



Potter's House
 Association International
 "Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

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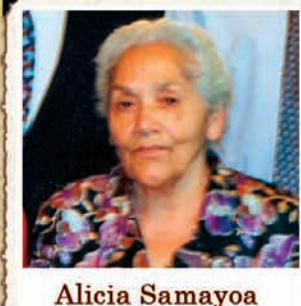
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 Volunteers with a legacy



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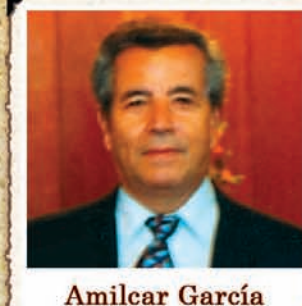
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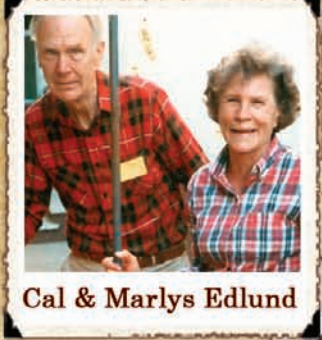
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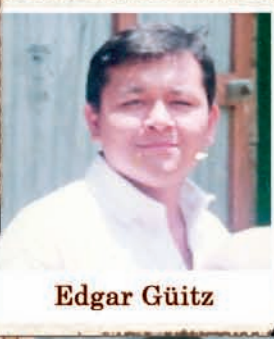
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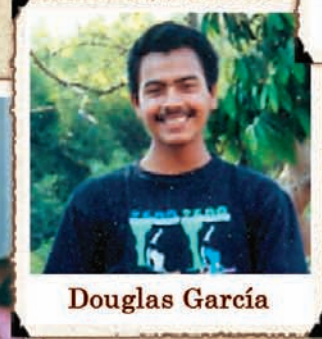
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Potter's House history

Pictures of some volunteers, Guatemalans and Americans, who supported the ministry in the beginning.



Volunteers with a Legacy

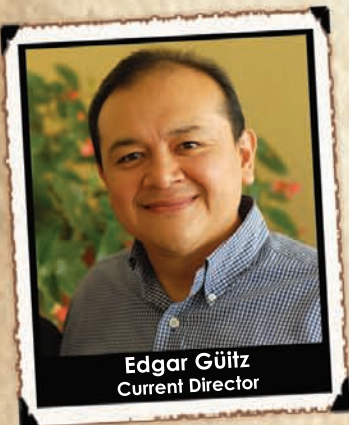
Volunteers have played a key role in the history of Potters House. Beginning in 1986, when Lisbeth and I, two young ladies, began to volunteer their time, until 1995, almost the entire work of Potter's House was done by volunteers.

These volunteers were adults, teenagers and even children. Some of them were Guatemalans and some Americans. But, regardless of age and nationality, all saw in this organization an opportunity to share the love of God and to lend a hand to the needy. These volunteers wanted adults and children alike to have the opportunity to better themselves, and though the work was hard, they were willing to pay the price. The Potter's House of today is their legacy.

From the beginning volunteers were running all the different services that Potter's House provided for the Treasures. Some served in health care, others worked at the Bible studies, others as teachers, administrators, fundraisers and board members.

The call from the Lord for each one of them was different. Some came for weeks, others for months and years. For Edgar Guitz and Hector Rivas the call has endured 20 years, and they show no signs of stopping.

Edgar got involved with Potter's House in 1991 as a kids camp counselor. Edgar shares his story, "Twenty years ago I was a volunteer at a camp for children of Potter's House. I had the opportunity to share with the children in a beautiful park on the outskirts of the city. I saw them enjoying sports, and crafts. They received three meals and slept in their own beds. Those were three of the best days of my life. About a week after the camp ended I returned to visit my campers, but this time I met them in the garbage dump. That was when I discovered the real conditions that each of these children lived in everyday. I felt a mix of emotions: sadness, compassion, and anger. It was simply **Not Acceptable** for me to see my campers living in these conditions. Also in that moment I realized that the ministry that had run the camp and that was working in the dump was run solely by women and I wondered, "Where are the men?" So that very day I signed up to work for a long term."



Hector was only 11 years-old when he heard of Potter's House, but his age wasn't going to stop him from serving. "I knew about Potters House through my sister, and the first time that I visited I remember that Gladys told me that one of the things that you have to do is to go into the garbage dump and pray for the people there, and if you feel peace after doing that, you will be ready to work as a volunteer. So we went and we prayed with the people and that experience had a big impact on my life. Filled with an immense desire to do something to change this reality, I decided to get involved. I started to volunteer as a teacher every Saturday morning. I remember back then we didn't have facilities, and I was always trying to find the best place to work with my children." That was nearly twenty years ago.

This generation of volunteers made a great contribution to the ministry by investing their time and expertise. Through this generation of volunteers the ministry launched its health and education services and was able to serve more people in more ways. Also through this generation of volunteers the name, Potter's House, was established: inspired by Jeremiah 18.

Both Edgar and Héctor got involved as full time in January, 1994, and are now two of the key leaders of the ministry. Now, almost 20 years later they are still convinced that the Lord has called them to be at Potter's House and every day they do their best to serve the Treasures with the same passion and commitment as they did when they began.

We wrote this letter to honor and thank to all those volunteers, Guatemalans and Americans, who supported the ministry in the beginning. Some served for years, some for weeks and days, but to all, we are forever grateful. The Lord knows each and every one of your names. Your legacy in this place will never be forgotten.

Gladys Guitz
Associated Director & Co-founder

"So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

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