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Newsletter January 2020

Centro de Atención Aldeas de Paz

We have good news!

On the January 20th, 2020, Centro de Atención Aldeas de Paz (CAAP) was inaugurated, with a great celebration with students, families, teachers, psychologists, volunteers and employees of the Foundation. We also had the assistance of local authorities and collaborators of the sector. At the opening, we had time to exchange thoughts, play with the children, paint their faces, do magic tricks and eat to celebrate the day.

This center is the successor of the old "Centro Mamá Elba", now we have a new place in Samaná, more suitable for our project, with outdoor space and a safe environment where students can enjoy and learn.

In addition the CAAP is right under the office of Aldeas de Paz, which will facilitate the cooperation between the work areas. In addition to our new location, we also welcome two new teachers and two psychologists who from now on will support us in our work with the students and the community. We are happy with the development of our project, now called CAAP and hope it has a successful future.









The first weeks at CAAP

After the successful inauguration on Monday we started regular classes on Wednesday, due to the national holiday on Tuesday. The focus of this week was getting to know the new staff and the new center. This week's highlight, besides the inauguration, was a trip to the nearby park. The park is conveniently located very close to the new center. This week was about adjusting, but next week regular classes will start again. We are very excited about this new chapter in our project!





As just mentioned above the second week was the first full week of classes at the new Centro de Atención Aldeas de Paz. Besides working on academic tasks, such as homework, we worked on a special project this week. We found some old tires, which were carelessly dumped on the site of the road close to our center. We decided that we can find a better use for them. With the help of the students we cleaned and painted the tires. For now, we enjoy playing with them, but we intent to use the tires to build a playground in our yard. Through this project we were able to teach the students about the importance of recycling and at the same time improve the center. An additional highlight of the week was a trip to the nearby park on Thursday. We hope you have had a great week as well!





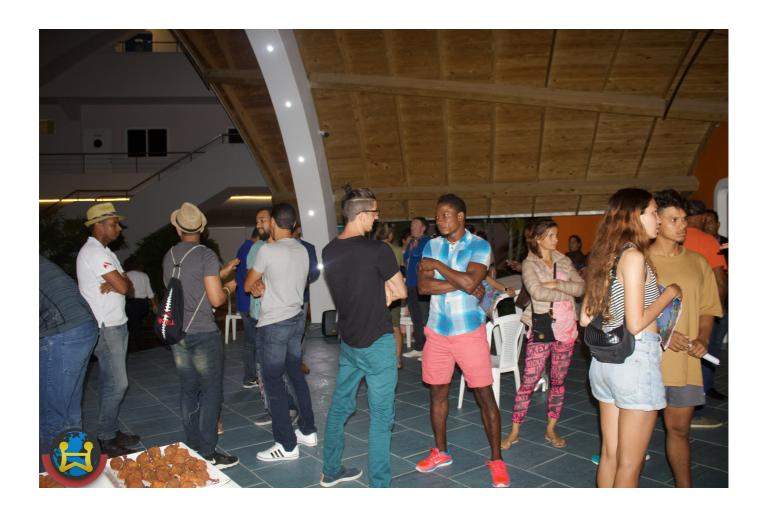
Launch of the Community Network for the Restauration and Conservation of the Sea

On January the 15th, we had the launch of the Community Network for the Restauration and Conservation of the Sea in Las Terrenas. We continued with the public awareness campaign regarding the problem of coral reefs in Las Terrenas and organized a meeting of the Red Comunitaria.

There we heard lectures about the importance of corals and their importance to the environment. Our goal is to create a community that is aware of these issues as well as of their consumption. A huge thanks the British Embassy and the Programa de Pequeños Subsidios República Dominicana for your support.







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