

# Pre-K Giving Circle



**This is Tania.**

Tania will begin her San Jeronimo Bilingual School (SJBS) career in Pre-K this year where she will have access to affordable bilingual education along with 24 other Honduran students her age. Without SJBS, the vast majority of our students would enroll instead at a local public school where class sizes average 60 kids, teachers are on strike 50% of the year, and students receive less than 4 hours of classroom instruction each day. SJBS, which is entirely operated by parents, profoundly believes that all Honduran students should have access to improved educational opportunities. Join BECA in making this a reality so that students like Tania can grow to their full potential.

**This is Norah.**

An avid photojournalist, long-time Summer Camp counselor, and Spanish minor, Norah is thrilled to be teaching with BECA this coming year. Norah graduated from the University of Texas - Austin, where she was a Photojournalism major and spent a semester studying abroad in Barcelona. Norah has lent a hand (as well as her photography skills) to a number of non-profit outfits, including the Blackland Community Development Corporation, K.I.N.G. (Kids in a New Groove), and the Salvation Army. On her application, Norah noted that "it is our obligation to do whatever we can to promote cultural awareness and exchange. Volunteering with BECA would be a great opportunity for me to accomplish that."

The school year is about to begin anew and BECA needs your help. You can sponsor individual classrooms at San Jeronimo Bilingual School by "chipping in" below. Not only do we enable San Jeronimo Bilingual School to charge very low tuition (approximately \$30 per month) by providing the majority of the school's teaching staff at no cost to the community, we also provide need-based scholarships to 25% of the student body. This year we had dozens more scholarship applicants than scholarship spaces; times are tough in disadvantaged Honduran communities.

Our teachers are working as volunteers for the year, forgoing a salary in order to participate in this powerful cultural exchange. They are wrapping up our 4 week teacher training program in Cofradia and will begin their first day of classes on August 23. As we did last year, we again hope to raise \$25,000 through this online campaign.

We need your help. We're asking your giving circle, which multiplies the impact of one person's donation many times over, to support the grade above. All donors who contribute \$100 or more will receive student-composed letters and updates from the class as they learn and grow. At a time when foundation endowments are shrinking, BECA needs to rely on its grassroots network more than ever to help us raise these needed funds.



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