



## An update from Mastate Charitable Foundation



The Mastate Charitable Foundation (MCF) has had another impactful year of continuing its important community work in our region. Amazingly, this is our 14th year working in the rural communities of Mastatal, San Miguel, Zapaton and San Vicente. Our strong community

commitment and a willingness to embrace locally-led actions have created a solid footing for long-standing, positive change for the hard-working members of our rural districts. We are all working tirelessly to create a sustainable community model that is increasingly needed throughout the world. We are redefining food production systems, investing in the children of our region and educating youth to treat and work with the environment in ways that enrich and provide for us; rather than deplete it.

For the first time ever, young adults are graduating from our local high school and going on to seek education at the college and university level. Successful high school students are required to work diligently to stand out and excel in our underfunded, local educational institution. Getting accepted to a 4-year post-secondary institution is a significant accomplishment that requires perseverance, guts and drive. Additionally, rural high school graduates experience unique challenges when moving to the hustle and bustle of city life and dealing with the new realities of being a college student for the first time. Many of these students come from low-income families. In today's rigorous academic climate, access to computers, books and transportation are a necessity for success at the university level but these 'college-norms' often stress the budgets of





rural family households. That is why MCF will be focusing some of its energy this year on creating supplementary educational opportunities for these hard-working young adults from our region.

**Through this ask we hope to raise \$5,000 that will be used to help buy computers for newly accepted college students and support infrastructural improvements at the local high school.**

The infrastructure of the “Liceo Rural” in Mastatal is woefully lacking in resources. The building needs new bathrooms, a new roof, a cafeteria, whiteboards, ceilings and computers. During our last rainy season, on one wet afternoon, we counted 26 containers on the floors of the classrooms collecting drips, some bordering on streams, from the hole-ridden roof. Classes are commonly held outside due to the limited classroom space, and the 35 students share one poorly plumbed, dark, leaky bathroom structure. With your help, we can continue to do our part in making some desperately needed improvements to the school’s infrastructure a reality.

**Please consider supporting MCF’s established and proven work in 2019 through a tax-deductible donation that will assure our initiatives success in the coming year.** We are a volunteer run non-profit that invests every penny of its donations in our surrounding communities. Even small donations go a long way. Your gracious gift will not be used for administrative costs but will instead go in its entirety to our local projects.

[Click here](#), to easily make a tax-deductible donation. If preferable, you can mail a check made payable to the [Marion Institute](#) to 202 Spring Street, Marion, MA. 02738 – make sure the memo section reads “Mastate Charitable Foundation.”

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Muchas gracias por su consideración.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim O'Hara".

Tim O'Hara  
Vice-President  
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