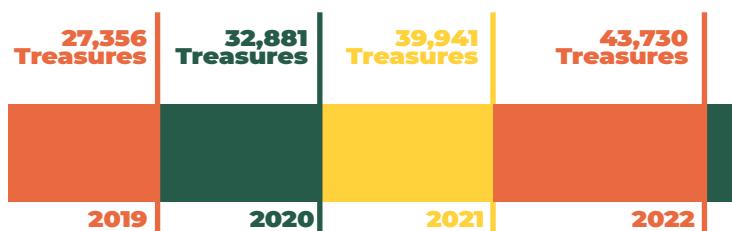
As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission and hopeful for what God has in store for 2025. Thank you for walking alongside us in this journey. We invite you to continue praying, giving and sharing about what God is doing through Potter's House so that together, we can break cycles of poverty and change lives forever!

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now". Philippians 1:3-5*

**Together with Him for Others,**

**Hector Rivas**  
Executive Director

## Treasures involved in the DEM Process of Transformation 2019 - 2024



# 8 FORMS OF POVERTY

Although PHA addresses all **8 forms of poverty** and our holistic programs are designed to fight them all, we have understood that to have lasting impact we must focus our services on three:

Spiritual Poverty, Intellectual Poverty and Physical Poverty. The most important of which is **Spiritual Poverty**.

Thus our plans and objectives must reflect this emphasis:

## 2024 General Objective for our Community Centers

Lead Treasures to the improvement of their nutritional status, current analytical capacity and spiritual strengthening.



## Christian Life



- **9** young people **participating in discipleships at PHA went to a mission to Izabal** to serve by evangelizing children and communities.
- **11** young people **lead VBS activities** to share the Good News.
- **33** High School Treasures **shared devotionals** with Elementary Treasures.
- **123** Treasures at a national level began a relationship with Jesus.
- **43 young Treasures** from the Garbage Dump community prayed a prayer of faith.
- **51 Treasures reconciled** their relationship with Jesus.
- **4 evangelistic campaigns** where **705** people heard the message of Salvation and **6 people gave their lives to Jesus**.
- **207 Treasures** read the Bible throughout the year.
- **146 Treasures** memorizing 5 to 12 Bible verses throughout the year.
- **278 Treasures** practicing challenges to learn the Bible.
- In Chiquimula **40% of Treasures promote devotionals at home**.



# Education

Out of **176 Treasures in elementary school**:

- There was an **improvement of 20% in reading and writing proficiency** (from 58pts to 78pts), 61% of the Treasures improved their scores.
- There was a **13% improvement in logical mathematical thinking** (from 45pts to 58pts) and 64% of the Treasures improved their scores.
- 22 Secondary Treasures were tested, and these obtained **72pts in critical thinking**. The challenge in 2025 will be to fine-tune this learning, strengthen it, and pursue the



Out of **287 Treasures in the Education Program at a National Level**:

- **272 Treasures passed their school grade, 5 Treasures failed (1.74%) and 3 deserted their academic studies (1.04%).**



**Central Region, 24 Treasures graduated** from secondary school, out of them:

- **10 Treasures** were exposed to job interviews.
- **15 Treasured** are in the process of registering for university, and **6 have been accepted at USAC** (Public university) to begin their university careers.

