



It is hard to believe that just a little over a year ago, FFIF purchased the Foundation property. In a short amount of time, we have accomplished so much.

One major focus was to bring the first-ever public library to the community. Thanks to your generous donations, we completed the library and the Biblioteca Publica Kathy Burger opened its doors in February 2016. Everyday, the library is filled with students utilizing this space to receive tutoring, read books, access laptop computers, make educational crafts, and more.

Vaness Nieto joined our team as a Librarian and Special Education teacher in June; she is in charge of the public library and provides academic support to kids with

learning disabilities.

Marvin Masferrer completed his first internship with us as an English teacher for various age groups, while studying college at Universidad de Oriente in San Miguel. The first group of students completed Marvin's program and attended a graduation ceremony.

Our Foundation functions as many things for many people and organizations; one of which includes a place for trainings and seminars to take place. This year, we partnered with the Berlín Ministry of Education by providing a space for high schoolers to be trained on becoming tutors for adult learners. This volunteer program allows high schoolers to learn the value of giving back to their community.

Independence Day

Friends From Iowa commemorated El Salvador's 195th Independence Day by hosting an afternoon's worth of activities at the Foundation building; from the National Anthem and educational talks to flag twirling and dances, our Special Education students received the honor of participating and being featured in the High School's festivities in the park. Head over to our Facebook page to view many photos from this day:

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