

FERIA DE PROYECTOS / PROJECT FAIR “UNIENDO AMÉRICA”

FORMATO PARA PROPONER UN PROYECTO O INICIATIVA DE PROYECTO

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PROYECTO / PROJECT

Nombre / Name:	<u>Stella Maris Accessibility Bus Project</u>
Descripción / Description:	This project provides Stella Maris School—the only public special needs school in Belize—with an accessible school bus, ensuring safe and reliable transportation for its students. Founded in April 1958 to serve children with physical disabilities, Stella Maris has grown to support the country’s most vulnerable population: students with profound disabilities and special educational needs. Today, the school serves 127 students, including 51 with level 3 autism, 49 with intellectual disabilities, 8 with physical disabilities, 7 who are deaf or hearing impaired, 1 who is visually impaired, and 11

	with speech and language impairments or specific learning disabilities. Students benefit from a multigrade teaching approach tailored to their unique learning needs.
Beneficiarios directos / Direct beneficiaries:	Approximately 50% of Students, ages 2-14, that are currently being transported daily by an old rusty refurbished yellow School bus.
Beneficiarios indirectos / Indirect beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents & Families of students (Improved societal participation and attendance at school) • Ministry of Education (Supporting Infrastructure Goals)
Demografía / Demographics:	Enrolled students with accessibility and transportation needs, (Mixed gender, diverse socio economic backgrounds urban community in Belize City.)
Inversión Total / Total Investment:	Total US\$100,000.00 for a new accessibility bus US\$50,000 for a used accessibility bus

IMPACTO/IMPACT

Problema a solucionar / Problem to solve:	<p>The School currently uses a refurbished, traditional, yellow School bus to pick up students daily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those with physical disabilities need to be physically carried onto the bus. • Creates a negative impact of learning environment and student dignity.
Sostenibilidad / Sustainability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School administration will oversee cleaning and upkeep • Rotary Club will provide periodic monitoring and support
Metas Mesurables / Measurable goals:	Increase the number of students transported daily; thus, improving attendance and providing equitable access to education.
<p>Área de Interés de La Fundación Rotaria / The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Paz y prevención de conflictos / Peacebuilding and conflict prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Prevención y tratamiento de enfermedades/ Disease prevention and treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Educación básica y alfabetización / Basic education and literacy (Support Learning environment) <input type="checkbox"/> Medioambiente / Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Salud materno- infantil / Maternal and child health 	



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¿Tiene evaluación de la comunidad? Does it have a community assessment?	The following has been conducted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview with director and consultant on needs of the school 2. Dialogue still in progress to complete needs base assessment
Experiencia en el tema / Experience in this focus area	<p>The Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise has never undertaken a Project like this that supports transportation in the educational sector. The club has some experience in securing donations of two ambulances for the country's health sector. The club relies on that experience and our relationship in working with various primary schools in Belize City completing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wash initiatives (Water pump installations in Copper Bank in Northern Belize and Gales Point Manantee in the Southern Coastal Rural Region). Additionally, restoration to bathroom blocks at St. John's Anglican Primary School, St. Ignatius Primary School, St. John's Vianny Primary School and currently St. Joseph Primary School. ● School Infrastructure projects: (classroom repairs, playground upgrades and playgroud builds.)
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