

March 19th, 2019

Dear Friend,

So far 2019 is proving to be an extraordinary year for Friendship Bridge! First, we were invited to speak at two international conferences this February: Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) Metrics Conference and Latin American Forum of Impact Investors (FLII) Conference. Caitlin Scott, our Social Performance Manager, represented Friendship Bridge. The conferences focused on emerging practices in impact measurement and evaluation, appropriate strategies that can be adopted, and lessons learned.

In addition, on February 13th Friendship Bridge received the Great Place to Work® Certification! This certification positions the organization as one of the best places to work in Central America. This achievement commits us to continue building a culture of empowerment and trust with our staff.

Lastly, on March 1st we received a report from REDCAMIF (Central American and the Caribbean Microfinance Network) that spanned from December 2016 to December 2018. Friendship Bridge was ranked second place in portfolio quality out of 100 microfinance organizations in all of Central America!

We have much to celebrate as we move into Spring, and we hope you will join us on April 6th for our annual Building Bridges Stay-At-Home Gala. This Gala will celebrate the 20 years we have been working in Guatemala. We will also have some exciting announcements that will be made during the Gala, and of course, you will be treated to inspiring videos, our online auction, and beautiful handmade artisan items.

Thank you again for all your support. We would not be the organization we are without all of you who stand with us in our mission to empower women to build better futures for themselves and their families.

With gratitude,



Karen Larson, President & CEO

Caitlin Scott Participates in Panel Discussions for Two Conferences

Friendship Bridge was invited to participate in two international conferences recently. Both were held in Merida, Mexico and Caitlin Scott, our Social Performance Manager, participated in two panel discussions. The first Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) Metrics conference focused on emerging practices in impact measurement and evaluation, appropriate strategies that can be adopted, and lessons learned that support small and growing companies in emerging markets. During the Latin American Forum of Impact Investors (FLII) conference, Caitlin presented the success of our partnership with Wuqu' Kawoq | Maya Health Alliance in our Health for Life program as a model for other impact investors.



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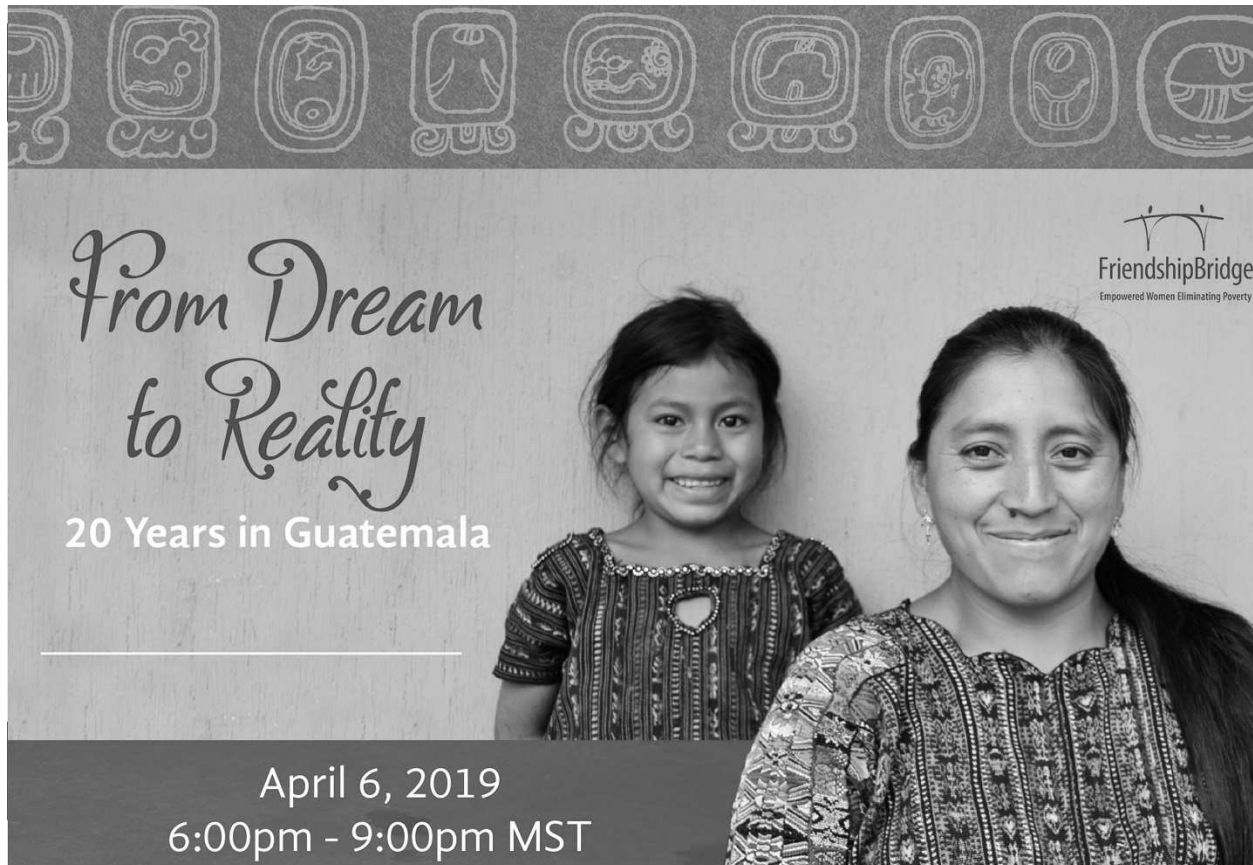
Since 1998, the Great Place To Work® Certification has been the data scientists behind the Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For® list. Using rigorous methodology, they gather and evaluate employee feedback and recognize companies who have built high-trust, high-performance cultures. This certification is recognized in 60 countries. Friendship Bridge passed this intense auditing process and was officially recognized as a "Great Place To Work" organization on February 13th at a conference in Honduras.

Friendship Bridge Ranks 2nd Place in Portfolio Quality in Central America

Redcamif is a network of microfinance organizations for Central America and the Caribbean. They have 100 microfinance organizations report to their transparency department every quarter. Tracking over the two-year period between December 2016 – December 2018, Friendship Bridge received the 2nd place ranking for the quality of our portfolio. This reflects the effectiveness of our programs, and high repayment rate from our clients.



April 6th is our Building Bridges Stay-At-Home Gala



Please join us on April 6th for our Building Bridges Stay-At-Home Gala! This year we celebrate our 20 years in Guatemala of bringing clients' dreams to reality! The Gala will feature an exciting online auction, beautiful handmade artisan items, as well as video premieres. **We are going to share exciting news that will be released exclusively to ticket holders the night of the Stay-At-Home Gala, so get your tickets today!**

You can purchase your Gala tickets at www.friendshipbridge.org/gala

Are you interested in hosting a Stay-At-Home Gala party? Party hosts will receive a kit including a host gift, support materials, movie premier, games, online bidding instructions and more. Last year we raised \$92,000! This is a great opportunity to savor a night at home with friends and family, enjoying the games, videos, and beautiful artisan items, all while supporting Friendship Bridge's Microcredit Plus programs. If you are interested in hosting a party, please email Nicole Eubanks at neubanks@friendshipbridge.org, or call 303-674-0717.