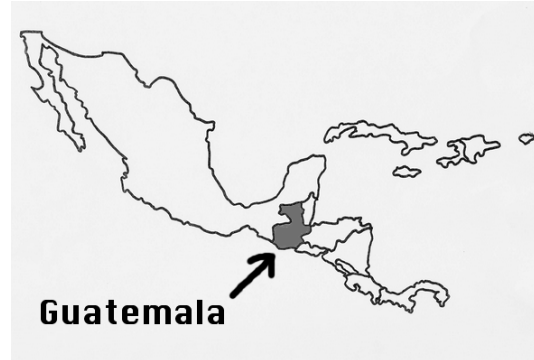


Starfish Teaches Tomorrow's Leaders

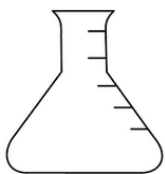
Building a generation of girls who lead
and inspire others to do the same.

Starfish provides education, mentorship and leadership support to young girls living in poverty in Guatemala. Right now, only 3% of girls in extreme poverty enroll in 7th grade.



In Guatemala, fields like medicine, law, and government are almost completely without women. Starfish drives change through better education.

Who are some female leaders in your life? Describe what makes them leaders.



Starfish provides tutors that help students succeed in school. Along with schoolwork, students learn from an “empowerment curriculum” that teaches about leadership, personal health, money knowledge, and technology. These are just some of the things Starfish provides to help students become leaders.

What do you learn in school about being a leader?



Poverty is a cycle made worse by poor education. When a young girl receives a good education she can break that trend and have the opportunity for a self-determined life. When she succeeds, her family is strengthened and her community is better off. That’s called the Girl Effect. *Imagine the Girl Effect is a super power. Draw what it would look like below.*

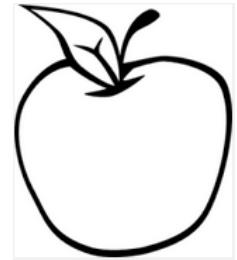


Along with education, Starfish has mentors for their students. The mentors are Mayan women who have grown up in the community and become successful. Having role models with the same cultural background shows each girl how she can make a difference in her own community.

List some of your role models here. Describe what you like about them.

When a girl joins the Starfish program, her family also becomes part of the education process. Mentors visit the family at home to talk about how each girl is learning to be a leader and what that means outside of school. The support and understanding of family members can make a big difference in the success of a student in school and in the community.

What are some ways your family supports you in school?



Girl pioneers lead by example. Starfish helps them find internships and become the first in their family to have formal job experience. Right now 9 out of 10 Guatemalan teens have no job training, while the same number of girls in the Starfish program have jobs outside the home and are leaders in their family and community.

Draw a picture of a time when you led by example.