# An international health service learning program: Impact Belize



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An international health service Learning program: IMPACT Belize

- International Service Learning
- IMPACT Belize
- Immersion in Culture
- Critical Partnerships
- A Living and Learning Community

### International Service Learning

- Based on these ruling principals:
  - An international setting
  - Moral responsibility to give back to society
  - Implement knowledge from the classroom
  - Sustainability
- Success is when they no longer need us

### International Service Learning

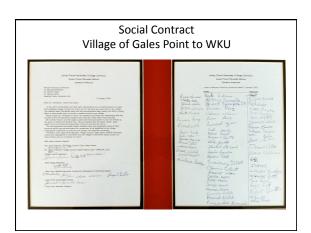
- We do not assume to know what they need and what their problems are
- We ask what we can do to improve their quality of life
- We work on what they ask, what they want, and what they think they need
- Social Contract
- Work in partnership with Ministry of Health

### International Service Learning

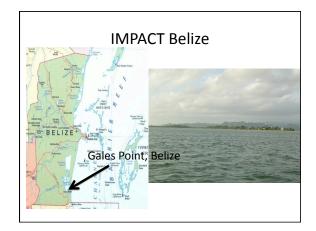


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# International Service Learning Drumming Lesson in Gales Point











### Impact Belize

- Improving quality of life
- Village stated, "you can live and die in Gales Point and never see a doctor."
- Interdisciplinary
  - Dental Hygiene
  - Institute for Rural Health
  - Nursing
  - Public health
  - Social Work
  - Women's Studies
  - Medical doctors



### **IMPACT Belize - Dental Clinic**

- Annual cleanings
- Extractions and major dental work is completed
- Distribution of dental products
- Cross discipline
- Dental education in the government school



### **IMPACT Belize - Medical Clinic**





- Physicals administered Nursing students assist
- Pharmacy
- Partnership with Belize Ministry of Health



### Public Health

• Health Education





### IMPACT Belize – Health Education Fair



### Public Health



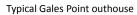
### **Gales Point Government School**

- Health education
- Environmental Health
- Sanctuary
- Future curriculum development



### Plant the Seed for the Future







View into Southern Lagoon

### Immersion in Culture







### Immersion in Culture





### **Critical Partnerships**

- Ministry of Health, Central District
- Gales Point Village
   Council
- Villagers
- Travel guide



# A Living Learning Community

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- ♯Social Contract
- ${\tt \Xi Sustainability}$





# A Living and Learning Community





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Dock Time

