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Annual report 2013

A smile in our daily life!

Nine years after the „Fundación Minadores de Sueños“ was found, we are still in times of big progress. Due to our experiences we managed to develop a daily routine. Yet we still find us confronted with new challenges that need to be solved. The well-being of each child represents the centre of our work and to see them smiling gives us extra motivation.



Homework support

- central project also in the mornings

The focus of our project is the homework support. The public schools that the children of our district attend give their students a lot of homework, which the students regularly aren't able to solve by themselves. The foundation helps 40 children to fulfil their daily homework duties and offers special support for individual learning problems. Only through the foundation many children learn to read, write and calculate correctly. Recently a few schools decided to have afternoon lessons instead of morning lessons. Therefore we are now also working with some children in the mornings.

Camp

- a trip into nature

Like the year before we offered a two-day holiday camp in which 32 children participated. The camp site was close to the jungle and offered a perfect possibility for the children to play in nature and bath in waterfalls. At night we all sat around a big campfire and ate freshly baked bread while singing. The countryside was a welcoming change for the children and a great contrast to their life's within the city and many of them are already looking forward to next year's camp.



Lunch

- a healthy nutrition

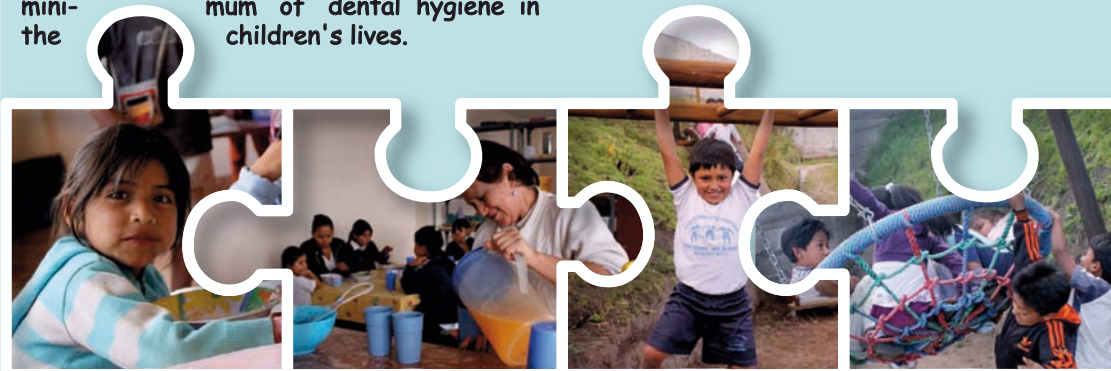
This year we offered a warm and substantial daily meal to 35 children. The students pay a symbolic contribution towards our expenses and receive in exchange a soup, main dish and fruit juice. After lunch the children collectively clean their teeth. With this well established ritual we ensure a minimum of dental hygiene in the children's lives.

Playground

- more fun during

break time

Due to the happiness of the children after the opening of the playground last year we knew that it would be inevitable to enlarge it. We created and installed a new platform within the slope which allowed us to add another slide, a climbing frame and a big swing.



Holiday activities

- free time and "respect"

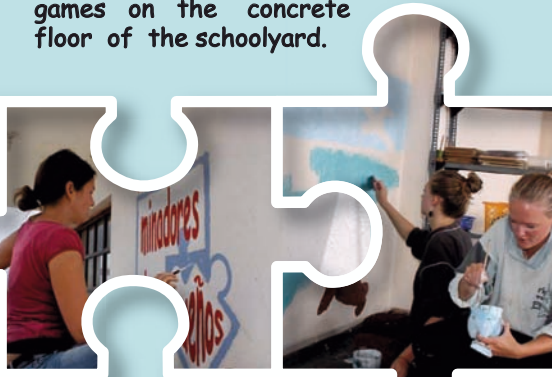
The motto of this year's holiday course was "respect". Together with 120 children between 5 and 12 years we discussed different topics like "improve self-confidence", "how to cope with sexual abuse" and "bullying". Many of these problems are part of the children's daily routine and it is important for them, that they learn to talk about them openly. Besides that there was also plenty of time to play, cook, handicraft and excursions to the park and swimming pool. The parents feedback was very positive and we are expecting a high number of participants for the upcoming summer.



Make over

- changing the environment with a brush

The daily use of the foundation's instalations by the 40 children took their toll. After the holiday activities we renovated the foundation's premises within two weeks. After a good cleaning, we painted the walls and carried out several reparings. Our volunteers brightened up our walls by painting the four different vegetation zones of our country in the schoolroom and the foundation's logo on our the outside wall. Furthermore they repainted the games on the concrete floor of the schoolyard.



Family care

- new challenges

One year ago we decided to take Juanito Salazar in. Until then he lived in a small shack together with his father and was exposed to great family issues. His father could not offer him an elementary care including education, security or a normal domestic life.



Garden plot

- home-grown vegetables

and its side effects

Our gardening project finally turns out productively. After a very poor harvest in 2012 we learned a lot and created a new garden plot to increase our production of home-grown vegetables. Additionally we intend to increase the quality of our harvest by cooperating with the city's agronomist.



Volunteers - handymen!

This year the foundation was supported by volunteers from various European countries. It is obvious that they expect to work with the children, but in the mornings we require flexibility from them. Besides helping in the homework support and the holiday activities our volunteers also knitted a net for the garden plot, planted plants, created a platform for the new playground, concreted a path, painted walls and many things more.

Once they are back in their home country they spread the word about our foundation, organise public information meetings and thus increase the number of donors and donations.



Next year we will continue working on our successful projects to support as many children as possible to improve the living conditions in our district Rancho los Pinos.

Thank you for your support!

Together we make children's and teenager's dreams come true.

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