



Amigos del Parque

Annual Report: January 2024 – July 2025



🌟 Impact at a Glance

- **\$98,000 matched** into the Endowment, securing the park's future
- **\$80,000 donated by TAN Foundation** to Endowment
- **32 benches sponsored**, each carrying a dedication or memory
- **2 new bathrooms**, painted with murals of local wildlife
- **Dozens of trees and flowering plants** now surround ponds and paths

This year was transformative for Parque Biblioteca Boquete, thanks to our community's generosity. Your gifts improved infrastructure, restored natural spaces, and ensured that the park remains safe, beautiful, and welcoming for all.

2024–2025 Highlights

Park Improvements

We completed dozens of projects—large and small—to make the park more functional, beautiful, and sustainable. From planting trees to improving paths and cleaning the ponds, these efforts were made possible by your contributions, our team’s dedication, and countless hours of work on the ground.

Major Projects

Puente de la Amistad was built thanks to the generosity of the TAN Foundation (Theresa and Andrew Nowak). The bridge provides essential access across the park and has quickly become a favorite backdrop for family photos, marking milestones such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations.



Two new bathrooms were installed at the third park entrance. They were painted with local birds and animals by muralist Richar Huisa, funded by an additional donation.



Benches: Thirty-two of the park’s benches have now been sponsored by generous donors. Each bench is painted green and bears a slate plaque recording a favorite saying, moment, or dedication chosen by the donor.



How We Invested Your Support

Every gift, large and small, is important and appreciated. Here is how we used unrestricted donated funds:

Infrastructure & Access

- Constructed a new leach field and *pozo ciego* for the main bathrooms
 - Replaced faucets and bathroom gate locks in the main bathrooms
 - Repaired and stabilized pavers near the main entrance
 - Expanded and leveled car and overflow parking areas
 - Removed a large boulder to create additional space for parking
 - Installed new curbs for parallel parking along the main road

Land & Water Stewardship

- Drained and cleared sediment from the upper pond
- Rebuilt the quebrada rock dam after heavy rains

- Cleaned sediment and trash from the canal and quebrada multiple times
- Installed self-cleaning sediment catchment tanks and a small gavion wall
- Terraformed eroded slopes and planted new grass
- Provided extensive watering during the dry season
- Pruned trees, removed dead branches, and carried out regular mowing, weeding, and fertilizing



Beautification & Habitat

- Planted saplings and flowering plants around ponds and parking areas
- Added flower beds and nursery plants to enhance pond edges
- Cleared overgrowth and invasive aquatic plants around the lakes

Cleanup & Maintenance

- Removed debris and damaged bridges after November flooding
- Cleaned the quebrada and Caldera riverbanks regularly
- Installed and maintained dog waste dispensers
- Repainted fencing and other steelwork
- Repaired pavers throughout the park
- Ongoing trash removal and site upkeep

Looking Ahead

January 2024 to July 2025 has been a period of growth. The strength of our endowment and the many improvements we've made across the park are lasting signs of what this community can do together.

We are also delighted to announce that a **meditation garden** has been sufficiently funded to break ground. This new space will offer a peaceful, natural retreat— a quiet place for reflection and rest within the heart of the park

Future Projects

Some of the park's most ambitious projects will only be possible with the help of our most generous donors. Among them are:

- A hanging bridge across the Caldera River
- A second bridge over the *quebrada*
- An irrigation system for the main park areas
- New hiking trails on the far side of the Caldera (to be developed after the hanging bridge is installed)
- A mini-amphitheater for concerts and lectures

Long-Term Vision

Looking further ahead, our boldest vision is the creation of a **multi-functional Nature Education Center** at the south end of the park. An architectural rendering is already in hand, and fundraising for this landmark project will begin once the projects above are completed.

If you are interested in a **naming opportunity** in the Park, please speak with one of the Amigos del Parque. We will work with you to match your interests to a special project suited to your financial capability.

Thank You

Gifts Matched, A Future Secured

Thanks to an extraordinary matching gift, Amigos del Parque built up the endowment significantly. Matching funds of **\$98,000** were added to the Endowment, helping to ensure the future of this serene green space in the heart of Boquete.

Together,
we're ensuring that this community park
continues to grow
as a place of nature, learning, and connection
for generations to come.

A final note: Parque Biblioteca Boquete operates under the auspices of the Fundación Biblioteca de Boquete. Amigos del Parque is a volunteer group that works closely with the Fundación to raise funds for the Park.

Donations raised by Amigos and processed through the Boquete Community Fund are tax-deductible in the United States under IRS regulations. Contributions deposited directly into the Fundación's Banco General account are tax-deductible in Panamá.

