



2025 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear friends,

This year, we launched the *Colegio Horizontes* high school, completing an integral piece of the educational pathway we have spent years building alongside the community of Chajul. This addition to our school campus, including the region's only state-of-the-art science lab, represents a major milestone made possible through years of collaboration, planning, and our community's shared belief in the power of education.

With the addition of our first high school class, in 2025 *Colegio Horizontes* provided 95 Indigenous students across four grades a culturally responsive and holistic full-day education. In Chajul, less than 25% of youth graduate from middle school and less than 5% graduate from high school. As of this year, *Colegio Horizontes* has graduated 46 middle schoolers at nearly four times the local average rate and is on track to graduate as many high schoolers in the next five years as Limitless Horizons Ixil did in our first 20.

Just as important as our new buildings is the entirely original, culturally specific high school curriculum now being taught within them. Developed over the past two years with support from 23 education specialists, our local teachers and mentors were given materials and trained to bring this high school curriculum to life in our new classrooms. Starting in January 2025, our first cohort of high school students began benefitting from this pioneering academic model that combines rigorous academics, college and career readiness, community leadership, and Maya Ixil language and culture.

While the launch of our high school represents our newest chapter, it is part of the broader continuum of learning opportunities we offer to expand access to education for young people in Chajul. Located in the center of town, our Community Library continues to be a cornerstone of learning, exploration, and community engagement for hundreds of local children and youth. With the first expansion of full-time library staff in over a decade, we increased math and science programming and continued to promote literacy, curiosity, and lifelong learning.

Together, our programs create a pathway of support that accompanies students from their earliest learning experiences through high school graduation and into higher education and local professional careers. The impact of this holistic approach is reflected in the achievements of our Emerging Leaders: as of 2025, over 55% of our pre-*Colegio Horizontes* high school graduates have pursued higher education, compared to less than 1% of Chajul's residents. And over 60%—10 times the local average—are employed in professional roles.

We speak for the entire Limitless Horizons Ixil team when we say thank you for being the sunlight that has helped us grow from a small sponsorship program into a thriving educational ecosystem where students know that their education, their dreams, and their futures matter.

With deep appreciation,



Katie Morrow, Odilia Cedillo, & Zuliana Lopez
Limitless Horizons Ixil Directors





Colegio Horizontes

In 2025, *Colegio Horizontes* provided a culturally responsive, rigorous, full-day education to 95 Indigenous middle and high school students, $\frac{2}{3}$ of whom are girls. These 7th-10th graders also received comprehensive socio-emotional support through mentorship, and two nutritious meals each day. In addition to an academic focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), *Colegio Horizontes* equips students with the skills they need to become local professionals and changemakers. We offer dedicated classes covering life skills, career pathways, entrepreneurship, and community projects.



99%

daily attendance rate and a GPA of 84% across all four grade levels and 11 academic courses



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state-of-the-art science lab, entirely unique to the region and paving the way for six high school girls to qualify for the state level of the National Physics Olympiads



94%

middle school graduation rate, nearly four times the town and state average (<25%), and three times the national average (33%)



“Colegio Horizontes is preparing me for my future by helping me develop important skills like responsibility, teamwork, and critical thinking.”

Bonnie, a 2025 *Colegio Horizontes* middle school graduate, entered 7th grade struggling academically after missing nearly two years of school during the COVID-19 pandemic. Raised by a single mom who was unable to continue her education beyond 6th grade, this year Bonnie became the first girl in her immediate family to graduate from middle school. She earned an additional award for her outstanding academic performance and positive contribution to the school community.



23 middle school graduates

11 of whom were the first in their families to reach this milestone

“Middle school was an amazing experience filled with lessons learned, goals accomplished, and skills discovered.”

– Heydi, class of 2027

97% of students

moved up to the next grade level



100% of high school girls

feel hopeful about their futures, and 96% of all girls feel a sense of agency over their futures

“With the guidance of my mentor and thanks to my career pathways class, now I know what I want and how to achieve it.”

– Susana, class of 2026



140 hours

of Spanish, math, language, life skills, and school culture classes provided to 42 local 6th grade students selected for our middle school prep program



5 new classes

developed in collaboration with 23 curriculum specialists as part of our unique high school curriculum: chemistry, physics, philosophy, graphic design, and community projects

“In chemistry, we got to extract DNA from a banana which was really fun, interesting, and totally new for me!”

