

KONICEK & DILLON, P.C.

CHRISTMAS AND 2017 NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE



I challenge each and every one of you, your families, friends and whoever you can think of to help Konicek & Dillon, P.C. raise \$10,000 to build a HOME in Guatemala City for a deserving family.

As you know, I had the amazing opportunity this past August to work on a home in a garbage dump community in Guatemala City. In five (5) days, we were able to complete a home for a mother and her five minor children who are third generation residents of the garbage dump community. This was the first and probably the only home they will ever experience. Prior to our turning over the keys to this new home, this family lived in a structure built of corrugated metal and materials scavenged from the garbage dump. Their new home came equipped with electricity, a functioning bathroom and concrete floors.

I have obtained some pretty awesome results for clients over the course of the past thirty years, but the appreciation, gratitude and love expressed by this family when we dedicated the new home to them far surpassed anything I have ever experienced in my life.

The week that I was in Guatemala, the group of 55 volunteers that I was with built five homes and provided material sources to over 300 individuals. The group that makes this amazing experience possible is a local charity started in 2014 by a set of twins attending Barrington High School. This local charity that they started is called Hope's In. They raise the funds for the materials to build these cinderblock houses through donations. They then put together groups of volunteers to work and provide the labor alongside a local contractor to complete the homes in five days.

Since starting Hope's In, the Quigley twins have now raised the money and organized trips to complete twenty-five (25) homes in the community. Over 150 volunteers have experienced this opportunity to give back.

Raising the funds and then actually going to Guatemala to build the home is a life changing experience. If we raise \$10,000 by next August, we can not only build a home dedicated by Konicek & Dillon, we can scholarship a volunteer to go to Guatemala to help build the home we have raised the funds to build.

Colleen and I will be going to Guatemala in August to work on the home we raise funds to build. All of you are invited to join us. In addition, if we raise the \$10,000, we can select a member of the firm or a high-school age or older child of one of the Konicek & Dillon, P.C. family to be a part of this amazing experience. All expenses will be covered for the scholarship recipient with the exception of dinners and snacks.

Please contribute as much as you can. It will be a stretch to raise \$10,000, but with nine lawyers, six staff and wonderful families and friends, we should be able to accomplish this goal without starving ourselves.

Please go online and visit HopesIn.org We only have six (6) months, so get the word out. Colleen and I are going to start off this challenge with a contribution of \$1,000 to this great cause. Hope you all will join us and consider making a monetary donation. It is not often that you can experience a third world country under relative safe circumstances.

Don't fall one good deed short of crossing the threshold through the pearly gates.



