

Clinton Global Initiative Features Puente's Work

March 16th, 2007-- I was both honored and thrilled to represent Puente at the Clinton Global Initiative University meeting at Tulane University. Spearheaded by former President Bill Clinton, CGI U challenges college students and universities to tackle global problems with practical, innovative solutions. Therefore, Puente's unique approach to combating malnutrition was an obvious model to highlight in an effort to inspire young leaders to make positive changes in the field of global health.

Over the past three years, I have watched Puente grow exponentially and develop into a mission-driven, high impact organization. Reflecting upon Puente's competent and inspiring staff and the success of our projects this year, I felt confident sitting on a panel with three other global nutrition experts. As the panel session progressed and the questions became more specific, so did my desire to share Puente's unique model of improving health through amaranth consumption. The energy and inspiration of the event was mutually contagious; with every question and comment from the attendees about amaranth and Puente's innovative approach, I was inspired in a new way to continue giving 100 percent of my effort to positively affect food security in rural Oaxaca through the presence of amaranth in the daily diet.

-Gabriela Blanco, Program Director

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