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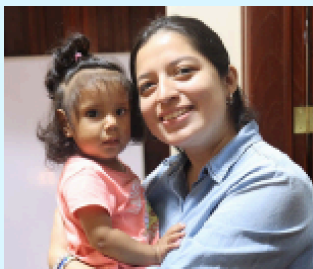
TO

**Rafael Landívar University in
Guatemala**



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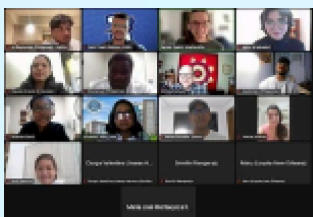
MAGIS EXCHANGE: MY STORY



My name is Claudia Grande, I am from El Salvador, and I study Computer Engineering. I had the opportunity to be part of the Magis program and went on exchange to Rafael Landívar University in Guatemala. Claudia María



Chávez Grande, José Simeón Cañas University, El Salvador My volunteer work was a life-changing experience. I had the chance to be part of the Jesuit

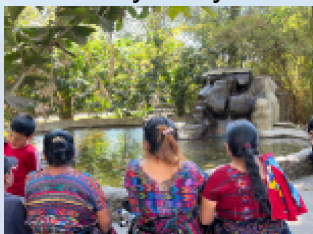


Refugee Service, and it was truly incredible to have the opportunity to be an agent of change through living and sharing with each of the migrants. During my exchange,



I learned that being present and truly listening can change lives including my own. Every conversation, every glance, and every shared silence reminded me of the power of empathy. Each encounter was a lesson,

and every story a call to act with heart, to engage with others through humanity



and compassion. It was then that I understood: transforming the world begins by allowing ourselves to be transformed by it. Throughout my experience,

gratitude and admiration were always present—towards my fellow cohort members and the people of Guatemala. I learned so much from them, their

cultures, and the way they inspire the world to give their best. Through my final project, I had the opportunity to apply everything I learned in each class, beginning with recognizing and appreciating my surroundings. It's something I remember fondly because it helped me become more aware of the "now." In addition to learning about Guatemalan culture, it was also a great opportunity to grow professionally as a woman in engineering.