

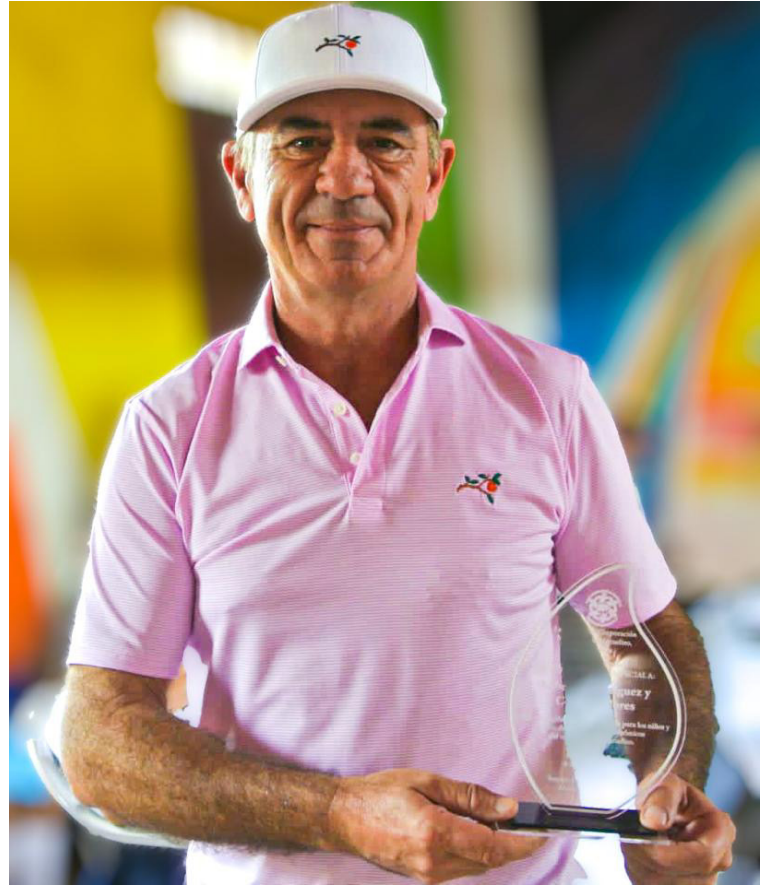
Roberto Rodriguez has been part of the Boca Grove family for 13 years. Starting as our Maintenance Technician, Roberto now leads a team of maintenance engineers who do everything from repairing the lights to preparing the community for emergencies like hurricanes or flooding. Soon his skills for building would be put to the test after meeting Anna, a representative from the elevator company.

Over the years, Roberto and Anna developed a friendship extending beyond their “elevator connection” because they shared a common love for their Latin American culture. Roberto learned through Anna the struggles of the children in a small school where Anna’s sister is a teacher. She would show him pictures of the ones lucky enough to attend a school and have the chance at a future. Remembering his own childhood in Argentina, he immediately wanted to do something for the children to give them the opportunity for an education.

This year, when Roberto went on his annual trip to Latin America, *the team at Boca Grove got involved*. What started as a small donation bin in the employee cafeteria became a group effort to show love, support and compassion across the globe. The team pitched in, and this year, Roberto delivered enough supplies such as crayons, markers, pencils, book bags, coloring books, computers, games, glue, scissors and maps to support two schools. The first in La Flecha, with a population of 2,319, where 899 are children aged 0-18 and the other in El Ciruelo, with a population of 3235, with 1,256 are children aged 0-18.

In addition to the BG team, Roberto’s daughter Valeria’s team at Fine Point Consultants joined in and donated 14 laptops. “At first, I wanted to cry, but when they saw all of the supplies and the computers, I was full of joy,” Roberto said about the children’s reaction when he arrived at the schools.

Roberto is a quiet guy who stays under the radar. He doesn’t look for much recognition, so it took some persuasion to allow us to acknowledge his kindness. We all knew Roberto went south of the border yearly, but never knew much about his travels outside of visiting family in Argentina. When word spread to Jennifer and Carla, the Boca Grove GM and Operations Manager, things quickly fell into place for an “all hands on deck” effort. “It made me feel the best when Jennifer said Boca Grove would support me. It made me very happy and said a lot, because the support made a long journey worth it,” Roberto said.



Roberto’s efforts did not go unnoticed. Boca Grove Cares, our community outreach program, recognized Roberto’s contribution to the team. Roberto’s journey began as a simple friendship with Anna but became bigger than anyone could have imagined. “His love for his culture and passion for helping others led him to make a difference in the lives of children in a remote area. It’s incredible how one small act of kindness can significantly impact someone’s life,” said Jennifer Jolly. She says his story reminds us that *we all have the power to make a difference in the world*.







