



Our Trips!

Several times each year members make volunteer trips to assist with a variety of projects. These tasks are usually pre-arranged but can sometimes be spontaneous as well. It's always a fun and rewarding experience working with the permanent staff in the areas along with the families of the communities.

Previous jobs have included building a house, remodeling a hospital, sorting medical supplies, and digging a road. When work for the day is done, everyone looks forward to good food and fun times filled with local flavor. And there's the CHILDREN, of course, that will always make the trip memorable!



About HOLA Sertoma

HOLA Sertoma was formed May 2005 by a group of men and women in the Springfield, Missouri area to support the medical and educational needs in remote areas of Latin America. Our recent efforts have focused on the hospital and schools in Guatemala serving an impoverished Mayan community in the highlands.

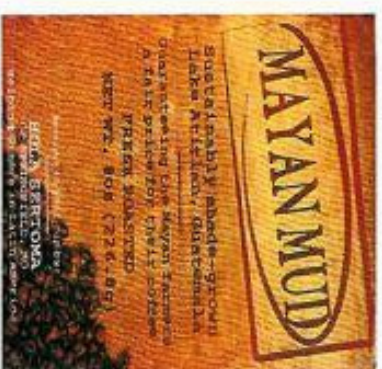


As part of Sertoma International, our club is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. Sertoma stands for SERVICE TO MANKIND . HOLA is the only Sertoma club in Springfield with an international focus.



Fundraising

HOLA members raise money for this war torn community by selling the hand made goods of the Mayans in our local area. These include beaded jewelry, accessories, and tapestries made primitively with an art passed through generations. We also sell their shade grown organic coffee cut with their own machetes. All profits are used for the needs of these friends and families.



“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank