

ALESPI EN EL CORAZÓN DE PR · CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER · EDITION 1 · MAY 2026

· OROCOVIS, PUERTO RICO

Light Is Coming Through the Roof

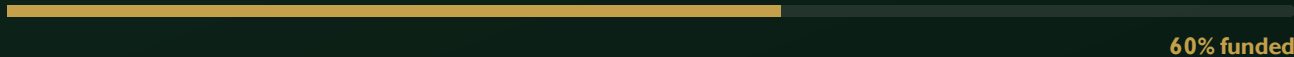


A translucent canopy rises over Orocovis — and with it, a new era for Puerto Rico's youth.

<p>\$733K</p> <p>TOTAL CONTRACTED</p> <p>Skylight canopy</p>	<p>\$440K</p> <p>PAID & EXECUTED</p> <p>Structure + glass</p>	<p>\$294K</p> <p>REMAINING BALANCE</p> <p>Actively fundraising</p>
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Campaign progress toward \$1,000,000 goal

\$576K raised & committed



THE SKYLIGHT PROJECT

From Open Sky to Covered Sanctuary

When the "ALESPI en el Corazón de PR" campaign launched in October 2024, the vision was bold: cover the school's open-air central atrium with a translucent skylight roof—a permanent structure protecting students from the elements while flooding the space with natural light. Today, that vision is nearly reality. The full steel structure has been engineered, erected, and paid for in full. Workers are now actively installing the glass canopy panels. What was once a courtyard exposed to Puerto Rico's tropical rains and heat is becoming a luminous, year-round community hub



An elegant grid of white steel reaching skyward

The completed steel space-frame spanning the full central atrium

CONSTRUCTION BREAKDOWN — COST & STATUS

Steel structure (CER)	\$268,672	✓ Paid
Design & engineering	\$19,395	✓ Paid
Glass canopy —Caribe Glass (paid to date)	\$152,081	✓ Paid
Glass canopy —remaining balance	\$238,184	actively fundraising
Total contracted project cost	\$733,812	

YEAR 2 FUNDRAISING —OCT 2025 – SEPT 2026

A Resilient Fundraising Ecosystem

The strength of this campaign has never been a single gift —it is the convergence of institutional grants, community events, individual donors, and foundation partnerships. Year 2 is proving this model works.

\$110,000

Rain & Rose Charitable Fund

Fully deployed toward glass panel purchase—Caribe Glass Invoice#4003

\$15,000

Koch Foundation

Dedicated exclusively to the ALESPI Scholarship Fund

\$38,133

Direct donations

Donorbox, PayPal, and direct giving—Year 2 to date

\$16,582

Community activities

Latidos de Esperanza dinner + ALESPI 5K & Bicicletada

STEWARDSHIP AT A GLANCE—2025–2026 GRANT CYCLE

Rain & Rose Charitable Fund award	\$110,000	✓ Disbursed
→ Campaign launch "Latidos de Esperanza"		\$5,212
→ Glass panels—Caribe Glass Invoice #4003		\$104,788
Community donations (Donorbox + PayPal)		\$31,530
Koch Foundation—Scholarship Fund		\$15,000
5K & Bicicletada 2026—net profit		\$10,082
Latidos de Esperanza—net income		\$6,500
Remaining project balance (actively fundraising)		\$293,664

COMMUNITY IN ACTION—YEAR 2 HIGHLIGHTS

The Community of Educators that Make it Possible



VOICES OF ALESPI

Those Who Live This Story



Government, private, and corporate partners touring the facility and committing support

"My path in ALESPI began as a student. Today I have the honor of serving as Principal in the very same home where I grew up. I am living testimony of how ALESPI transforms its students into committed citizens capable of leading with the heart."

ZAIRA L. PÉREZ TORRES

Principal, Colegio San Juan Bautista —ALESPI Alumni

"I arrived as a child full of uncertainties, and today I graduate as a young man with clear goals and firm values. The formation I received has shaped me to be a good Christian and an upright citizen. I will always be part of this family."

EDTZIEL X. PACHECO

12th Grade Graduate, ALESPI Class of 2026

"My participation in the choir and art allowed me to win first place in the drawing contest for the 200th anniversary of Orocovis. Learning sign language showed me the importance of inclusion. I am excited to see how the skylight will transform our space — allowing us to carry out activities protected from sun and rain. ALESPI is the ideal place to keep growing."

ALIX AMELIA ALVARADO ALVARADO

6th Grade Student, Colegio San Juan Bautista

SEEDS OF SUSTAINABILITY



Latidos de Esperanza—December 6, 2025 · Toro Verde, Orocovis

Latidos de Esperanza

Fundraising dinner on December 6, 2025 at Toro Verde in Orocovis. Brought together donors, community leaders, the Salesian Sisters, and supporters from across Puerto Rico.

Net: \$6,500

ALESPI 5K & Bicicletada 2026

April 12, 2026 at the ALESPI campus. Sponsored by Toro Verde, BoniCoop, PR Tourism Company, and Orocovis City Hall. Hundreds of runners and cyclists united.

Net: \$ 10,082

Visitas & Policultivo

Community and legislative visits showcased the skylight project in progress. Students engaged in hands-on agricultural learning through the school's greenhouse initiative.

Advocacy + Education



ALESPI 5K & Bicicletada · April 12, 2026



Families, runners, and community united for ALESPI



Students engaged in hands-on agricultural learning

“We are not just installing a roof; we are creating a lasting sanctuary of hope and joy for the future leaders of Puerto Rico.”

Sor Araceli Reyes, Director

Building Toward Full Independence

Beyond the skylight, ALESPI is building a resilient financial future. The Micro Greens agricultural project, guided by expert Joel Thevoz, engages students in hands-on learning while developing a sustainable earned income stream. Legislative partnerships are being cultivated to cover \$64,000 in core staff salaries —freeing those funds for capital completion. Major donors, including Ley 60 investors and individuals like Michael Pierluisi, are joining the development effort at the strategic level.



Joel and Michael discussing the Micro Greens project potential with Sister Araceli and Edgardo, our agronomist



Every seed planted is a lesson in stewardship and hope

Yr 1–2

CAPACITY BUILDING

Finalize capital campaign. Launch Micro Greens enterprise. Secure funding for salary support to free internal funds for construction.

Yr 3–4

REVENUE GROWTH

Scale 5K & Bicicletada into an annual institution. Grow Micro Greens to profitability. Deepen Ley 60 investor network.

Yr 5

INDEPENDENCE

Core operations fully self-funded through earned income and major donors. Grants reserved for new program expansions only.

ON THE HORIZON

Upcoming Milestones

June 2026

Social media celebration of completed steel structure milestone

August 2026

Glass canopy completion and inauguration ceremony —community celebration before the new school year

- September 15** Final stewardship report submitted to Rain & Rose Charitable Fund
- October 2026** Social media: community gathering in the new atrium
- Through 2027** Campaign continues — courts, bathrooms, food collection center, and sports facilities

CURRENT PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Rain & Rose Charitable Fund

Koch Foundation

Raskob Foundation

PR Tourism Company

Toro Verde

BoniCoop

La Orocoveña Biscuit Co.

Orocovis Municipality

State Legislators

Donorbox & PayPal donors

Be Part of This Story

Every gift —of any size —is a heartbeat of hope for a young person in Orocovis. Your donation goes directly toward completing the glass canopy and securing the future of this beloved institution.

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Campaign: October 2024 – November 2027

All financial data reflects records through April 27, 2026.

Guided by faith, family, and the love of God.