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# ABOUT US

We are independent from political, religious or business interests and maintain independence by completely funding and operating our programs with the practical and monetary contributions of volunteers and interns.

Aldeas de Paz is committed to delivering meaningful ethical volunteer programs by prioritizing community needs and fostering sustainable development. We promote responsible volunteering by providing pre-departure information, ensuring cultural sensitivity, and advocating for ethical and responsible volunteer practices. We prioritize transparency, collaboration, and fair compensation for local staff and partners.

We promote a culture of peace and foster cross-cultural exchange for people of all races and nationalities and we practice voluntary community service where we provide additional opportunities in education, sports, culture, health care and social development. We assist our beneficiaries to develop their potential and improve their own lives.

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**World Mother Earth Day : For this International Mother Earth Day, let's remind ourselves - more than ever - that we need a shift to a more sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.**



# News

## World Autism Day

April 2nd marked International Autism Day, a chance to honor those living with autism. It's an opportunity to advocate for inclusion for individuals of all ages and genders. Neurodevelopmental disorders, like autism, impact 5% to 15% of the global population, with a diagnosis ratio of 4 boys to 1 girl. However, in countries like the Dominican Republic (DR), where over 40% live in poverty and accessing quality healthcare is difficult, ASD concerns remain overlooked.

## World Mother Earth Day

This World Mother Earth Day, let's reflect on the devastation. Biodiversity loss claims up to 150 species daily due to habitat destruction and pollution. Deforestation razes 27 soccer pitches per minute. Plastic pollution inundates oceans with over 8 million tons yearly, forming a "garbage island" three times France's size. Climate change intensifies, with record greenhouse gases triggering extreme weather and rising sea levels. Unsustainable resource consumption devoured a year's worth in just 214 days last year.

## The volunteers trip to Jarabacoa

The month of April gave Fundación Aldeas de Paz volunteers the opportunity to spend three days discovering the town of Jarabacoa. They were able to discover the magnificent, protected and preserved nature of the area. Finally, the volunteers worked on the protection of the infrastructures, painting and maintaining them.

## Upcoming in May...

- International Workers' Day
- Dia de la Madre
- World Recycling Day





# What did we do?





# Breaking Barriers

## -Samaná-

Our Breaking Barriers Program is dedicated to psychoeducational care for our students with disabilities in the Youth Care Center (CAAP), home visits and promotion of inclusive spaces.

### What did we do this month

- Home visits for psychological care and educational support in different communities in Samaná such as Coyote, Rio de los Cocos, Arroyo Barril etc.
- CAAP: worked on the topics Technology, fruits and Circus and recycling with the students
- Meeting with parents of the students and evaluations
- Workshops for the staff
- Creative Workshops for World Autism Day and World Mother Earth Day





# Breaking Barriers

-Samaná-

Arts and Crafts with Recycled Materials for Mother Earth Day



Our staff participating in General Assembly of the National Board of Directors of CONADIS and workshop



Speech Therapy with students





# NGO Management

## -Samaná-

Volunteers in the NGO Program observe and assist the coordinator with office work, as well as in-community project support.

### What did we do this month

- Coordinating the volunteer programs
- Administrative work
- Meeting with our NGO Team and the Breaking Barriers Coordinator with the special educations and gender department manager at the educational district in Samaná to discuss collaboration on future projects





