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CTC San Jose Pinula – Guatemala City

Community Transformation Center

Program Description:	- Provide a holistic approach to not only addressing the needs and providing the services that most community centers have, but to go a step further by addressing the causes of poverty - Accomplished through social workers that do case management with families by helping them to develop a family plan with goals and objectives to become self-sufficient and provide for the basic needs of their families. - CTC focuses on providing family programs, community programs, empowerment programs, and humanitarian aid. Specific services offered include: after school programs, computer classes, English classes, job skill training, healthcare services, drug and alcohol education, nutritional and hygiene education, humanitarian aid, spiritual enrichment in collaboration with local churches, and case management.
Program Objectives:	Provision of case management services to provide assessment, referrals and follow up to clients.
Key Buckner Staff:	CTC Coordinator; English Teacher; Computer Lab Teacher

Health Programs/ Preventive Health Education

Program Description:	Coordination and provision of or referral to basic health-related services as well as an intervention program to clients in a community setting.
Program Objectives:	Provision of adequate healthcare at a minimal cost to community.

After School Program

Program Description:	This program provides mentoring, social skills, character development, recreational activities, tutoring and supervised play with the help of staff and volunteers in a safe environment.
Program Objectives:	Provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to receive educational and character development.

Client Assistance

Program Description:	Provision of food, medicine, clothing, construction and other aid directly to individual children and families, in order to meet basic human needs.
Program Objectives:	Provide families with emergency relief without creating unhealthy dependency.

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Spiritual Enrichment

Program Description:	Adults connecting with vulnerable children by providing faith-based character development, a positive influence and strong role modeling through regular contact. Includes a wide array of services to address the spiritual needs of clients, from enrichment events to ongoing follow-up and continuing care.
Program Objectives:	Introduction and opportunity for clients to hear the message of Christ.

Jobs Skills Training

Program Description :	training and workshops: comprehensive computer literacy and job training programs for children and families.
Program Objectives:	Provide clients with a certificate for computer training in order they have a chance for employment in the computer field. Other job training is provided through basic instruction on crafts to assist families in self sustainable efforts.

Parenting Skills Classes

Program Description :	Services provided: - to support the strengthening of families - development of successful parenting skills in multiple settings - Adults connecting with vulnerable children by providing faith-based character development, a positive influence and strong role modeling through regular contact. - Wide array of services to address the spiritual needs of clients, from enrichment events to ongoing follow-up and continuing care.
Program Objectives:	Provide skills to help clients improve their parenting.

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CTC Cerrito – Guatemala City

Community Transformation Center

Program Description:	- provide a holistic approach to not only addressing the needs and providing the services that most community centers have, but to go a step further by addressing the causes of poverty - Accomplished through social workers that do case management with families by helping them to develop a family plan with goals and objectives to become self-sufficient and provide for the basic needs of their families - CTC focuses on providing family programs, community programs, empowerment programs, and humanitarian aid. **Specific services offered include** after school programs, computer classes, English classes, job skill training, healthcare services, drug and alcohol education, nutritional and hygiene education, humanitarian aid, spiritual enrichment in collaboration with local churches, and case management. In August of 2010 a third CTC was opened in the very impoverished community of El Cerrito in Guatemala City.
Program Objectives:	Provision of case management services to provide assessment, referrals and follow up to clients.
Key Buckner Staff:	CTC Coordinator; social worker

Dental/Preventative Medical/Health Services

Program Description:	Coordination and provision of or referral to basic health-related services as well as an intervention program to clients in a community setting.
Program Objectives:	Provide basic preventative healthcare information to clients to improve health care education and provide basic dental care and hygiene to clients of CTC. Provision of adequate healthcare at a minimal cost to community.
Key Buckner Staff:	Local doctor; social worker; CTC Coordinator.

After School Program

Program Description:	This program provides mentoring, social skills, character development, recreational activities, tutoring and supervised play with the help of staff and volunteers in a safe environment.
Program Objectives:	Provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to receive educational and character development.

