

DOUGLAPRIETA TRABAJAN



Location: Agua Prieta, Mexico (Arizona, USA and Mexico Border)

Partner: Douglaprieta Works

Issue Areas: Extreme Poverty, Environmental Sustainability, Economic Sustainability

Points of Interest: Direct Communication with Partner, Opportunity to visit the project

The Organization

Douglaprieta Trabajan (DPT) was started in 2003 to create an economic sustainability for the Agua Prieta community. Douglaprieta Trabajan's goal is to educate and empower community members through skill building workshops and trainings at a local community center. Workshops include sewing, woodworking, cooking, permaculture classes. Permaculture is the use of natural resources and intentional design of land to produce sustainable gardens to reap crops to meet the needs of community members. DPT uses a community demonstration garden near the community center and use the garden to teach families how to raise healthy food for their own families, neighborhood and as a means for economic sustainability. The goal is to teach at the community garden and have the families plan and grow their own household gardens. DPT's workshops and classes help reduce community members dependency on government assistance, charity, border crossing, and low paying and unstable jobs.

Why the Need?

In 2004 it was recorded that over 660,000 Mexicans cross the border each day for work or school. There is a great need in border towns like Agua Prieta for people to have other ways to make money and provide sustainability for their families and communities. Too often families have to cross the border daily for inconsistent and low pay day wages or work in maquiladoras for minimal pay. Maquiladoras, export oriented factories, span the Mexican-US border. Maquiladoras offer low paying jobs and the jobs are highly competitive. For the fortunate families that do have steady income, the cost of living along the border is so high, it makes life very difficult. The cost of goods is typically the same price as in the US with most of their goods imported from the US. Many families along the border live at or below the poverty line, leaving them with little money to feed their families, provide safe shelter, healthcare, and education. Families often turn to government assistance or charity and become dependent on those organizations.

How Team Efforts Translate to Impact

100% of NGC funds will go to help complete the purchase of the DPT land parcel for an additional permaculture garden and community center along with fencing materials for \$1000.00. Funds will also go to help purchase community fruit trees to begin to turn the neighborhood landscape more into an edible garden. In addition household rainwater harvesting systems will be purchased for the community center to aid members of community.

The Partner

Douglaprieta Works (DPW) is a US non-profit organization. Douglaprieta Works is the US partner of Douglas Prieta Trabajan (DPT) a Mexican non-governmental organization. Douglaprieta Works' goal is to provide economic development and sustainability to the border town of Agua Prieta, Mexico. Douglaprieta Works' mission is to provide support their Mexican partners like Douglaprieta Trabajan in creating of economic capacity and self-sufficiency of micro-entrepreneurs through offering loan capital, goods, equipment, and training needed to generate income and savings and to promote financial independence

NGC's Approach to Sustainable Global Change

NGC and our Global Partners believe that people in communities all over the world are the real experts and know their community and solutions to their own problems. We want to advocate and educate others on behalf of this model of sustainable global change. Additionally, we seek to empower our grassroots Global Projects with the financial resources to create change at the grassroots level. 100% of funds your team raises are sent to Douglaprieta Trabajan.

By sending your team's funds directly, your project organization has the power to decide the best way to use the money. Since money will be spent in the community, your funds will also support the local economy.

Douglaprieta Trabajan was created and sustained by local community members of Agua Prieta, Mexico. The community center, workshops, and trainings are community based and run. The permaculture gardens produce food and income for local community members.

Additional Resources

Partner Website: <http://douglaprietaworks.org/>

CIA World Factbook (Mexico): <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/mx.html>

Embassy of Mexico: <http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/main.html>

Related News: <http://www.permaculture.org/nm/index.php/site/index/>

See your team binder for more ways to educate your team about your project.