– Jessenia, class of 2026





Mentorship & Nutrition

Mentorship and nutrition are crucial aspects of the holistic education offered at *Colegio Horizontes*. Two nutritious meals per student every school day support focus, behavior, and long-term academic success. A professional mentor for each grade works with students and their families to support healthy emotional regulation and strong attendance, keeping students on track for academic success. In addition to providing one-on-one socio-emotional support, mentors visit students and families at home, teach life skills classes, and lead workshops for parents.



440+ hours

of home visits, engaging families as partners in education and creating a strong support system for academic and personal growth



94%

of students report having the skills and confidence to overcome challenges and setbacks



39,000+ meals

served to support learning and improve nutrition in a community where 75% of youth lack food security



“My mentor Marina helps me build confidence and gives me the support I need to achieve my goals.”

Cilda started 7th grade at *Colegio Horizontes* in 2023 as a shy and soft-spoken student. Through intensive one-on-one mentorship and close collaboration with her family, her mentor Marina helped Cilda find her voice and gain confidence. Recognizing that students learn best when they are well nourished, Marina also worked closely with Cilda’s family to promote healthier eating at home, strengthening the foundation for her academic success.



High School Grand Opening

On March 6, 2025, a long-held vision became reality with [the grand opening of Colegio Horizontes' high school](#), a two-building expansion of our school campus that includes larger classrooms and the region's only state-of-the-art science lab. What began as a dream came to life in a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by nearly 500 people, including our 95 students and their families, program alumni, community members, construction workers, 25 community engagement trip visitors, and supporters from near and far. The celebration also honored the contributions of partners like pro-bono architecture firm Design Develop and construction partner Building Goodness Foundation. An additional virtual grand opening allowed many more to experience and commemorate the occasion.

The ceremony reflected both deep pride and a powerful sense of possibility for future generations of Indigenous youth in a town where fewer than 5% of students graduate from high school. It was opened and closed by Karelyn and Analinda, two students from our first high school cohort, whose words captured what this school represents for them, their peers, and the younger students soon to follow in their footsteps.



The ceremony included words of acknowledgement from Country Co-Directors Odilia Cedillo and Zuliana Lopez and Executive Director Katie Morrow, along with cultural presentations from each grade. A skit by high school students wove together memories of their years at *Colegio Horizontes*, while their shared dreams of future careers grounded the celebration not only in what has been built, but in what is now possible.

***Gracias, t'an tiuxh*, thank you to everyone who made this dream a reality for the community of Chajul. Its impact will resonate for generations to come.**



"This new building is not just concrete and walls—it's a space where our dreams will take flight, where every student will discover their potential, where stories of success will be built for generations to come."

— Analinda, high schooler, class of 2026



Community Library

Our [UNESCO award-winning](#) Community Library continues to serve as a cornerstone of learning and curiosity in Chajul, where half of the population over age 15 cannot read and the majority of school children read significantly below grade level. In 2025, the library provided vital literacy and learning support to a record 560 community members through weekly story hours, book clubs, homework help, and science and math classes. These programs build children's confidence and love of learning, with 96% of members reporting that they enjoy the library and its activities, and 93% sharing that librarians make programs engaging and meaningful. The library also expands access to literacy and learning beyond its walls, broadcasting weekly radio story hours to reach the broader municipality of over 50,000 residents.



5,830

unique titles, a 4% increase since 2024, with over 11,750 books available



560

annual library members, our highest count ever, averaging 40+ daily visitors



100%

of library members polled agreed that the library helps them be a better student



"I want to learn as much as I can and have an open mind—that's why I come to the library."

Over the past three years as a Community Library member, eight-year-old **Ana Dayna** has discovered a love of learning that keeps her coming back week after week. In a region where classes often prioritize rote memorization, at the library she explores math and science concepts through hands-on activities. Ana Dayna's favorite activity is dominoes, which makes learning numbers feel like a game. Beyond academics, the Community Library has also become a place where she has formed close friendships and found a community of peers who share her excitement for learning.



1 new librarian

expanding our library team to three full-time staff—all Emerging Leaders!—and increasing math and science programming

47 hours

of math and science classes taught, nearly **60% more than 2024**, with an average attendance of 25 students



54 story hours

for children without access to books at home or school

60% more

book lending since **2024** as students embrace reading in a community where books have traditionally been difficult to access and where 50% of adults are illiterate



1,000+ hours

of available homework help, giving students a safe place to seek support and learn beyond the classroom



Emerging Leaders

The Emerging Leaders Program provides continued support, opportunities, and mentorship for each of our students upon their high school graduation, developing a pipeline of eager young professionals who are transforming the community from within.

In 2025 we awarded nine university scholarships, hosted three educational and networking events for alumni, and supported two Emerging Leaders Fellows with paid professional work experience and monthly professional development workshops. As of December 2025, over 55% of Emerging Leaders have gone on to pursue higher education, compared to less than 1% of the population of Chajul.

