



Primeros  
Pasos

# COOKING UP A STORM OF POSITIVE CHANGE

How economical and environmentally-friendly stoves have made a difference in the schools of the Valley

During the week of March 4th, 2018, a group of Alternative Spring Break students from the University of Virginia helped us construct three stoves in three of the schools of the Palajunoj Valley. These stoves were donated by UVA and purchased through Doña Dora, a company that focuses on selling safer, cleaner and more cost-effective cookstoves to Guatemalan families. Their service includes installation by a professional, training, follow up and a maintenance, this assuring the stove will be used correctly and will last a long time.

## LLANOS DEL PINAL

40L pot stove built for kindergarten, providing more kitchen space (they used to cook in a single kitchen for more than 800 kids).

## XECARACOJ

100L pot stove built where they were cooking on one stove (and over two open fires) for 575 kids. These open fires produced a lot of smoke which was being inhaled daily by the women in charge of cooking. They have closed one of the fires thanks to the new stove.

## TIERRA COLORADA ALTA

100L pot stove replaced a broken stove in the kitchen area. Much like in Xecaracoj, they had been cooking over an open fire in an enclosed area, inhaling smoke and burning their eyes.

**THANK YOU UVA + DOÑA DORA**

**1200+ students  
served by the  
stoves**



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