



Cartagena de Indias, August 28, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Fundación Granitos de Paz is a not-for-profit organization that has created an innovative and replicable model of integral recuperation of vulnerable areas. We are located in the Rafael Núñez sector of Cartagena, and our community extends to 13,000 people through programs and projects guided to all ages. One of our flagship projects is the Productive Patio initiative, where families, through urban agriculture, produce organic greens that are being sold to hotels and restaurants in the city. We have constructed close to 900 productive patios and the initiative keeps growing each year.

Recently, through a collaboration with the Fundación Jardín Botánico “Guillermo Piñeres” we have organized visits to the Botanical Garden where a brief training in how to run a plant nursery for native tree species has been provided. The visitors have also been given the opportunity to visit the beautiful Garden and learn about the Tropical Dry Forest ecosystem that they live in. These visits have included almost 200 persons, ranging from senior vegetable producers to school children.

This experience has been truly unique for the beneficiaries. It has improved their knowledge in plant propagation and given them a new perspective on how to improve and develop their existing cultivations. Additionally, the visits have served as an exercise in collaboration and leadership and given the participants a sense of inclusion for being invited to participate in these activities. We thank the Jardín Botánico for providing this opportunity to our community.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gilma España'.

Gilma España
Directora Ejecutiva
Fundación Granitos de Paz