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Artists for Guatemala Opening Reception

The opening reception for Guatemala is on Saturday, May 26th 2012 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm at indi go artist coop. It is free and open to the public.

Artists for Guatemala is an opportunity for local (and not so local) artists and art-buyers to donate to very worthwhile cause. All of the money raised from the sale and auction of the artists' donated pieces will go directly to aid impoverished Maya communities in Guatemala with Wuqu' Kawoq: Maya Health Alliance. Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere, but it is the indigenous Maya populations who experience the worst of the poverty and have little to no access to the health and human services they need. The majority of these communities do not speak Spanish, but rather 1 of over 20 different Mayan languages still spoken in Guatemala. These communities experience widespread problems with child malnutrition, adult chronic illness, maternal death, unclean water, and lack access to the basic healthcare services every human needs due to the fact that these services are only provided in Spanish and are often too far away.

Wuqu' Kawoq: Maya Health Alliance is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit, nongovernment organization that was founded in 2007 by a physician, linguists, and development workers who realized that the language barrier was enforcing the connection between ethnicity, poverty, and, ultimately, poor health. Our mission is to provide healthcare and development services to Maya communities in Guatemala in their first languages as well as bring the services directly to the communities. We build sustainable, community-based programs that provide crucial services to fight child malnutrition, treat and manage chronic illnesses, combat maternal death, provide water filters to ensure clean water, and educate women and communities about their own health and services.

for more information visit www.wk-guatemala.org, www.mayahealth.org, and check us out on facebook at www.facebook.com/wuqu.kawoq

Gallery Hours:

Monday 21st 3-7
Tuesday 22nd 3-7
Wednesday 23rd 3-7
Thursday 24th 3-7
Friday 25th 3-7
Saturday 26th 5-7
Sunday 27th 4-7
Monday 28th 3-7
Tuesday 29th 3-7
Wednesday 30th 3-7

Donations: All donations should be made, ready-to-hang, by May 20th (art will be hung May 21st) -- to donate art pieces, please contact Claire Melvin: Wuqu' Kawoq Program Developer at claire@wuqukawoq.org or (217) 649-

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