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Acompañando Cambios con Compromiso

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Recent Updates:



Three years ago, we added to our economic activities the rental of chairs during Carnival in order to raise funds for the foundation. We are also using this opportunity to familiarize people with the activities carried out by the different projects – Coyera, Wiñana and Phoenix – with children, teenagers and families.



We have also participated in a workshop on urban gardens and compost organized by the Green Alert Foundation in the premises of our central office. We hope to replicate these teachings and extend them to the families, children and youth with whom we work through the Coyera, Wiñana and Phoenix projects.

2018 is another year gifted to us by God in order to reach out to his Little Stars who, as a result of complicated circumstances, are tangled in a web of difficulties and hardship. These Stars are faced with difficult decisions at an early age and must, for instance, choose to work in order to sustain their families or, in some cases, to leave their home and live on the streets. God has united us all so that we can reach out to these children, these teenagers and their families in order to let them know that they are not alone, that we do believe in them and that we will do everything in our power to help them believe in Love once again and regain faith that their situation *can* change.

God bless you,
Sincerely,
Victor Hugo Arellano Soto
DIRECTOR

Project Coyera – Wiñana



Daniela Villca Acarapi, 17 years old: In collaboration with the DNA (Services for the protection of children and teenagers) we accompanied her to the SEGIP (General Services of Personal Identification) and helped her obtain a birth certificate. We also check in on her regularly in coordination with the DNA.

Group San Sebastian: They are CTYAFLS (Children, Teenagers, Youth, Adults and Families Living on the Streets) who have expressed a desire to participate in the workshops and activities organized by the Coyera project. Every Wednesday they wait for us in a sober state and participate without consuming psychoactive substances.



Álvaro Flores Jordán, 22 years old: He had an infected and inflamed tissue characterized by swelling and accumulation of pus. The area was treated and we provided him with antibiotic shots.



Rosemary Lopez Torrico, 32 years old: We found her pregnant and living on the street so we took her to a health center where she was able to give birth. We also supported her, in collaboration with the DNA, by providing her with diapers and clothes for her newborn. She was given a spot in a shelter named “La Ciudad del Niño” (The City of the Child).

Leopoldo Conde Solís, 43 years old: he was registered into the SEDEVIR to receive treatment for HIV. Previously, we transferred him to “La Casa de los Niños” where he is currently in a stable state and able to assume his role as the father of three children. In this way, he was able to register two of his children into school. We have supported him by providing him with groceries and are currently working towards helping him obtain a birth certificate.



José Luis Bernabé Ramos: 18 years old, part of the San Martín group. He expressed a wish to do the military service and we joined him to sign up. Currently we are supporting him via phone, counselling him so that he may find stability in the barracks. We have also fulfilled a request for personal hygiene products. We will be reaching out to his family.



In Project Phoenix, we work hand in hand with our volunteers and interns; As it is shown in the picture, the children work in pairs during an activity that promotes the development of Spatial-Visual intelligence through the manipulation of concrete objects, giving them a better understanding of tridimensional cubes. In these activities, the children participate with lots of interest and predisposition. Furthermore, they perceive the activity as a game which awakens in them motivation and enthusiasm thus facilitating the learning process, their understanding of the theme, and their ability to retain the information.

Engaged in the development and bettering of their capabilities and abilities, the children, as can be seen in the picture, work with geometric figures which is part of the mathematical curriculum in schools. This activity is also related to the development of Logical Mathematical Intelligence. In this case, the children are able to understand the difference between a geometric solid (high, wide and long) and a geometric figure by assembling their own models using sticks and play dough. The children felt immediately drawn to the activity because it actively involved them in the learning process; the educator acting merely as a guide.



In the area of dance we are working towards physical training (posture, resistance, agility, flexibility) and choreography. We are also touching upon the themes of self-esteem and voluntary participation through spontaneous dance among children and teenagers alike.

Furthermore, we were able to reach an agreement with the Villa Venezuela Health Centre in which they would provide free dental care for all of the children over the age of five. Also, all of the NAT were vaccinated against, among other things, measles, rubella, yellow fever and poliomyelitis. The teenagers were given their tetanus shots.



We held theoretical-practical workshops and activities with the GBT (Girls, Boys & Teenagers) with the objective of maximizing their motivation towards their own life projects and the Phoenix project. We incited reflexion on the objective and operation of the Phoenix project in relation with the expectations of our GBT.

In this first trimester we ran the diagnostics pertinent to each GBT, to obtain a panorama of the emotions and behaviors that highlight or differentiate the performance of each one of them.

With this information we held psychological interventions as well as individual, group, systematic and interdisciplinary interventions with the GBT.



Within the ecological branch of the Foundation, we cleaned the sports facility located in the area where the Phoenix project operates so that the children and teenagers could better value the preservation and cleanliness of the environment. We plan on installing garbage cans in the facility.



Throughout the first trimester, we held workshops on individual rights and duties and we pondered on the importance of the fulfillment of the rights of the GBT and the compliance of their duties.



In this trimester, we have developed, within the educational area, a variety of activities targeted towards early stimulation which is a fundamental part of child development. This includes the development of cognitive, physical, motor and affective skills as well as other areas with which the children might struggle with. We are also realizing several activities aimed to improve control over impulses through games that generate auto control (i.e. handling small objects with tweezers).

The Friends of the Stars on the Street Foundation was initiated by twenty some people in 2010; most of them family members of the staff working in the foundation. Now, the Friends of the Foundation has grown to include over fifty members who wish to support the work that we do. The support of the volunteers that come to Bolivia has been of paramount importance regarding the growth of the Friends of the Foundation. Since last year, we have been able to enjoy the support of four volunteers who were tasked with major responsibilities. This year, we have implemented ways to better the efficiency of the Friends of the Foundation. Notably, we now have a proper bank account in which the Friends of the Foundation can directly deposit their financial contributions. The logo for the Friends of the Foundation was created by a teenager who is part of the Phoenix project and who won the logo contest held at Phoenix last year.