**This is the third year with 0 cases of teen pregnancies reported.**

# Nutrition

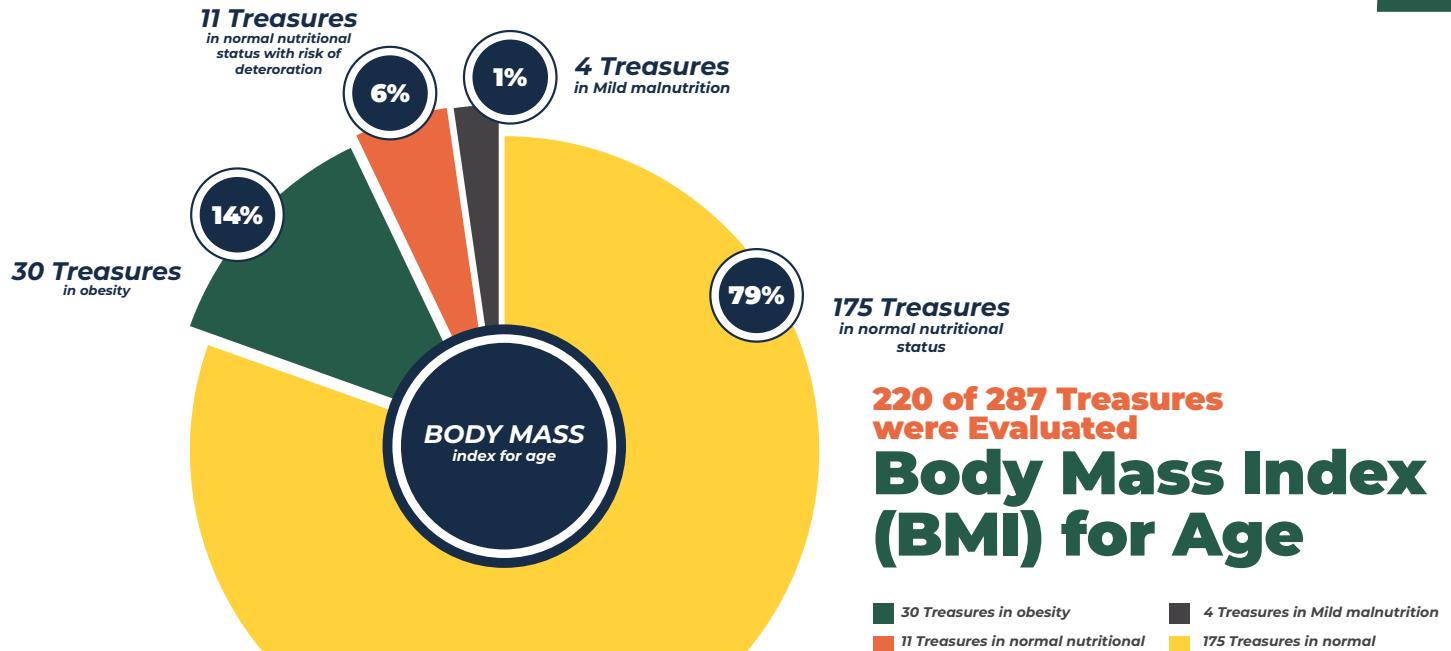
The **287** Treasures at a national level **increased their physical activity**.



- **25** participated in **soccer training**.
- **175** Treasures **grew in height**.
- **166** Treasures have a **normal weight**.
- **175** Treasures with **normal body mass indicator**.
- **24** Treasures **improved their clinical signs** in hair and skin.
- The goal was that 10 out 27 Treasures who were overweight would improve their weight, the result was that **3 of them reduced their overweight level**.
- The goal was that 7 out of 13 Treasures who were obese would reduce their levels, the result was that **1 decreased their body mass indicator**.