107

high school graduates,
77 of whom are women

10

members of Limitless
Horizons Ixil's staff are
Emerging Leaders

63%

of Emerging Leaders hold
professional jobs in the
community—working in
schools, banks, labs, etc—
compared to the local
average of <6%

73%

of female graduates wait until
age 23 or older to marry and
have children (compared to
<20% of their mothers)

Emerging Leader Spotlight: Ana

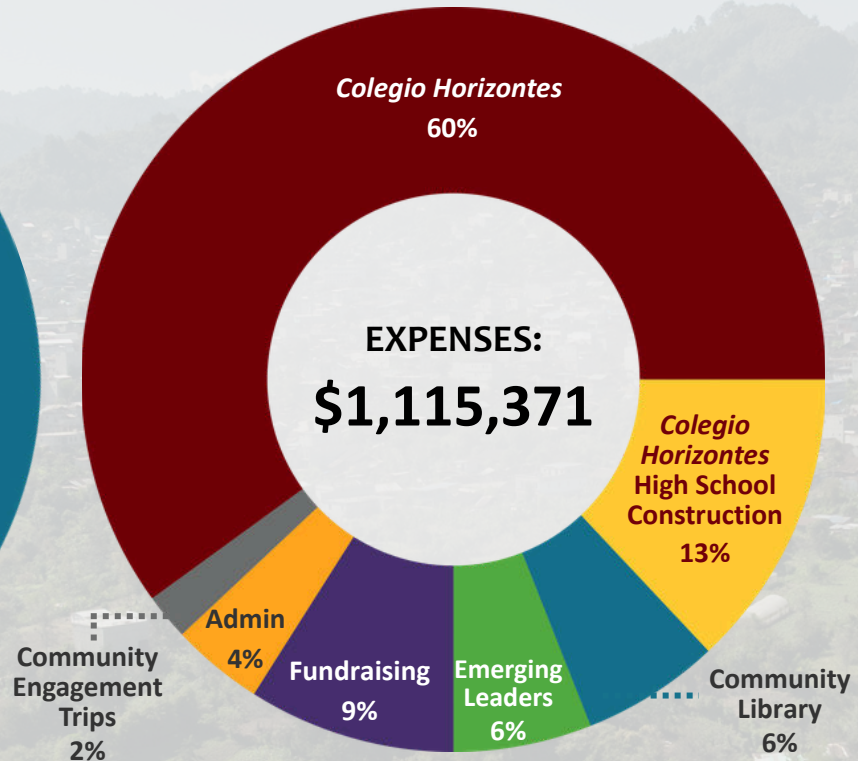
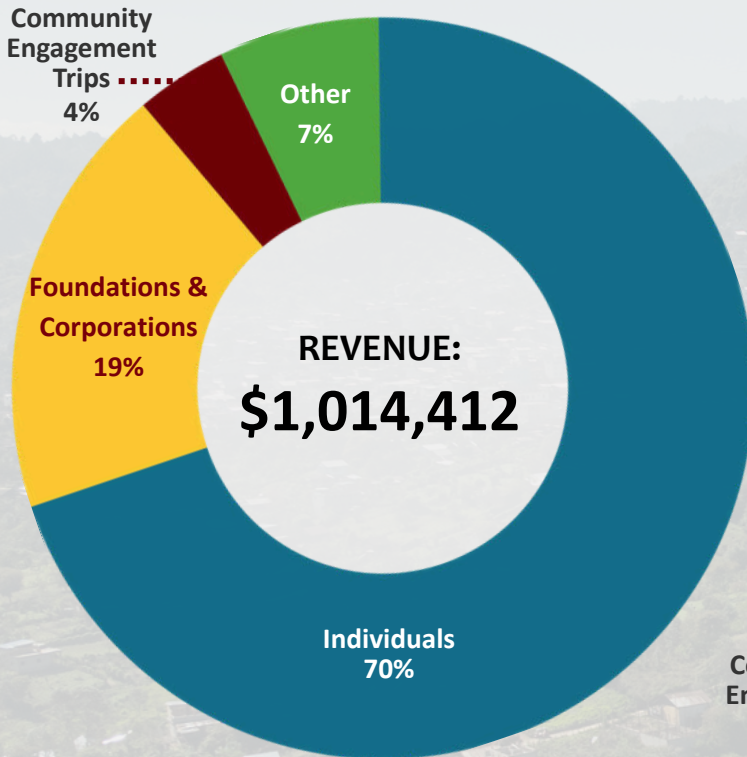


With support from Limitless Horizons Ixil, Ana graduated from high school in 2019, becoming only the second of her 10 siblings and the first girl to do so. In 2023, she became an Emerging Leaders Fellow in the Community Library, providing vital work experience and opening the door to a university scholarship. Today, Ana is pursuing a bachelor's degree in agronomy—a field traditionally dominated by men—while also working as our newest full-time librarian.

