

We Serve the Community

CAA has more than 100 members who contribute their time, talents, and financial resources to the community. We are always finding ways to make a positive difference for the people of our adopted community.

Here are some examples of organizations and programs we support:

CAA's Education Scholarship Program provides scholarship support to needy students as they progress from elementary school through high school and college. It works with local vendors to provide supplies and support such as eyeglasses, uniforms, and school supplies.

- **Árbol de Esperanza** provides a structured program of support and training programs for women within San Ramón and surrounding communities, with the goal of helping women achieve individual autonomy.
- **Asociación Acompañame** provides palliative care services to alleviate the emotional and physical pain of people with cancer and terminal diseases.
- **CAA's Bajo Tejares Tamale Christmas** helps the village women of Bajo Tejares, an exceptionally poor area of San Ramón, celebrate a much-loved Christmas tradition by purchasing the tamale ingredients and helping make these special treats that the women give to their families and neighbors.
- **Birthday Buddies** provides a birthday party and gift for each child at San Ramón's orphanage (the Hogarcito).
- **Blankets for Babies of San Ramón** provides changing mats, blankets, burpie pads, and infant hats for the underprivileged mothers of newborns in the area. Volunteers make the items and twenty mothers, on average, are served every month.
- The **Christmas Toy Drive** is conducted to collect money for the purchase of toys that are then distributed to underprivileged children in the San Ramón area.
- **CAA's English Conversation Program** has more than 300 participants. More than 40 volunteers help students improve their spoken English and conversational confidence.

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• **Donations** gathered at CAA events help fund local food pantries and our Christmas Toy Drive.

• **La Asociación los del Camino Agape** provides clothing, food, and safe shelter for homeless men.



Because of the pandemic, we have not been able to celebrate together recently. This is a photo from our archives.

We Serve Our Members

CAA offers a great way to meet expats. You'll make lots of new friends when you participate in various activities, classes, or social events we offer or support. Here are some examples of past, present, and proposed activities:

- Spanish conversation classes
- Monthly social gatherings
- Member-organized day trips
- Thursday morning coffee—where local expats and visitors meet
- Family picnics
- Sip-and-paint classes by a local artist
- Line dancing taught by a member
- Topical presentations for the expat community
- Dances and parties
- Theater productions and choir



Become a Member

For the last decade, CAA has raised money for and volunteered services to local San Ramón causes. We have affiliations with recognized international, national, and local organizations.

Your membership in CAA also connects you to a rich network of friendship, support, and opportunities to participate in the life of your new community in Costa Rica.

You can support CAA with your membership dues of just 5,000 colones per calendar year. For more information, please contact us at caacrorg@gmail.com or visit our website at caacr.org.



CAA is an organization of expats and costarricenses* in San Ramón who work together to enrich our community and the individuals in it. And we have fun in the process! If you are new to Costa Rica or the area, CAA offers a network of friendly people willing to share their valuable experience.

**People native to Costa Rica who informally refer to themselves as "ticos."*

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