Client Assistance

Program Description:	Provision of food, medicine, clothing, construction and other aid directly to individual children and families, in order to meet basic human needs.
Program Objectives:	Provide families with emergency relief without creating unhealthy dependency

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Spiritual Enrichment

Program Description:	Adults connecting with vulnerable children by providing faith-based character development, a positive influence and strong role modeling through regular contact. Includes a wide array of services to address the spiritual needs of clients, from enrichment events to ongoing follow-up and continuing care.
Program Objectives:	Introduction and opportunity for clients to hear the message of Christ.

Family Life Education

Program Description:	Services providing job skills and technology training, educational support, and faith-based character development training with the specific intention of equipping clients with a marketable skill to achieve self-sufficiency.
Program Objectives:	job training is provided through basic instruction on crafts to assist families in self sustainable efforts.

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CTC Jocotenango - Antigua

Community Transformation Center

Program Description:	- Provide a holistic approach to not only addressing the needs and providing the services that most community centers have, but to go a step further by addressing the causes of poverty. - Accomplished through social workers that do case management with families by helping them to develop a family plan with goals and objectives to become self-sufficient and provide for the basic needs of their families. - CTC focuses on providing family programs, community programs, empowerment programs, and humanitarian aid. **Specific services offered include** after school programs, computer classes, English classes, job skill training, healthcare services, drug and alcohol education, nutritional and hygiene education, humanitarian aid, spiritual enrichment in collaboration with local churches, and case management. Jocotenango was the first CTC in Guatemala that opened in 2009.
Program Objectives:	Provision of case management services to provide assessment, referrals and follow up to clients.
Key Buckner Staff:	CTC Coordinator; Social Worker.

Vocational Program La Ceiba

Program Description:	This program provides computer training for young adults from the basics through higher level programs and even has a computer maintenance program for those interested.
Program Objectives:	Provide computer training and maintenance certificates in order to prepare the client for a job in the technology field.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director; Program Director; House Parents; Teachers and Social Worker

Dental/Preventative Medical/Health Services

Program Description:	Coordination and provision of or referral to basic health-related services as well as an intervention program to clients in a community setting.
Program Objectives:	Provision of adequate healthcare at a minimal cost to community.

After School

Program Description:	This program provides mentoring, social skills, character development, recreational activities, tutoring and supervised play with the help of staff and volunteers in a safe environment.
Program Objectives:	Provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to receive educational and character development.

Client Assistance

Program Description:	Provision of food, medicine, clothing, construction and other aid directly to individual children and families, in order to meet basic human needs.
Program Objectives:	Provide families with emergency relief without creating unhealthy dependency

Job Skills Training

Program Description :	training and workshops: comprehensive computer literacy and job training programs for children and families.
Program Objectives:	Provide clients with computer training in order they have a chance for employment in fields that may require computer operations. Other job training is provided through basic instruction on crafts to assist families in self sustainable efforts.

Parenting Classes

Program Description :	Services are provided to support the strengthening of families and development of successful parenting skills in multiple settings.
Program Objectives:	Provide skills to help clients improve their parenting.

Spiritual Enrichment

Program Description:	Adults connecting with vulnerable children by providing faith-based character development, a positive influence and strong role modeling through regular contact. Includes a wide array of services to address the spiritual needs of clients, from enrichment events to ongoing follow-up and continuing care.
Program Objectives:	Introduction and opportunity for clients to hear the message of Christ.

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Other Country Programs – Guatemala City

Child Advocacy Center

Program Description:	- Advocate for children that have disclosed abuse from being further victimized by the 'retelling of their story' multiple times to the legal system that was designed to protect them. - Brings a multidisciplinary team to a location to work together to protect children in a systematic and child/victim centered approach in order for the child to receive proper care and appropriate justice. - Educate and advocate for child's rights in a community/city. According to the National Children's Alliance website, "Children's advocacy centers are community-based programs, designed to meet the unique needs of the particular community in which it is located."
Program Objectives:	The primary goal of a Child Advocacy Center is to advocate for children that have disclosed abuse as well as educating and advocating for children's rights.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director, CAC Coordinator

Foster Care

Program Description:	- Care for children in the home of an unrelated family. Some children may require special services to meet their emotional, behavioral or physical needs. - In Guatemala after international adoptions closed, Buckner began working with the government to offer a pilot program for Foster Care. Buckner Social Workers will work with government Child Protection officials to offer training and build a data base of approved foster families in Guatemala. An official agreement was signed in October 2010 for Buckner Guatemala to be the official provider of foster care beginning in 2011.
Program Objectives:	Our goal is to have a minimum of 20 foster families providing care to children in Guatemala by the end of 2011.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director, Program Director, 1 Social Workers, 1 Psychologist

Foster Group Home #1 and #2

Program Description:	A children's home campus or group home where basic residential care is provided in a nurturing environment designed to serve children and youth with a minimum of emotional, behavioral, and physical needs. The Guatemala program is designed to give these boys and girls a home with the structure and support they need to heal and recover from a family crisis or an abusive or neglectful situation.

