

## Soirée Supports Student Spring Sojourn

*Winter Dinner Fundraiser 2010*

Tantalizing Latin American cuisine, African dance, and delicious auction items made for a successful Winter Dinner on Feb. 6 benefiting Global Visionaries' spring trip. The fundraiser, which was held at Seattle's Talaris Conference Center, grossed over \$7000 for the first of two student trips to Antigua, Guatemala.



The fundraiser featured dinner by master chef Bill Taylor, who prepared an exquisite jaunt for the taste buds to Latin America, allowing non-travelers a sample of the upcoming trip through a tour of the flavors of Guatemala. The meal was followed by a live exhibition of traditional African dance, performed by Global Visionaries students. Besides the fantastic dinner and performance, the night was also highlighted by a mouthwatering dessert auction. Completed cakes, pies, and other tasty treats were auctioned off to guests, also to raise money for the upcoming trip

This year's Winter Dinner also served as an informative and eye-opening night for those not familiar with the mission and the philosophy of Global Visionaries. Barbara Luecke, parent of a Global Visionaries student, explained, "My son's extended family didn't quite understand the full power of GV until the Winter Dinner;

They were enticed by the great food... [and now] can't say enough good things about the program."

The two-week Guatemala trip will take place this spring, with Global Visionaries students staying and working in Antigua from March 20th to April 3rd. The biannual Guatemalan excursions have been an essential part of the Global Visionaries curriculum since the first trip in 1997, and continue to be an experience to remember and relive for the students involved.

