There is currently a lack of learning institutions in Costa Rica and Central America dedicated to developing life skills for our youth population in order for them to become responsible citizens and positive role models.

- 70% (11.5 millions as of 2005) of the Central America population is composed of young men and women under the age of 25 years old who have the potential to build a better future for our world.
- Modern media outlets often portray youths as 'victims of poverty' and 'problems in society', the team at RJI wants to act as adult allies who view our youths as resources and “competent citizens with a right to participate and a responsibility to serve their communities”.
- Participation in leadership roles is linked to increased self-efficacy and development of life skills that are relevant to success in adulthood as well as in the workplace (such as decision-making and teamwork capabilities).

RJI’s “Leadership and Life Skills Education Centre” will be a pioneer program dedicated to the youth development process in Central America and is predicted to engage youths critically as well as empowering them to understand that they are viable agents of social change inside each and every one of their communities.

- We want the young men and women in Central America to believe that they can make a positive difference by taking control of their overall future as well as having a stake in the future of this world.
- We want to invite local and international youths to participate in this vision for them to foster genuine contribution to society.
- We want to offer a space for young people to receive training in becoming positive global leaders.

Investing in our youth is the best way to improve the quality of life for our communities as young men and women are the most vibrant population of the society and they contribute significantly to the world’s economy.