Program Objectives:	The program is implemented by live-in, married couples or individuals who establish a home like environment for the children with the supervision, nurturing and structure that is needed for children coming out of a crisis situation. The children attend school, local churches and participate in community events. Staff works on looking into schools, scholarships, vocational training, in an effort to offer each girl and boy the opportunity to find and develop a skill that gives them a viable future.
Key Buckner Staff:	NGO Director; Program Director; House Parents; Social Worker

Formal School

Program Description:	The Formal School(name to be developed) is certified by the Guatemalan education system and is a component of Buckner's foster group homes and transitional homes. Children entering into one of these programs are assessed for educational placement. They are initially placed in the formal school until they are able to catch up to their age appropriate grade and/or have made significant gains not only educationally, but emotionally and behaviorally and can make a transition into the public school system.
Program Objectives:	The Formal School assesses children's education level, provides a certified educational program and prepares them for public school enrollment.
Key Buckner Staff:	NGO Director; Program Director;

Emergency Shelter

Program Description:	Short-term residential center which provides care for children while conducting a full clinical assessment of physical, psychological, intellectual and behavioral health, as well as family history ensures children are placed in the foster home or residential program that best meets their needs.
Program Objectives:	Buckner is working on forming a strategic alliances in an effort to protect at-risk and victimized children while promoting, reunification, family preservation and permanency in Guatemala. The operations of the center and shelter will be under the direction of Buckner-Guatemala. One of the alliances, IJM will provide referrals to the program, train staff in trauma therapy and serve as part of the Permanency Planning Team (PPT). The center will provide temporary care up to 60 days while the client and familial situation is being assessed and possibly through the IJM alliance, legal action against the alleged perpetrator is taking place. During this time a permanent placement of the abuse victim is being assessed and working to be arranged. The goal of the program is to place the client in a safety of the biological familial unit. Buckner-Guatemala will continue to strive to develop a continuum of care for this population including transitional group care, foster care and community based services utilizing its Community Transformation Model.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director; Program Director; Social Worker;

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Transition Homes (1 girls and 1 boys)

Program Description:	Transitional homes target youth ages 18-21 with the primary goal of moving to a more independent, self-sufficient stage in life. Youth coming from the public child welfare system are often without appropriate family support due to previously identified concerns. To help the youth successfully transition, services including housing, education (formal and vocation), life skills, and career planning are provided. Offered in a group home environment the home is staffed by a houseparent. Each resident is provided with a life for each resident (typically 8-10 youth) the 24-36 month program is located in the community near local education and vocational training programs.
Program Objectives:	The transitional homes have been in place for about 3 years. The youth in these homes are completing their basic education and have the opportunity to begin transitioning into adult life by working, or pursing vocational or educational programs unique to their abilities and desires. There are now youth employed and pursuing a higher education.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director; Program Director; House Parents; Teachers and Social Worker

Independent Living

Program Description:	Housing designed to strengthen individuals and promote self-sufficiency. The Independent Living Program is dedicated for young ladies graduating from the Transitional Home programs and need alternative housing and only need minimal supervision. Planning for the future including formal education (university), vocational training, career planning and educational support (tutorial) are offered to youth with the same self-sufficiency, independence goals in mind.
Program Objectives:	Provide an opportunity for highly motivated young ladies to gain experience in living independently from a highly structured and supervised group environment, while learning the basic skills of adulthood. Skills include: gaining a higher education, job experience, responsibilities such as cleaning, paying bills and cooking. The goal is to be approximately a 2 year program based on the individual clients needs and strengths.
Key Buckner Staff:	Country Director; Program Director; House Parents; Teachers and Social Worker