



Adelante Mujer

WOMAN ADVANCE



2024
IMPACT
REPORT

a letter from the executive director...

Dear Friends and Supporters of Adelante Mujer,

As we close out 2024, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude—for the women whose lives have been transformed through education, for the communities they now serve, and for the extraordinary generosity of people like you who make this all possible.

This year has been one of exciting growth and powerful momentum for Adelante Mujer. We celebrated 14 graduates, bringing the total to 89, each a woman who has overcome significant barriers to become a medical professional serving her community with skill, compassion, and strength. These women are not only transforming their own futures—they are changing the future of healthcare in Central America.

During the year, 60 students in Nicaragua received monthly financial support from Adelante Mujer, enabling them to continue their education with dignity and focus. And in 2024, we joyfully expanded our reach into Guatemala, where 6 remarkable women were enrolled in our first year of programming, now on their journey to become nurses.

One of those women is Aurelia, a dedicated nursing student who embodies the perseverance and heart of so many in our program. Every weekday, she rises before dawn to catch a bus that takes her two hours—each way—to reach her school. This is not an uncommon story. Many of our students walk long distances, ride multiple buses, and navigate daily hardship just to sit in a classroom. And yet, they persist. They show up. And they thrive.

Aurelia's story reminds us that access to education is not just about tuition—it's about breaking through the physical, financial, and social barriers that stand between a woman and her future. Thanks to your support, we're helping to remove those barriers, one student at a time.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are more committed than ever to continuing this work. Our goals include growing our funding base, expanding our presence in Guatemala, and exploring support for women in additional medical disciplines.

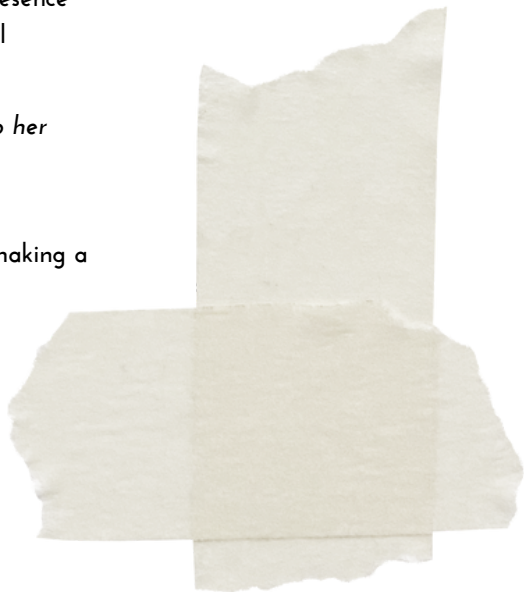
Because when a woman becomes a healer, she brings life not only to her patients—but to her family, her village, and her country.

On behalf of everyone at Adelante Mujer, thank you. Thank you for believing in this mission, for lifting up the women we serve, and for making a real, lasting difference in the world.

With deep appreciation and hope,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kaitlyn'.

Kaitlyn Boscaljon Edwards
Executive Director
Adelante Mujer, Inc.



Mission

Adelante Mujer, Inc. provides financial assistance to women studying to become healthcare professionals in Central and Latin America.

Vision

The vision of Adelante Mujer, Inc. is to empower women through education to effect systemic change and improve lives by offering accessible health care within their communities.

About us...

Founded in 2009 by Sister Ann McKean, CSA, Adelante Mujer, Inc. is a nonprofit organization on a bold mission: to invest in the power of women through education and opportunity. We believe that when one woman is given the chance to pursue higher education, the impact radiates outward—uplifting her family, strengthening her community, and shaping a healthier, more just world.

At Adelante Mujer, we don't just fund scholarships—we fuel futures. Through direct support, mentorship, and long-term investment, we equip women to become doctors, nurses, and healthcare leaders in underserved regions of Central America.

We are driven by the conviction that educated women change everything. By fostering education, advocacy, and cross-cultural partnerships, we are building a future where every woman can rise, lead, and thrive. Because when women rise, so does the world.

educating

women.

transforming

communities.





Nicaragua



A message from a mother...

"With deep gratitude and tears of emotion, I write this email. I want to express everything my heart feels for the financial support given to my beloved daughter, Heydi, throughout these years of academic preparation in her medical studies.

I am a single mother with many health issues: heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis, hypothyroidism, among other conditions. Only God has given me the strength to carry on. I require medical attention every month for the treatments I receive, and even with my greatest effort, it was very difficult for me to fully support my daughter. But God blessed her by placing you in her path to contribute financially to her well-being. There were moments when I felt hopeless because of our financial situation. Many times, I thought about ending my life because I couldn't support my daughter in all that she needed. But you were there to lighten my burden. I have always believed that it is God working through valuable people like you. From the bottom of my heart, I wish you a long life and hope that you continue supporting more women in making their dreams come true.

