



## Mid Year Update

We wanted to take a few moments to update you on some wins and goals as we continue to strive to be a thought leader in green building and sustainable development.

From spreading the love of green building to the latest with Hero School to further connecting with communities, Long Way Home has started off the year with incredible strides!

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### Green Building Boasts

#### Green Building Academy

In March and July we've held our Green Building Academy where participants have an immersive and blended experience learning through lectures and practical sessions hosted by our building team and guest instructors. March's academy welcomed the Carpe Diem service group and laid the ground work for our new tire made volunteer housing. July's academy has been the largest and most diverse yet, bringing in participants from various cultural backgrounds with lots of love for sustainable building and many with aspirations for their own building projects in the near future!



#### [Discover the Green Building Academy](#)

#### Investigation Unit

Wanting to continue support and inspiration for people of all income backgrounds involvement in green building practices, we have rolled out our Investigation Unit segment where through our website anyone has access to affordable or free resources. This includes reviews of our past projects and conceptual plans for potential ones. We have uploaded descriptions, materials lists, renders, and blueprints and offer consultation service for those looking to actualize their ideas!



#### [View Our Green Building Resources Here!](#)

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### Hero School Strides

#### Teacher Training

Led by the Curriculum Development Committee, teachers have been engaged in Education for Sustainable Development training twice weekly and are rapidly sharing what they learn with their students. Through enhanced curriculum we can better engage students as democratic leaders in their community.



#### Enrollment

We are excited to be welcoming so many creative young minds to the campus where enrollment has been at an all time high with several grades hitting full capacity before the enrollment period even ended.

Additionally, families from even further away from campus have reached out with interest in enrolling their children.

### Graduates & Alumni

Our first ever alumni event was held last month and we were overwhelmed with joy to see former students come back to visit the campus and inspire their younger peers. Additionally, we saw five Hero students complete their schooling and graduate this year!

### Guests on Campus

With such strides in curriculum development and by backing it with a sustainably built campus, we also gained some acknowledgment from local schools and organizations here in Guatemala. *Antigua Green School* representatives and *Instituto Mesoamericano de Permacultura*, amongst other interested parties, toured our campus to gain perspective and practices.

To learn more about Hero School, view our website here: [What is Hero School?](#)

## Opportunities to Support Us



### Maximize Your Donation

Starting at 9am ET **July 20th only** Global Giving (donation collection platform) will be matching financial contributions over \$100 on scale while funds remain

- 30% match on \$100 - \$499
- 40% match on \$500 - \$749
- 50% match on \$750 - \$1,000

[Donate Here On Wednesday, July 20th!](#)

OR

[Become a Recurring Donor Here](#)

### Rubbish to Runway

For over a decade #Rubbish2Runway has served as an avenue to bring attention to the waste cycle and how Long Way Home disrupts it. As a primary fundraiser we are once again welcoming people and groups from across the globe to participate as designers or sponsors! Register by this weekend to maximize your participation in the September event!

[Event Details and Registration Here](#)



### Join the Team

Wither you're interested in volunteering to support LWH, taking on an internship to expand your experience, receiving college course credit, or looking for a full time role, we have a number of openings available right now! This also includes remote and on-site positions as well as Green Building Intern and Outreach Intern roles!

[Open Call for Volunteers](#)  
[Internship Openings](#)  
[College Courses](#)



### Service Groups

Are you a part of a school, organization, learning network, or other community? We are excited to welcome back everyone from GAP year youth to unique green building collectives! Service Groups have a catered experience to engage in the culture of Comalapa, Guatemala, see democratic education in action, and gain a practical knowledge of green building.

## Service Group Opportunities



We have also recently released our [\*\*2021 Annual Report\*\*](#) sharing various activities from the year, highlighting our contributors, and detailing a transparent financial standing.

*Thank you for joining us on this journey and for all of your support.*

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