



FUNDAP is a privately owned, non-profit, apolitical foundation that aims to promote activities for low-income communities. We promote the development of low-income sectors from the Republic of Guatemala, through innovative programs that, avoiding patriarchy, guarantee a consistent improvement in the quality of life. Under a sustainable development framework,

FUNDAP seeks to eradicate poverty in Guatemala through strategies sustained on values of equality, honesty, freedom, excellence, respect for dignity and democracy. FUNDAP's area of action is the Central Highlands, North and Southwest of Guatemala, which represent almost 50% of the population of Guatemala, whose average poverty rate exceeds 65%. Its programs focus on the following:

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☐ Microcredit
- ☐ Handicraft
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Environmental

Through its six programs, in 2022 FUNDAP reached a total of 146,020 beneficiaries.

As an NGO, FUNDAP funds its programs through cooperation agreements, as well as private funding. To have additional funding, FUNDAP registered four LLCs. Although these have been operating for more than 10 years, they haven't been able to financially support the cost of some of FUNDAP's programs operation.

El Refugio, one of the LLCs has a big potential to generate a surplus that can help support other FUNDAP programs.

El Refugio, a training facility, hostel and restaurant was founded in 1999, and was established to serve as the headquarters of the vocational training programs for the students of the most remote communities that the FUNDAP supports. The idea was to expand its services to cater other customer segments, such as corporations, families and schools. Although several efforts have been made, not all of them have proved to be successful.

El Refugio's core business is event management through its three main services:

- ☐ Lodging
- ☐ Meeting/training rooms
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Farm and forest



Lodging

El Refugio has 3 lodging areas with 24 rooms with a total capacity for 104 people.

El Refugio has 2 hostels with 24 rooms with a total capacity for 64 people in double and triple rooms. It also has two apartment towers with capacity for 28 people. All rooms have Wi-Fi internet service. Our comfortable rooms and apartments are the ideal choice for work sessions or conferences of several days.

- ☐ Hostal del Bosque : It has 12 double or triple rooms, with shared bathroom , capacity for 32 people.
- ☐ Hostal del Valle: It has 12 double and triple rooms with shared bathroom, total capacity of 32 people.
- ☐ Apartamentos Brisas de Palajunoj: These beautiful buildings have 8 double apartments with single beds, private bathroom and fully equipped kitchenette and 3 quadruple apartments with private bathroom, total capacity of 28 people.

Hostal del Valle



Apartments





Food

El Refugio has two different dining areas where people can enjoy delicious Guatemalan cuisine, with a homemade flavor. These spaces are ideal for conferences, presentations and trainings (does not include a projector or screen).

- ☐ *Los Ventanales* - Capacity to serve 65 people.
- ☐ *La Casita* - Capacity for 15 people.

Los Ventanales



La Casita



Meeting/training rooms

El Refugio has 7 meeting rooms ideal for business meetings, conferences or trainings. All rooms are equipped with multimedia equipment (not including a sound system) and Wi-Fi internet service.

Their names honor the richness of the Quezaltecas:

- ☐ Santa María: Maximum capacity for 100 people (depending on assembly).
- ☐ Santiaguito: Maximum capacity for 10 people
- ☐ Candelaria: Maximum capacity for 30 people
- ☐ Los Altos: Maximum capacity for 35 people
- ☐ Los Sabios: Maximum capacity for 25 people



- Cerro Quemado: Maximum capacity for 9 people.

Farm and forest:

The didactic farm "Del Valle" is a wonderful space to interact with animals, collect eggs and milk cows. This is a great option for schools looking for an outdoor option for children to learn and have fun.

The "Luz del Valle" forest has a variety of trees and wildlife. In addition, children and adults can enjoy a horseback ride, plant a tree and play in the playground with swings, trampoline, educational trails and enough green area to make their stay super fun. In the greenhouse you can participate in a planting workshop and observe the process of growing and caring for different vegetables and plants. We offer guided tours of both the educational farm and the forest, where you can learn about the local flora and fauna, as well as the individual and collective responsibility to contribute to the ecosystem of the region.

El Refugio also has extensive green areas, as well as playgrounds for soccer, volleyball and basketball to have a good recreational and social time.

Basketball, volleyball and soccer courts