I grew up in a very poor family—we were 10 siblings, and my mother raised us alone by working as a housekeeper. I always wanted something better for my daughters. Thank you so much for contributing to her well-being." -Samanta

2024 Graduates in Nicaragua



Amilda, Rosalinda, Ashley, Geiny, Ingrid, Sujhey, Jordin, Ashly, Jenely, Sherly
Not pictured are: Chelola, Eyckell, Fanny, Alcira







Guatemala

What we do...

In the highlands of Guatemala, where rural communities often face a shortage of healthcare, young women are stepping up to meet the need. Adelante Mujer is proud to support these future nurses by providing financial assistance that covers tuition, uniforms, books, and the daily costs of getting to and from school—sometimes hours away by bus. With our support, these women are gaining the education they need to bring compassionate care to their communities. It's the beginning of a new chapter in Guatemala, where women are rising as leaders in health and hope—one nurse at a time.



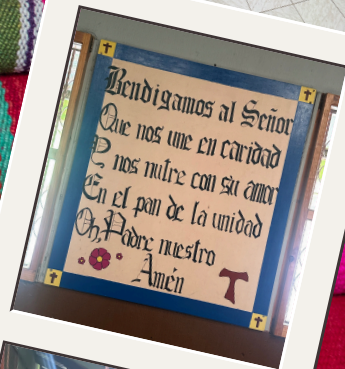


A message from a student..

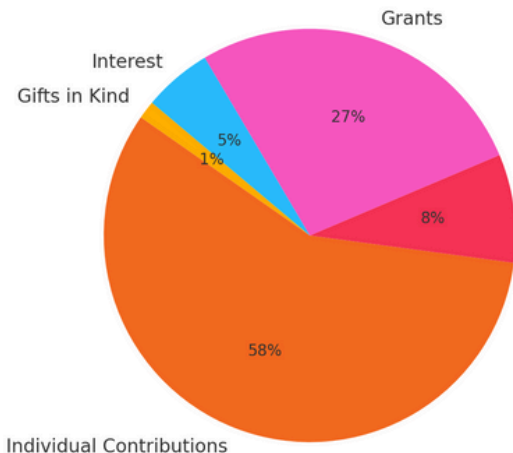
"My name is Aurelia, and I'm studying to become a nurse in Guatemala. Every morning, I wake up before the sun and take a two-hour bus ride to get to class. I do this five days a week because I believe in the power of education—and I know that becoming a nurse will help me change lives in my community. There were moments when I didn't think this dream was possible. My family couldn't afford the cost of tuition, transportation, and all the supplies I need. But Adelante Mujer believed in me. They saw my potential and chose to invest in my future. Thanks to their support, I can focus on my studies instead of worrying about how I'll afford my next bus ride or pay for my books. I feel proud, not just for myself, but for all the women who are walking this journey with me. We are proof that when women are given a chance, we rise—and we lift our communities with us."

— Aurelia, Nursing Student, Guatemala





Income

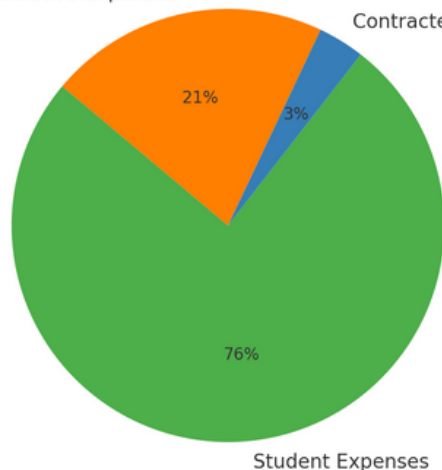


FINANCIALS

Expenses

Administrative Expenses

Contracted Services



Our goal is to grow giving across all categories while keeping our expenses stable. Every additional dollar we raise goes directly to bringing more women off the waiting list and into the program.

We deeply value your generosity and take great care in how your contributions are used. If you have any questions or would like a more detailed report, we're always happy to share.



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2024 Highlights...

89 women have graduated as medical doctors since the program began—generally now serving their communities with skill and compassion.

Program improvements in 2024 included a new funding distribution model to increase consistency, reduce transaction issues, and ensure all students receive timely support.

Strengthened relationships with local universities and faculty mentors, helping ensure academic and emotional support throughout the students' journeys.

60 students received monthly financial support in Nicaragua to continue their medical education, covering books, supplies, transportation, and living expenses.

Student and graduate testimonials poured in, expressing gratitude, emotional impact, and stories of resilience, showing the deep human effect of Adelante Mujer..

4 graduates received their MINSA License after completing their 3 year government service and post graduate research paper

Students completed clinical rotations in rural hospitals and health posts, often serving communities with little to no other access to medical care.

HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE WORK

- 1 Join the Adelante Mujer Legacy Circle.
- 2 Sponsor a young woman's journey to becoming a doctor in Nicaragua!
- 3 Give specifically to our Guatemala program and help support our growth and development there.
- 4 Donate to the greatest need.
- 5 Pledge to give regularly (monthly, annually) so that we know we can count on your donation.



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