

A photograph of two people, a woman with red hair and a man with dark hair, standing on a dirt path and looking out over a lush green forest. Both are wearing backpacks. The woman's backpack is black with a white logo, and the man's is blue. The background shows a dense forest of green trees and a hazy blue sky with clouds. The word "Amigos" is written in a white, cursive font in the top right corner.

Amigos

**Breakfast to Benefit AMIGOS
2018 and 2019 Impact Report**

Fostering Innovation for Our Future

Over the past several years, we have embraced a culture of innovation at AMIGOS. We are modernizing the systems that support our programs to advance our mission in entirely new ways. We have made significant investments in professional recruiting and marketing and are streamlining our recruitment structure.

We are serving new groups of students and building partnerships with schools and youth organizations to serve the diverse programming needs of students across the country. These investments are paying off, allowing us to enroll more students in our programs and empower more young global leaders.

Your support through the first two Breakfasts to Benefit AMIGOS made this possible!

2018 Program Highlights

In 2018, AMIGOS trained and served more than 700 volunteers across our programs. We're proud to share a few highlights:

- 8 countries throughout the Americas;
- 98% of volunteers reported a positive experience;
- 225+ community service projects implemented in our host communities;
- 25,000 community members worked alongside volunteers across our programs;
- 79,000+ volunteer service hours completed in community; and
- \$300,000 in financial assistance distributed across our network.



2019 Program Enrollment Increase

We are pleased to report increased enrollment across all 2019 programs! We will serve more than 800 students in 2019, including **70 students from Houston**. In partnership with the Houston Chapter, AMIGOS has provided **\$57,000 in financial assistance awards to Houston-area students in 2019**. Thank you for making this possible!

Gap Program

Enrollment in the 2018-19 academic year in Cuenca, Ecuador was at its highest since the program started in 2012. We are opening a new program site in Montevideo, Uruguay this fall. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the AMIGOS Gap experience.

Discover AMIGOS Program

This two-week program for students ages 13-15 provides an introduction to global citizenship. It also offers an opportunity for middle and high school educators to serve as mentors in the program. This year we will have 120 Discover AMIGOS volunteers, an extraordinary jump from 14 volunteers in our 2017 pilot year. Get a window into the Discover AMIGOS Program with [a video](#).



“The power of AMIGOS is rooted in the deep connections, humility, and empathy we build at an age where our whole life is ahead of us. We build confidence through testing ourselves in another language and culture. And, most importantly, we carry forward a new view of the world for our lifetime.”

-Sara Nathan, AMIGOS President & CEO

AMIGOS Commitment to Accessibility

We are committed to making our programs accessible to students from all socioeconomic backgrounds. **In 2018 and 2019, we provided more than \$300,000 in financial assistance awards.** AMIGOS partners with organizations such as KIPP, Discover U, MECA, HISD, and many more to ensure that we serve all students regardless of financial need. This financial assistance is possible due to the generosity of donors like you! Thank you!

Latin American Youth in AMIGOS

In addition to local youth involvement in our host communities, approximately 85 students from Latin America participate as full-time volunteers in the Summer Program and Youth Ambassadors Program. AMIGOS fully covers their costs to join the program. Their participation is transforming AMIGOS in powerful ways, as many of these alumni are joining the leadership of AMIGOS on our Project Staff and Programs teams.

Big Welcome to Our New Houston Area Outreach Manager

Since the creation of the Houston Outreach Manager position in 2016, more students from the Houston area are joining AMIGOS every year. Liz Harvey joined AMIGOS as the new Houston Outreach Manager in April 2019. Liz shares, *“Having traveled and worked with students all over the world, I fully believe that the best way to learn about the world is by truly living in it. I am extremely excited to bring more students into AMIGOS programs!”*

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