ABOUT MAYAN FAMILIES

Mayan Families is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which works hand-in-hand with local indigenous communities in Guatemala with strategies to improve education, health and nutrition, and economic development opportunities for families living in poverty through sustainable, collaborative community-driven programs.

The Artisan Program is part of the Social Entrepreneurship work of Mayan Families. We provide women artisans who have little access to education and employment in their communities the opportunity to use their crafting abilities, such as weaving and beading, to generate income and provide for their families.

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ARTISAN PROGRAM

Our Artisan program works with over 120 artisans in the Lake Atitlán region to not only provide them with the tools to create and market their materials, but the education needed to budget, save, and achieve greater financial security.

Women in Guatemala, especially those from indigenous communities, often face many cultural and financial barriers when attempting to gain a formal education.

The women in our Artisan Program have not had the opportunity to attend school, making it difficult for them to find a fruitful profession when their families most depended on it. Our primary goal of our 2019 program is for our participating women to start out here to gain financial literacy skills so that they can find other more stable jobs around their communities.

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

The women in our program take pride in producing beautiful works of art, and often become the main income-earner in the family, which gives them more power over the family’s economy.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Women are taught how to price their products to ensure they always receive a fair wage. Women learn the importance of budgeting, saving, and financial security through training sessions.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Artisan Program gives women the tools and skills in order to start their own small businesses, by providing training, improving work, and facilitating the transition of informal artisan groups into legal businesses.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Women receive payment in exchange for their products and work, therefore they do not have to depend on external factors or aid.
MADE TO ORDER

All of our products are easily customizable to fit your brand’s audience. Our Artisan Program Catalog exists to give you an idea of our offerings, but please know that colors, designs, and sizes can be adapted to your needs.

For more information, please contact artisan@mayanfamilies.org
Beaded and Fabric Jewelry
1. Maya fringe pendant
2. Mariela multistrand
3. Gold and Metallic vintage style bib necklaces
4. Wrap infinity necklace with multicolored tassels
Necklaces (continued)

1. 24-strand, two-tone
2. Interlocking circles
3. Bolero
4. Mala with metallic beads
Earrings

1. Corte fabric
2. Beaded fringe
3. Metallic triangles
4. Circles with tassels
5. Metallic gold chandelier
1. Isabel diamond design
2. Shimmer gold wide cuff
3. Set of 3, roll-on bangle
4. Single strand mala bracelet with accent tassel
BEADED AND FABRIC

Accessories
Over 100 varieties of hand-beaded keychains, lanyards and ornaments are available. We can help you find the perfect assortment to match your brand’s aesthetic.
1. Shoulder tote
2. Clutch and coin purse
3. Cosmetic Bag with plastic protective lining
4. Luggage tag
5. Eyeglasses case
Huipil Collection

1. Sololá handbag
2. Santiago clutch with embroidered birds
1. Beaded flexible headbands with elastic back

2. Beaded purse and cell phone bag with shoulder strap

3. Beaded coin purses in traditional and bohemian chic patterns
BEADED AND FABRIC

Homegoods
1. Traditional backstrap and foot loom woven table runners

3. Decorative Throw Pillows made from recycled huipils and cortes (traditional indigenous clothing)

4. Hand-sewn, hanging bird garland
1. Beaded coasters
   (Set of 4)

2. San Antonio Napkins
   (13” x 13” / Set of 4)

3. Handsewn traditional fabric oven mitts and hot pads
Thank you for your support of the Artisan Program

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