



2 Communities, 1 Family

# Arlington Teosinte Sister City Project

Annual Newsletter

Fall 2014

## Family Delegation

Last February a family delegation, including three 13 year olds, and two 10 year olds, spent 5 days in Teosinte living with host families.

They were welcomed with home made banners and songs. The kids immediately made friends, teaching each other games, playing soccer and swimming in the river. Rafi observed: "Kindness can overcome a language barrier."



They left with warm memories, new friendships and, according to Elijah, "a different perspective on life. Here we take things for granted, things they would cherish – like running water, enough food, going to school."

These families can't wait to go back. Jackson says "It was really fun. You see different parts of the world. You meet people just like you and me living a different lifestyle but we are all the same, one big family..., it's really cool."

***Is your family ready to go with them?***

***Contact us to learn more about visiting Teosinte.***

## Teosinte: Community & Place Exhibit

Social documentary photographer Paul Giguere traveled to Teosinte in November 2013 to capture the life and history of its people through the lens of his camera. His photographs tell the story of lives that have been indelibly changed by war but whose resilient spirit lives on to build a better future for their children.



The project communicates the past (the history of Teosinte, the war, etc.), the present (how people live and work now; how they work to rebuild their sense of society after a conflict), and the future (the hopes and dreams that the people of Teosinte have for their town and their children). This project is on-going and will involve more visits to Teosinte to fully realize the goal of a creating a deep and personal understanding and connection. In the Spring of 2014 his inspiring photographs were on exhibit in Arlington, MA, where they received great recognition.

Photographs, books, and cards from the recent Teosinte: Community and Place exhibit are available for purchase on-line. Proceeds from sales support scholarships for Teosinte students. The photographs are beautiful, fascinating and also make great gifts.

Visit: [www.paulgiguere.com](http://www.paulgiguere.com) to view & order prints

Check Out Our New & Improved Website! - [www.arlingtonteosinte.org/](http://www.arlingtonteosinte.org/)

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## Need A Perfect Holiday Gift?

**Teosinte craft** items are unique and you can feel great about your purchase – all proceeds benefit the women's cooperative and educational scholarships for Teosinte youth. In addition to beautiful handbags, wallets, and placemats, we have new artisan jewelry and freshly roasted coffee! A bag of fresh El Salvadoran coffee beans makes a perfect teacher and/or hostess gift. To purchase, please join us for a wonderful, holiday shopping opportunity and refreshments hosted by amigas and amigos of Teosinte:

♥ Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9pm  
at Knights of Columbus

♥ Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30pm  
at 3 Aerial Street

♥ Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm  
at 130 Jason Street

♥ Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm  
at 130 Jason Street

Call 781-643-0769 for additional information

## Help Fulfill Their Dream...

David is one of 19 students receiving ATSCP scholarships.

*"My dreams are to study architecture in college, help my family and perhaps start a family of my own and build a house in Teosinte. Thank you for helping me and my family."*



YOUR donations make it possible for bright and dedicated youth, like David, to pursue their dream of higher education, a career, stable income, and a better future for themselves and their families. Your generosity helps pay for tuition and school supplies for high school and college students who would otherwise be unable to afford them. Help us make their dreams of education come true. Honor a loved one by making a gift of education in their name. Please make a tax-deductible donation to ATSCP this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

Please see back page to make a donation.



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Your tax-deductible membership helps fund high school and university scholarships for Teosinte's youth. A portion of your donations supports other humanitarian projects in Teosinte and our work.

## Become An AMIGO!

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\$45 pays for a high school student's supplies for one year

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\$90 pays for a university student's books & supplies for one year

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\$270 pays transportation for approximately a year of high school

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\$400 pays for a university student's shared housing for one year

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other amount



Please make checks out to: U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities / Arlington-Teosinte

Send to: Elizabeth Dray, ATSCP, 130 Jason Street, Arlington, MA 02476

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Check one:  new membership  renewal  gift membership (write name and address of recipient)