# Nutrition

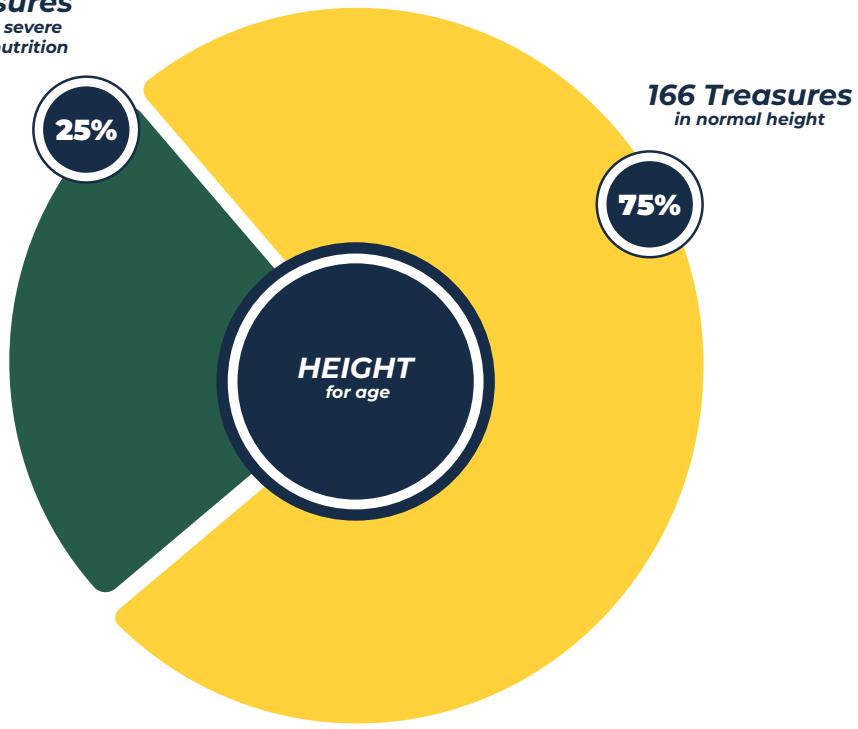


**54 Treasures**  
Moderate or severe  
chronic malnutrition

**220 of 287 Treasures**  
were Evaluated

## Height for Age Indicator

■ 166 Treasures in normal height  
■ 54 Treasures Moderate or severe  
chronic malnutrition





# TESTIMONIES



## MARIA ORTEGA

*Central region*

Maria Julia arrived at Potter's House when she was between 7 and 8 years old.

The most difficult experience she has faced was the death of her mother in 2023.

However, Maria Julia has shown courage and a grateful heart toward God, staying focused on His Word.

Maria Julia shares that she identifies with Psalm 27:10. She feels this verse reflects her life because God has never abandoned her, even after her mother's death and her father's abandonment.

Last year, after participating in the Trauma Healing for Adolescents program, she realized she had not forgiven her father. She decided to send him a text message, telling him she forgave him. To her surprise, her father replied, "I am the one who should be asking for your forgiveness." From that day on, God began to heal her heart.

Maria Julia has been a faithful participant in the discipleship program. The meetings have helped her better understand her relationship with God, memorize Bible verses, and for the past two years, she has taken part in the Treasures in Missions program.

*Christian Life*



## VÍCTOR XILOJ

*Western region*

Víctor Joel Xiloj is the first Treasure in the Education Program in Momostenango to reach Secondary School.

Víctor lives with his mother, Doña Odilia, who works in domestic services to support her family. Doña Odilia has three children: Santos, Mario, and the youngest, Víctor.

Despite the challenges his family faces, Víctor continually strives to excel academically. Entering secondary school was a significant challenge for him, but thanks to his effort, discipline, and dedication, he successfully completed the 2024 school year.

His favorite subject is Physical Education, and he greatly enjoys reading time at Potter's House, which allows him to acquire new knowledge and continue learning.

In his free time, Víctor loves volunteering at Potter's House and supporting his mentors with various daily activities.

Víctor is an inspiring example for our Treasures. His hard work and dedication have enabled him to achieve remarkable accomplishments at a young age.

*Education Program*



## EDER RAMÍREZ

*Eastern region*

When Eder arrived at Potter's House, his nutritional status was classified as Moderate Chronic Malnutrition. His weight was 19.5 kg, and his height was 112.6 cm.

He and his mother were informed that he needed to gain weight and should eat more fruits, vegetables, and salads to increase the nutrients and calories in his body. His nutritional status also affected his school performance and normal growth.

Eder thanks God for the help he has received at Potter's House since joining the program. He now receives nutritious lunches and the vitamins he needs to reach a healthy weight.

Despite being sick on several occasions, thanks to God, his parents, and Potter's House, his body began to regain the calories necessary to reach a healthy weight and height. Today, he is no longer in a state of Moderate Chronic Malnutrition and has achieved a Normal Nutritional Status. He currently weighs 20.3 kg, and his height is 114.4 cm.

