



FUNDACIÓN ESTRELLAS EN LA CALLE

Acompañando Cambios con Compromiso

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Our Newest Development:

We started with our first Solidarity Dinner this year with an unprecedented support of a gastronomy institute that includes professional chefs and IGA institute students. They took the responsible of preparing the dishes and taking them to the local La Noria where we made the Solidarity Dinner. In addition, we made a raffle event for products donated by friends of the Network of Friends of the Foundation and livened up the night with a modern dance group. We hope to garner continued support from our patrons through these lively and entertaining events.



Project Coyera – Wiñana:

Zulma Hidalgo Vargas:

38 years old and with children.

We started supporting this family since 2018. The mother overused psychoactive substances (inhalants and alcohol) while the youngest 12 years old child consumed marijuana and behaved in a defiant and criminal manner. Since our work began, project Coyera had changed their lives: their mother willingly took responsibility of bringing about changes by reducing substance consumption and the children continued their studies by attending an educational support center. In coordination with DNA, further support is in schedule to improve their quality of life.

Cristian Montaña Galarza:

19 years old.

The child made the decision to join the barracks and had just finished his orientation in January in the CITE recruitment center. We prepared the proceedings for him by packing his personal documentation (identity card), and purchasing and packing hygiene material and dry ration for him. He remained in the barracks of San Ignacio de Velasco since the month of June 2018. We supported him continuously by offering food and hygiene supplies and monitored him through social networks. He will make his first contact with his mother in June of this year.

Guadalupe Zurita 18 años:

18 years old:

She has a 2-month-old girl and we discussed family planning with her during our interviews. Initially, the client did not accept the idea of using a contraceptive method because of the beliefs and myths she heard on the street. After explaining how the method works, she decided to carry out family planning with her partner through the method of long duration intradermal device that will have a validity of 5 years now the couple is satisfied with the method.

Gabriel Oviedo 32 años:

32 years old:

The fictitious name client used in the group. After a follow-up to the user he gave us his real name: William Zúñiga. Through our follow-up we learned that he had contracted a sexually transmitted disease through sexual contact with an unknown user. He reflected to us about the risk of unprotected sex after the experience. We accompanied him to see the doctor and we follow him through all the laboratories and treatment. The analysis result showed the presence of gonorrhea and currently he is under treatment. He decided that he will tell his friends about the important of awareness for sexually transmitted diseases so that the same would not happen again.





The team visited a resort at the invitation of the El Poncho Eco-tourism Center, where they could enjoy natural environments and parks, sing karaoke, eat meals and snacks with music and games.



We participated in the celebration of the anniversary of the Foundation, where a celebration mass was held. Cake and food were shared with the entire Foundation.



The celebration was also held for the child's day, where the team made a trip to the Bicentennial Park. They played recreational games like pool, and shared food and cake.



In the infant group. Early educational activities were carried out to stimulate the psychomotor areas, and induce cognitive, language and personal development.



In the educational area both in the children's and adolescents' group, we prioritized teaching children's reading comprehension and word recognition.



People also participated in a morning of recreation organized by the Christian organization "Ciudad de Refugio", where games were organized, songs and snacks were offered.



The children also attended a children's day celebration organized by "Red Viva", where a banquet held.



The guests were greeted, the staff were introduced and then the rules and regulations communicated.



In the artistic field, activities were carried out to strengthen leadership skills, and the creation and rehearsal of various choreographies was supported for the presentation of the 4th Festival of Art, which takes place in June.

The Phoenix Project

The need to offer help to the children who had decided to leave the street inspired the Phoenix project. The project intends to start a new lifestyle for these children so that they could dedicate themselves to finding work and preparing for their new lives. Over time, we saw the need to encourage adequate development in children to have sufficient skills in all aspects when they reenter society, so we carried out various changes to the project on both the personal and social aspects. The project had since targeted children and adolescents who lived in very difficult situations in their homes, teaching them to have faith and work for a better future, which had seen great success, but for the result to be better we started working with the parents or guardians of the children and adolescents with "The Parent School" where they were taught to treat their children with affection and to give them food and a place to live properly. This is how the Phoenix project has been progressing and improving, for this year it is planned to make new changes that we know will better support the development of our children and help their families.



The toddlers making their crafts for the Father's Day.

Editorial:

Dear friends of *Fundación Estrellas en la Calle*, (*Stars on the Streets Foundation*)

Just as every other year, 2019 began with new challenges and difficulties that have strengthened our will and invigorated our growth as individuals. We are very happy to present this new newsletter so that we can share some of the works we have done with you.

The work we do with the children, teenagers and young people in the foundation through our Fénix and Coyera - Wiñana projects in both risk prevention and personal motivation has seen great success. We now see how the lives of many of them, little by little, step toward changing for the better. Through their will and perseverance, they have built a foundation for a brighter future for everyone. We would not have achieved this if we did not have the support from each one of you, who accompanied us and strengthened us at all times. We want to start this year with a grateful heart for all the blessings we receive.

The editor.

Red de Amigos

"Red de Amigos"
(The Friends Network)

This year we have enlisted a new group of supporters. The group (currently 8 people) is composed of judges and staff of the Provincial Court of Cochabamba and we expect more people to join in the near future.

We also want to thank for the support from the engineers in the ICE Company. They prepared baskets of food as raffle prizes in the solidarity dinner.

With this and the support of other friends we have been able to raise more funds to further support our children and young people.