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February edition

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- Start of English classes
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- Learn about Humpback whales



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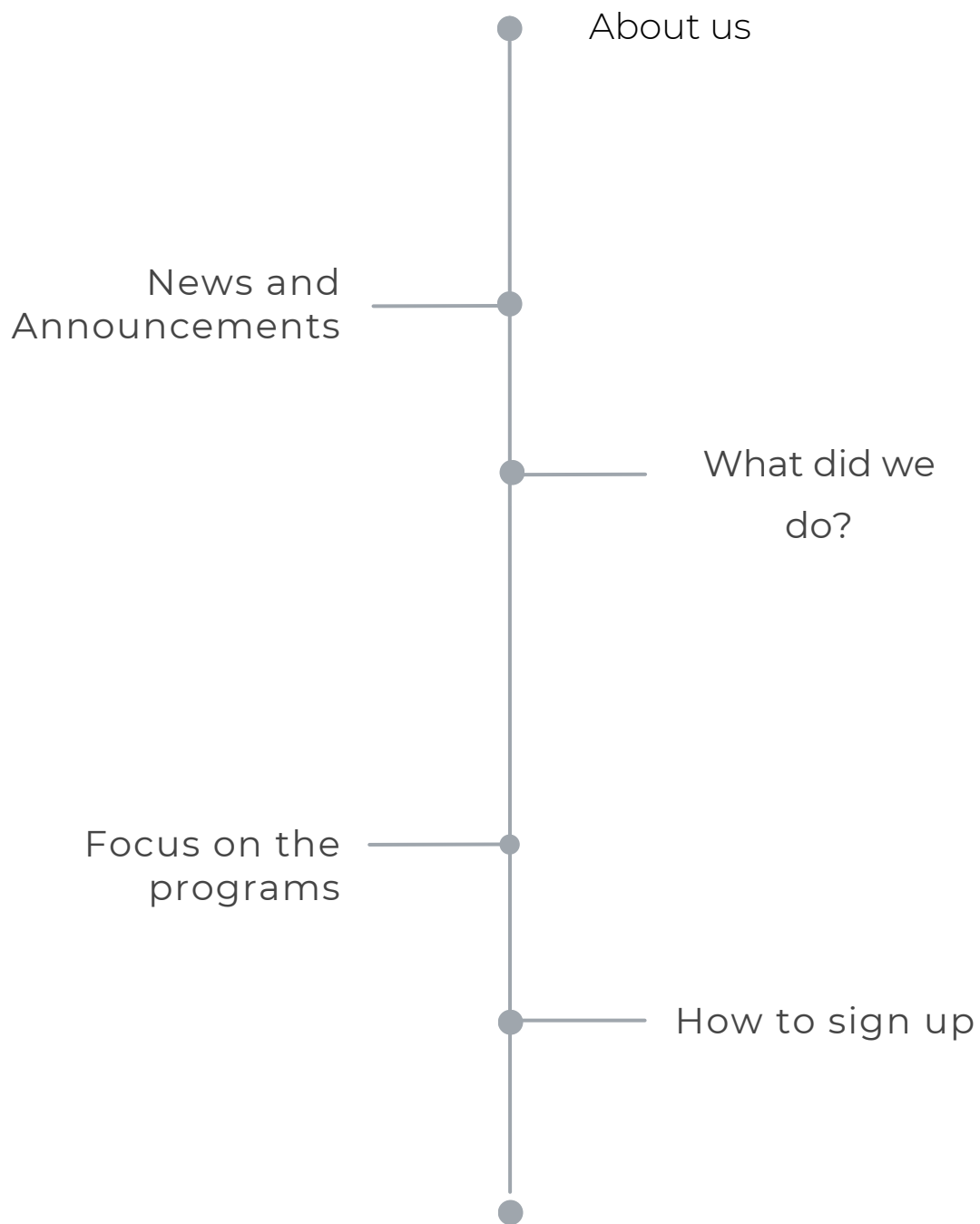
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ABOUT US

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.



This month, we witnessed the celebration of the national Independence Day on the 27th as well as the carnival. People were celebrating, dancing and dressing up everywhere on the streets.



News

Women’s Rights in the Dominican Republic

We participated in the event “Mesa Regional Legislativa”, where several politicians and representatives of the areas of education, the Ministry of Women and activists were present. In the speeches, various topics like political participation, domestic work, women’s autonomy, gender based violence, sexual and reproductive rights and education were discussed.

Start of English class

The English class offered by the volunteers has finally started this month. We were preparing lessons on beginner level and had classes for three times until now. Many people visited the class and showed interest in participating and learning the language. The lessons are going very well. It has been a full success.

Día de la Independencia Dominicana

On February 27th, the Dominicans celebrated Independence Day. That same day in 1844, so 180 years ago, Juan Pablo Duarte and “La Trinitaria” freed the Dominican Island of the Haitian occupation.

Upcoming in March...

International Down Syndrome Day

International Women’s Day



Medicine & Healthcare

-Las Terrenas and Samaná-

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

- Volunteers working in 3 different clinics in Las Terrenas
- New Volunteer in the Dental Healthcare Clinic in Las Terrenas
- First volunteer in our new collaboration hospital Hospital Dr. Leopoldo Pou
- In Samaná, our volunteer was able to get insight into the emergency, different treatments for adults and children, vaccination and the operating room



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
- Care for coral nurseries, cleaning corals
- Monitoring mangroves and sea grass beds
- Subaquatic cleanings



DID YOU KNOW?

February is Humpback Whale Awareness Month

Read more about whales in Samaná Bay on the next page →



HUMPBACK WHALES

You can do a whale watching tour in Samaná Bay from January to March, but the best month is February!

During the winter months, thousands of humpback whales travel to the bay of Samaná to enjoy the warmth of the water. Here, they birth and nurse their calves.



Samaná has some trustworthy organizations which protect the whales and do research about them. They offer whale watching tours to educate people from all over the world about these majestic animals. Joining a tour also helps them fund their work and research.

Some facts about whales:

Mother and calf are often accompanied by a male escort which is not the father.

A grown male humpback whale can weigh up to 36 tons.

If you see whale's fluke, it means they are going on a deep dive and won't be coming to the surface for a little while.



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

- Working in the kindergarten “Guardería mundo infantil”
- Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs in public schools, individual school accompaniment for students from our CAAP
- Home visits in different communities in Samaná to give psychological and educational support
- CAAP: sports game, calculus, park, topic of emotions and patriotic festivities, Dominican independence
- Supporting beneficiaries of our program and their families e.g. in health insurance, mobility support



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

- Working with the multimedia team and assist them with the upcoming YouTube video about all programs of FADP
- Creating the Newsletter for February 2024
- Organization in the office
- A new volunteer arrived to help in the program



Multimedia

-Samaná-

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

What did we do this month

- Visit of the programs in Las Terrenas
- Big project: creating a YouTube video of all volunteer programs of FADP: filming video material, editing the videos, writing the scripts, doing voice overs and subtitles



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