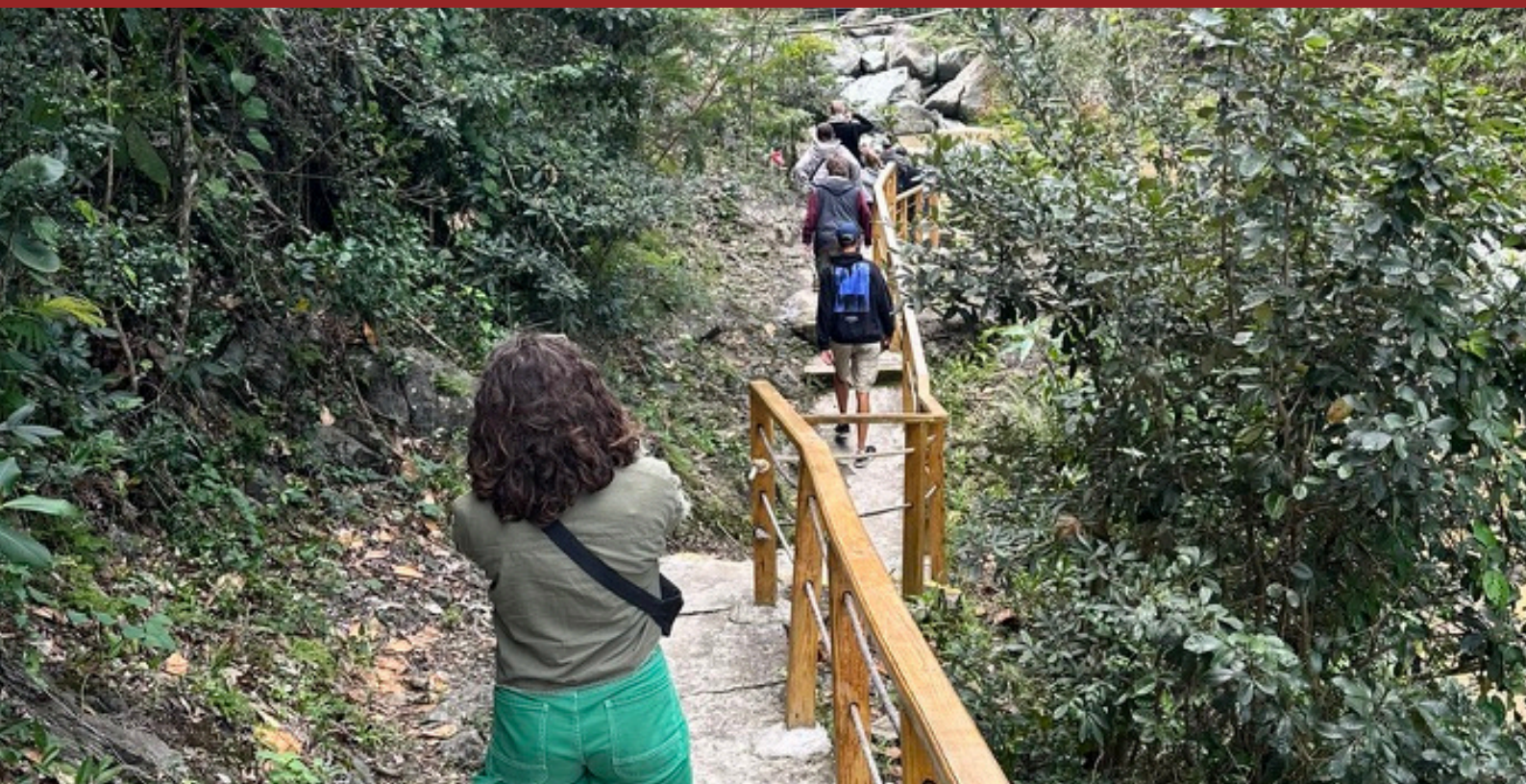
# Multimedia

## -Samaná-

Our multimedia team is dedicated to promoting the foundation's initiative and sharing the ongoing projects.

### What did we do this month

- We worked on renewing the Instagram account
- Taking pictures and creating posts for the special days and events this month, for example World Mother Earth Day and World Autism Awareness Day
- Taking pictures and documenting on trip to Salto Jimenoa in Jarabacoa





# Marine Conservation

## -Las Terrenas-

The marine conservation program is focused on the scientific conservation of coral reefs and awareness-raising on the importance of the environment and waste.

### What did we do this month

- Diving to study coral reefs, detecting coral diseases
- Taking care of coral nurseries in front of the beach in Las Terrenas
- Cleaning corals
- Monitoring mangroves and sea grass beds
- Submarine and Beach Cleanings





# Medicine & Healthcare

## - Las Terrenas -

The volunteers work in different hospitals and are able to observe the doctor's and nurse's work and get insights into the health care system.

### What did we do this month

- The volunteers this month were working in different clinics in Las Terrenas
- One of our volunteers is working in the Dental Healthcare Clinic in Las Terrenas
- In their time in the hospital the volunteers are able to learn a lot about different procedures, treatments and the healthcare system
- For anyone who is interested in dental medicine the volunteering in the Dental Healthcare Clinic is a good opportunity to gain experience in this field



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What we do: Cultural Exchange✓ Human Rights✓ Peace Culture✓ Gender Equality✓ Support for vulnerable Youth in Samaná & Las Terrenas.

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