*Nutrition Program*

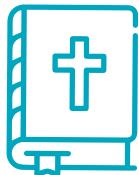




**16,915** Treasures  
served in the  
Central Region

# CENTRAL REGION

Guatemala City



## Christian Life

- 83** Prayer visits to 355 Treasures.
- 50** Treasures reconciled in their relationships with Jesus.
- 117** Treasures gave their lives to the Lord.
- 190** Treasures participating in devotionals.



## Health & Nutrition

- 27,346** Nutritious Lunches served.
- 3** Anthropometric Studies in the year.
- 270** Bags of staple foods given to students.
- 116** Treasures grew in height.
- 10,366** Patients were attended.



## Education

- 100** Students in Elementary School and **109** in Secondary School.
- 61** Elementary students improved their reading skills.
- 100** Treasures read at least 2 books in the year.
- 65** Elementary students improved their math skills in the year.



## Community Development

- 2** Homes Built to provide safety for families.
- 1** Classroom built at a public school for 35 students.
- 97** Water filters were given.

## Micro Enterprise



- 86** Clients receiving financial and non-financial support in the Microenterprise Program.
- 118** Loans disbursed throughout the year.

- 37** Clients are men.
- 49** Clients are women.

## Prayer Requests

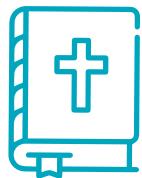
- For safety around the Community Center.
- For partnerships with organizations and companies that bless our Treasures.
- For the emotional well-being of our Treasures
- For the spiritual growth of our Treasures



**5,946** Treasures  
served in the  
Eastern Region

# EASTERN REGION

Guatemala



## Christian Life

- 238** Prayer Visits to 1,203 Treasures.
- 1** Treasure reconciled their relationship with Jesus.
- 1** Treasure gave their life to the Lord.
- 50** Treasures reading their Bibles and praying at PHA.



## Health & Nutrition

- 7,300** Nutritious Lunches served.
- 3** Anthropometric Studies in the year.
- 44** Bags of staple foods given to students
- 50** Treasures received multivitamins and zinc supplements.
- 9** Medical clinics.
- 771** Patients were attended.



## Education

- 49** Students in Elementary School and **1** in Secondary School.
- 34** Elementary students improved their reading skills.
- 28** Treasures read at least 2 books in the year.
- 33** Elementary students improved their math skills in the year.



## Community Development

- 19** Families participating in the Agricultural Project and Business School.
- 12** Houses built.
- 16** Hygiene units built.
- 3,752** Treasures blessed through infrastructure projects through Short-term mission teams.

## Micro Enterprise



- 26** Clients receiving financial and non-financial support in the Microenterprise Program.
- 29** Loans disbursed throughout the year.

- 8** Clients are men.
- 18** Clients are women.

## Prayer Requests

- For qualified staff to serve our Treasures.
- For a vehicle to transport the children.
- For the spiritual growth of our Treasures.



 **3,688** Treasures served in the Western Region

# WESTERN REGION

*Guatemala*



## Christian Life

- 6** Treasures gave their lives to the Lord.
- 27** Treasures reading their Bibles and 28 Treasures praying at PHA.



## Nutrition

**4,039** Nutritious Lunches served.

- 3** Anthropometric Studies in the year.
- 81** Bags of staple foods distributed.
- 19** Treasures received multivitamins and 28 received zinc supplements.



## Education

- 27** Students in Elementary School and **1** in Secondary School
- 13** Elementary students improved their reading skills.
- 28** Treasures read at least 2 books in the year
- 14** Elementary students improved their math skills in the year.



## Community Development

**3,661** Treasures receiving in-kind donations.

## Prayer Requests

- New location for the Community Center.
- For the parents of our Treasures, most of whom do not speak Spanish fluently.
- For the new Treasures in the program.
- For qualified staff to serve our Treasures.
- For the spiritual growth of our Treasures.





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