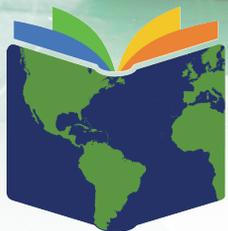


ANNUAL REPORT 2021



SCHOOL
THE WORLD



Dear Supporters,

We didn't know what 2021 would bring but we knew the outcome would be devastating if children missed out on another year of learning.

Children in Central America had already lost 4X more school days than any other globally and there were no signs of schools reopening any time soon.

The vast digital divide between rural and urban areas, the haves and the have-nots, became even more consequential. It was going to be up to us to bridge this gap.

And that we did!

Thanks to our generous supporters, our team made the impossible possible. We brought the classroom into the home in the most rural areas of Central America.

Our **Phone Tutoring Program** enabled children to learn over the phone and, for communities without access to a cell signal or electricity, our **Peer Tutoring Program** enlisted older students to tutor younger students. We gave all of our scholarship students access to distance learning with **low-cost smart-phones** and our **One Tablet Per Family Pilot** brought low-cost tablets to families with preloaded books and learning tools.

Through it all, we learned that anything is possible if we remain true to our mission and philosophy: **all children love to learn and want to learn and all parents want a better life for their children.** You can learn more about these programs as well as some inspiring 2021 events and new developments in this report.

Now, schools are reopened but the kids are still so far behind. We need to help them catch up before frustrated students begin to dropout and never set foot in a classroom again...

Through our latest initiative, **A Successful Return To School, we are sending in teams of aides to help teachers, but we are going to need your support to continue doing so** in the critical months ahead.

If the past two years have shown us anything, it is how important community is. You are our community and we know that together, we can ensure that children return to school, catch-up on lost learning and stay in school.

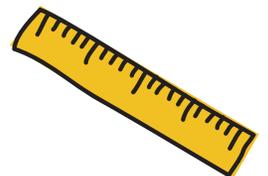
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Kate Curran
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SCHOOL THE WORLD'S 12 YEARS OF IMPACT



12,590
STUDENTS
ENROLLED



706
EARLY CHILDHOOD
STUDENTS

635
LIBRARIES
STOCKED



7,625
PARENTS
EMPOWERED

7,395
TEACHERS
TRAINED



56
PLAYGROUNDS

676
SCHOLARSHIPS &
DISTANCE LEARNING
STUDENTS



107
SCHOOLS



BEYOND THE NUMBERS

“My name is Isabel and I have three children. Francisca is in the second grade and Catarina is in the fifth grade. They both LOVE to learn.”



I am so happy because thanks to the **Parent Trainings**, I have learned the importance of communicating with my children and dedicating time to their studies. Also I have learned how to take care of them, making sure they have good hygiene and protecting them from illnesses.

“When schools closed last year due to COVID, my family was very sad, especially my daughters, because they were not going to be able to continue learning or see their friends.

Then, School the World gave us the support of the Tablet. It helped my daughters to improve their vocabulary and their reading and math skills! My husband Pablo and I have seen how the tablet has helped them progress in speaking Spanish as well! This tablet has also helped my husband and I learn new things too!

Before, my daughter Francisca did not know how to do multiplication, but thanks to School the World’s **Phone Tutoring Program**, now she can multiply tables up to 8!

My 2 year old son, Alexis, is not old enough to be in school, but he and I love participating in the **Early Childhood Program!** He has completely changed because of this program. It has given my son and I confidence. Alexis was very shy and always cried when he was around other people and children. However, since we started the Early Childhood trainings, I have seen a huge change in him. Now, he likes to join other children in the activities and has even made some friends!

School the World has transformed my family’s life by giving us the learning resources and support we needed to get through this pandemic together, but also to feel empowered and motivated as a family. Thank you School the World!”

—Isabel, Patzalam Choacamán IV





2021 PROGRAMS:

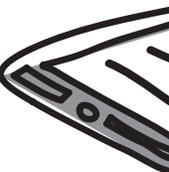
KEEPING CHILDREN ENGAGED IN
LEARNING WHILE SCHOOLS ARE
CLOSED FOR ANOTHER YEAR



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our staff and volunteer teachers developed a 3 week program with curriculum that reintroduced children of all ages to the classroom! Through outdoor activities focused on competencies identified as weak during pre-testing, our Summer School Program helped to get children up to speed and ready to continue learning when schools reopen.

