

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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Kari about the news from the NGO Management

Our team has gone from a one member team to a three-member team in the course of the past couple of weeks and we are very excited for the coming months and all the changes that are taking place. We are in the process of creating and publishing two new projects- Environmental Conservation and Restoration as well as Animal Care and Farm Maintenance. The Environmental Conservation and Restoration Project is a United Nations Development Program, which will be working to conserve biodiversity in coastal areas threatened by rapid tourism and physical infrastructure development. The Animal Care and Farm Maintenance Program will involve taking care of and training stray dogs, neglected horses and mules on a farm so that the animals could eventually be adopted. We have also been preparing to expand Aldeas De Paz to Las Terrenas in September, stay tuned for more information! The creation of a corporate identity has been a primary task, and as you can see the changes, it has gone into effect and we are excited about this new chapter!

Jessica sobre el proyecto mediación familiar: Visitas Domiciliarias

El pasado mes de mayo, desde la Escuela de Educación Especial Mama Elba, iniciamos un nuevo proyecto de mediación familiar que consiste en la continuadas visitas a casa de los familiares (padres, madres, o tutores legales) de los alumnos de la propia escuela.

A las visitas acuden la directora de la escuela junto con el coordinador o un voluntario y el objetivo es mejorar y mantener la comunicación de las familias con la escuela, además de poder conocer la realidad y el ambiente familiar y social en el que crecen nuestros alumnos, a través de la observación y de una primera entrevista personal. Seguidamente, les entregamos a las familias un informe trimestral, en el que evaluamos desde la escuela, diferentes ítems de los alumnos: asistencia, comportamiento, relaciones sociales, capacidad de aprendizaje, metodología de trabajo, etc.

Por el momento, hemos visitado 8 familias, en orden de prioridad, y el resultado está siendo muy positivo, recibiendo una muy buena acogida por parte de todas las familias a las que visitamos.



Jonathan about the coming interview with the Red Cross volunteers

Since 10 months eight people from the German Red Cross are volunteering in Samaná. This means they only have two months left. The social media team already started to create their final interview which will be a bit different from what we know. The Multimedia team is going to film only one interview in which each volunteer talks about their daily life in the Dominican Republic. Each volunteer dedicates themselves to one topic, including, amongst others, sports, religion, culture and typical food. In the interview we are also going to present the cityscape. We are looking forward to sharing this video with you!

For new informations check our Facebook page or our YouTube channel.

Our Volunteer-Team: New constellation

In June our volunteer group changed a bit: Miranda, Kari and Mave arrived this month. So now our English speaking fraction is a little bigger. Finally we don't just speak German anymore. It's great to have so many different people from all over the world here at Aldeas de Paz. Right now we have volunteers from America, England, Germany and Switzerland here in Samaná. Our Spanish teacher Jessica is from Spain and one of our coordinators is from Belgium. At the beginning of July the first volunteer from Italy is going to arrive. So we are very mixed group!

We are very sad that Laurenz left us that early. After ten months he had to go back to Germany because he needs medical help. We don't think that he is going to come back again for the last weeks. Thanks for your great support in the hospital and all the other projects that you have been working in. We wish you all the best and get well soon!

At last Alex, Lukas and Carsten joined our team. They are working in the hospital and in the school. We hope that they will have a good time here in Samaná!

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