Since joining the team, she has expanded math programming at the library and enjoys finding creative ways to inspire the next generation of students. "A library member once told me she wanted to be like me when she grows up," Ana shares. "That inspires me to keep going."

2025 Financials

Building opportunity together: Thanks to the generosity of our community of supporters, in 2025 we continued investing in the people, curriculum, and infrastructure needed to strengthen our growing programs while reinforcing the systems that help us steward resources responsibly. Eighty-seven percent of our expenses were invested in programming and the completion and startup of our high school campus.



Revenue*

Individuals	\$714,145
Foundations & Corporations	\$188,400
Community Engagement Trips	\$44,858
Other	\$67,009

TOTAL **\$1,014,412**

Expenses

High school construction	\$149,472
Colegio Horizontes	\$662,030
Community Library	\$67,111
Emerging Leaders	\$66,951
Fundraising	\$104,291
Admin	\$47,938
Community Engagement Trips	\$17,578

TOTAL **\$1,115,371**

**Revenue is reported on an accrual basis.
In 2025, we received cash from multi-year grants that had been recognized as revenue in prior years.*

Platinum
Transparency
2025

Candid.

Charity
Navigator



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2025

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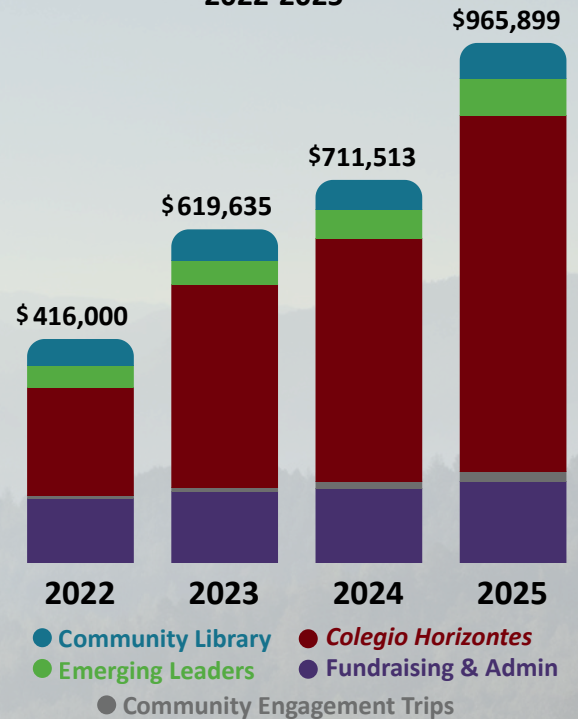
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Building & Growing

Over the past four years, Limitless Horizons Ixil has steadily expanded access to high-quality educational opportunities for Maya Ixil youth in Chajul. *Colegio Horizontes* opened as a middle school in 2022 with our first cohort of 25 seventh-graders, and since then, we have added a new grade level each year, reaching 95 students across four grades in 2025. As we built *Colegio Horizontes* from 2020-2025 and ran two capital campaigns, our operating budget also grew to support the hiring of teachers and mentors, develop and strengthen curriculum, provide nutritious meals, and build the infrastructure needed to sustain an exceptional learning environment and holistic support for every student we serve.

Together, these operating and capital investments have transformed a vision into a fully operational middle and high school that will serve nearly 125 students annually beginning in 2026. This has been made possible by the generous and ongoing partnership of our supporters, allowing us to grow with purpose while remaining grounded in our commitments to quality, equity, and care.

Operating Budget Growth 2022-2025*



*Does not include school construction expenses.

School Construction 2020-2025



2020-2022: *Colegio Horizontes* middle school is built with its grand opening on July 20, 2022

2023: Planning, fundraising, and land preparation for the *Colegio Horizontes* high school expansion begins

2024-2025: *Colegio Horizontes* high school is built with its grand opening on March 6, 2025



THANK YOU

... to the **783 individuals and foundations** around the world who made contributions to support our work.

... to the **148 recurring donors** who gave a consistent monthly or annual gift.

... to the **109 new donors** who joined our diverse and generous community of supporters.

... to the **many volunteers, teachers, coaches, photographers, board members, and other supporters** who contributed their time and talents to our mission.



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