1,600
CHILDREN





Children in Latin America have lost more in-person school days than any other children globally due to this pandemic. Schools closed three weeks into the 2020 school year and remained closed throughout 2021. Nearly two years of children not seeing the inside of their classroom, seldom hearing from their teachers or playing with their classmates. Although our 2020 COVID-19 programs were successful, we knew that if schools were to remain closed for another school year, we had to expand our intervention.

Our 2021 programs not only kept children engaged in learning, but they also engaged teachers, assessed children’s learning loss and successfully brought the classroom into the home!

TABLET PILOT PROGRAM

Our **One Tablet Per Family Program** further closed the resource gaps between rural and urban schools, allowing entire families to engage with educational activities while at home! Before bringing a tablet home, families attended workshops on how to use the tablet and preloaded apps like Khan Academy, Read Along, Math Master and more!



“This program helped us a lot because not only did the children learn from the tablet, I did too! Before this, I never learned how to read, but I love to learn so it was frustrating. When my children used an application to help them read on the tablet, I began to learn how to read too just by listening and watching the videos! My family has even made a schedule for “tablet time” where we all read and learn together!”.

—Maria, Chitucur II, Guatemala

202
FAMILIES
580
CHILDREN

3,571
CHILDREN SUPPORTED
BY 217 PHONE TUTORS.



PHONE TUTORING

In partnership with local universities, children with access to a phone were paired with a local university student who tutored them over the phone for 30+ minutes twice a week on reading, writing and math.

“This year my teacher came to school once a month to hand out assignments. However, I was so frustrated because I did not understand how to complete them and had no support. But now I am happy because a School the World Phone Tutor helps me every week to complete these assignments. I am learning more and I feel very supported.”

—Nicolas López, 11 years old.

PEER TUTORING

Where there is no cell signal, such as our rural Honduran communities, older students volunteered to tutor the younger children in reading, writing and math. The older students gained leadership skills and the younger children felt supported in their learning!

843
CHILDREN
SUPPORTED BY
99 PEER TUTORS



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & LOW-COST SMARTPHONES



Our Scholarship & Alternative Learning Program helped to keep young adolescents engaged by providing low-cost smartphones with monthly recharges. Now, they could attend our workshops on Life Skills & Career Planning and participate in our WhatsApp Support Groups as well as turn in assignments to their teachers!

322
YOUTH

VIRTUAL TEACHER TRAINING

We expanded upon our successful 2020 Virtual Teacher Training to include a focus on hybrid education. This program supported Guatemalan and Honduran teachers within our communities as well as outside of our community reach. The training included strategies on how to assess learning loss, how to implement catch-up techniques and how to teach remotely or in a hybrid format!



4,336
TEACHERS!

“This Program helped us to better understand how to teach in a hybrid capacity (remote + in-person), and how to grasp students’ attention while remote. It also taught us methodologies on how to get children caught up by identifying areas of difficulty per student and then implementing a plan on how to help them. I am so grateful for School the World’s support, it will help countless teachers and students as schools reopen.”

—Marcio, Nueva Lempira, Honduras

A Celebration to Keep Children in School!

Thank you to those who made our 2021 Gala an unforgettable evening, raising **\$332,500!** And special thanks to this year's honorees Mike Massaro (CEO, Flywire) and Rick Dellar, our awesome Co-Chairs, Allison MacLeod (CMO, Flywire) and Merrily Bodell (COO, Ivywise) and generous sponsors:



Maura and Jay Breen



Helen and George Massaro

The Kindler Family

The O'Malley Family



Stacy Rubin



Congrats to the 50 Grads!

We were SO excited to cheer on our FIRST class of graduating scholarship students! Even with schools closed for two years, these lower secondary scholarship recipients remained committed to their learning and graduating the 9th grade. We are so proud of them and cannot wait to see what they do next with their education!



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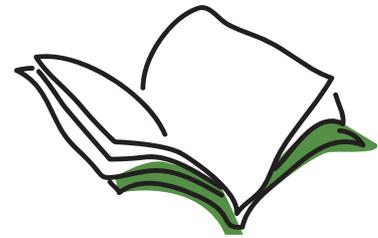
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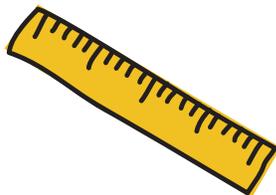
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Q&A
with Mike Massaro
CEO, Flywire

How did you first learn about School the World?

A mutual friend introduced me to Kate years ago when I was just starting to think about corporate giving for Flywire. I met with Kate about the possibility of doing a corporate service trip and by the end of the meeting we were already talking about when and how many FlyMates (Flywire employees). I knew just from our discussion how impactful and inspiring this experience would be for our FlyMates and could simply not turn it down.

How have School the World Corporate Service Trips impacted your employees?

We have a values-driven culture at Flywire, and live our values every day. Among our many values are two that resonate with me in particular – fulfillment and global collaboration. Every chance we get, we encourage our FlyMates to seek fulfillment in and out of the workplace and to connect with their teammates in other global offices. These service trips provide this and more. In fact, these service trips continue to be life-changing for FlyMates. Around 7 employees participate each year, all from different offices around the world. For them, it offers an opportunity to not only meet other FlyMates they may not have met before, but they can also network with other global companies while on the trip as well. More importantly, in just one week they create an immense impact in a rural Guatemalan community and form lasting relationships with the children and local people. Every year our FlyMates return refreshed and have a new sense of motivation in their work and sense of fulfillment in their lives.

How are these trips different from other corporate service opportunities you have come across?

I think it comes down to the completely immersive experience that our FlyMates are offered, and the



immediate impact the trips can have on the communities they serve. Beginning with the fundraising component, FlyMates completely commit to brainstorming fun and creative ideas to reach the required fundraising amount. We've held office competitions, happy hour fundraisers, "slime challenges", you name it! That in itself has already boosted our employee engagement.

Second, School the World is so locally embedded into this region and these communities that when you go on one of these trips you're not just building a school and returning home. In fact, building the school is a great and challenging goal to complete during the week, but the highlights I hear from the FlyMates who attend are typically about the incredible relationships formed with the children and the community members throughout the week. With how School the World formats these trips, in just 5 days, people are able to form really meaningful relationships even with the language barrier. The fact that the majority of their staff is local, born and raised in these types of communities is also incredibly unique and what makes School the World such a great organization.

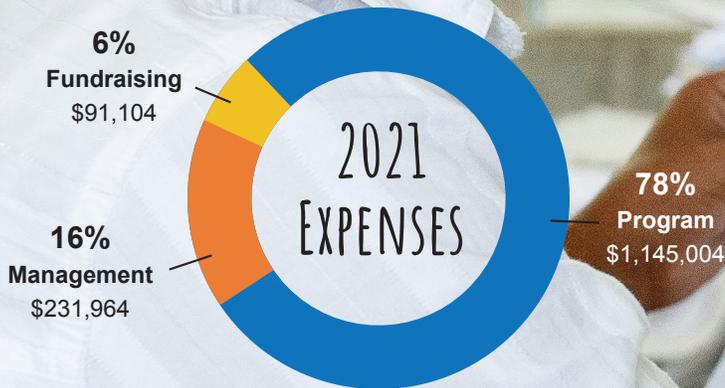
What is your biggest takeaway from partnering with School the World?

My biggest takeaway would just be that every company should participate in some sort of corporate giving and service experience. Flywire's corporate service is centered on education so this was a great fit for us and I recommend it to any company. The more I become involved with School the World in other areas such as being an Honoree at the 2021 gala, the more I learn and know that School the World is the real deal when it comes to nonprofits creating real impact.

2021 FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

\$776,971
2021 ASSETS

\$173,245
2021 LIABILITIES



	2020	2021
Revenue	\$1,727,297	\$1,487,507
Expenses	\$1,527,170	\$1,468,072
Net Surplus	\$200,127	\$19,868

SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO SCHOOL

As schools reopen in 2022, our team will be committed to re-enrolling children and providing the critical support needed to get them caught up. We plan to hire Teacher Aides to assess learning levels and provide students with four hours of tutoring per week. These Aides will also work with teachers to make sure they are teaching at the right level and providing the support needed for children to recover from losing 2 years of in-classroom instruction.

RELAUNCH OF STUDENT SERVICE TRIP PROGRAM

We are THRILLED to relaunch our Student Service Trip Program in 2022! With almost two full years of not being able to travel, we cannot wait to host Spring and Summer trips to Panama and Southern Honduras!



2022 HERE WE COME!

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PLAYGROUND

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