A Thread of Hope Guatemalan Fair Trade

Just some of the artisans and their beautiful work!

**Asociación Maya, Sololá** – A cooperative of 180 backstrap loom weavers, working together for over 30 years, preserving cultural traditions, developing leadership, and healing from the genocide.

**La Puerta Abierta, Santiago Atitlán** – Felt and repurposed traditional fabric ornaments made by moms to pay their kids’ primary school tuition. Creativity, critical thinking and literacy.

**UPAVIM, Guatemala City**, a cooperative of 75+ women. Their artisan business and donors help fund a Montessori preschool, primary school, English program, free public library, academic scholarships, tutoring center, pharmacy, clinic, lab, bakery and more.

**Creaciones Chonita and other Fair Trade artisans in Santiago Atitlán** – Handmade beaded jewelry, ornaments, key rings, backpack charms, table sculptures, hair ornaments and more, made from high-quality Czech glass beads.

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Mayan Hands, a Fair Trade organization working with over 200 women artisans in 14 communities, provides scholarships and capacity-building programs. The artisans make placemats, runners, baskets, felted animal ornaments and more.

Embroiderers of Santiago Atitlán – Hand embroidery and thread-painting (hand embroidery with a sewing machine). Coin purses, masks and huipiles.

Tz’utu Kan Maya Hip Hop Music

Women of Panabaj is a group of 25 women formed in response to the landslide after Hurricane Stan in 2005. The women work on small foot looms and make belts, camera straps, wallets, and more.

Coco Spirit by Rafael – Hand-carved coconut shell jewelry

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