

# **GUATEMALA**

## INITIATIVES

In January 2011, Seven Hills Global Outreach (SHGO) visited the small mountainside community of Loma Linda to solidify a partnership with ASODILL in the rural highlands of Guatemala. Under the coordination of Pascual Rafael Escobar, ASODILL functions as the community association for Loma Linda, a cooperative community supported by agriculture and coffe production.

#### ASODILL works in the remote rural area surrounding Loma Linda to

- Promote environmental protection and conservation
- Emphasize and teach a deep appreciation for the outdoors through community education, campaigns, and training
- Develop food security systems through organic farming
- Advance an initiative for ecotourism and responsible environmental practices
  Support the needs of various local families through education,
  recreation, and more
- Facilitate democratic community participation for sustainable development

SHGO's partnership with ASODILL is currently focused on infrastructure development for educational (edutourism) and ecotourism in the community, to boost economic sustainability by leveraging the incredible natural surroundings of Loma Linda. SHGO has worked with ASODILL to initiate a honey production business intended to contribute sustainable income to the indigenous community.

#### **CONNECT WITH US**

To get involved in SHGO's partnership with ASODILL in Guatemala, please visit shgo.org or call **508.755.2340**.

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# ACT TO IMPACT

#### \$25/month

supports a child's education, health, and recreation needs.

#### \$100

supports the new beekeeping and honey production initiative.

#### \$500

builds capacity for the community of Loma Linda to establish new sustainable small business enterprises, which leads to economic, social, and environmental stability.



### **FAST FACTS**

About 60 million children globally do not have access to basic education (UNICEF). With the largest population and one of the lowest educational attainment rates in Latin America, Guatemalan "youth face increasingly difficult conditions, including high levels of unemployment, social and economic marginalization, rapid urbanization, increasing crime, and lack of basic services. Long-term, sustainable development and improved equity in Guatemala will only be possible if education of children and youth continues to improve." (USAID)

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