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University Scholarship/Loan Programs

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Non profit University Loan and Scholarship programs at Work in Suchitoto.

Invest in Suchitoto's future



The private non-profit university scholarship and loans programs of Suchitoto invite you to invest in the post-high school education of the youth of Suchitoto.

Investing in Education



2007 Graduation UTEC

The five high school programs in the municipality of Suchitoto are graduating about 200

students per year. The graduates, however, have very limited employment prospects. As a consequence many opt to immigrate to the United States hoping for a better future. The most favorable option for them in El Salvador is to continue their education. Of the graduating high school students in 2006 and 2007 about 40/year have entered higher educational institutions. Most of these were graduates of the INSU, the National Institute "Suchitoto", among the top ten of over 450 public high schools in the nation. The remainder graduated from the four rural high schools in Suchitoto.



Ciudadela High School

Many more youth have the desire and demonstrated academic ability to continue but can't for economic reasons with university education, travel and living expenses costing from about \$1200/yr at the national university up to about \$2000 in private universities. Over the last decade a number of private university scholarship and loan programs, mostly externally funded, have been established to

help overcome the economic hurdle.

University Fair 2007



least double.

These programs working jointly have sponsored two university fairs—a first for El Salvador outside the capital—, arranged for career counseling for seniors in 2008 and visit each of the high schools on a regular basis to talk with seniors about university and post-high school options and the availability of financial aid.

Visit to High School in El Bario



There are currently at least 150 university students, which represents a large and as yet untapped pool of human capital for the



CRC/Atlanta 2008 students

university graduates.

These, along with some individual donors, currently provide financial aid for about 70 youth. We would like to see that number at

municipality. The programs are seeking both to tap this pool and to encourage efforts in Suchitoto to open job possibilities for

The existing programs, as of 2008, are: **Palo Alto Friends Meeting** -Provides interest free loans to about 15 youth from the rural high schools studying in the public National University of El Salvador (UES) and the technical school, the ITCA. It is funded by the Palo Alto Friends Meeting and other friends in the US and was established in 1999.

CRC-Atlanta Friends Meeting- Aids youth from the communities associated with the CRC, a local Salvadoran community organization. The program was established in 2003 and currently provides interest-free loans to 9 students.

Parochial Scholarship Committee - Aids 19 youth with partial scholarships of \$500/year. Funding comes from contributions by members of the Suchitoto Catholic Parish of Santa Lucia and a private donor. It is open to **all** high school graduates in Suchitoto and started in 2004.

You can contribute to one or more of these programs using the form on the back cover of this brochure. To make US tax deductible contributions, obtain more information or to talk of involving your own community in the United States please contact:

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