

Annual report 2014



10 years of ...

- ... Providing services for children at risk
- ... Transforming lives
- ... Making children's dreams come true
- ... Social work within the neighbourhood
- ... Expanding projects in quantity and quality

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Education

- more children with needs

Because of a governmental decision on the public schools' schedule the foundation is open all day, as some of the children's classes now take place during the afternoon. Up until June we only worked with eight children informally in the morning, but since September we formally began a morning schedule and are now working with up to 20 children. By now the foundation is working together with 60 children in total - that makes 15 more than last year! Obviously the increased number of children has led to a greater workload. Additionally, most of the newcomers live in single-parent families, to

Health and nutrition

- two focuses inseperables

A healthy nutrition is the basis for a healthy life. Therefore the foundation searched for a way to improve its nutritional choices. The solution was found at the Catholic University of Quito. This winter nutritionists from the university have been examining the children and the nutritional choices provided for the children. Based on the nutritionists' advice the lunch and snack menu is being improved to succeed in offering a balanced diet to the children. Furthermore the university students perform regular checkups on the children's blood, feces and urine to diagnose abnormalities



which we have to offer a certain support so that we can conform to their particular needs. With our services the children can stop working and enjoy their education and play. In general their fundamental rights are being guaranteed. In coordination with the Nahuel Foundation we have given four teenagers the chance to enter a private university and to go on and become professionals. The four are girls who went through the "Teen Zone" project and are now in the process of obtaining a university degree.

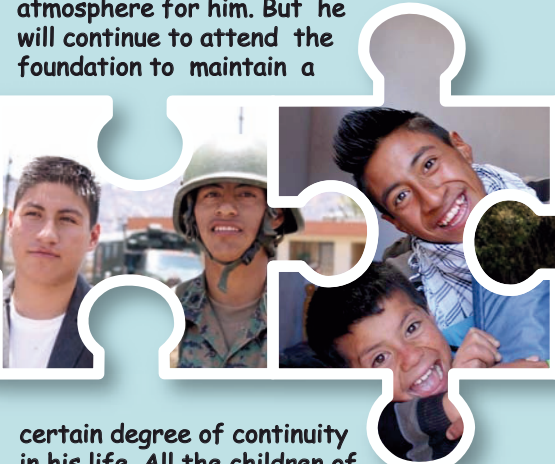
or signs of disease at an early stage. Through workshops for the children and their parents we try to improve their hygiene habits and nutrition. Also the USFQ faculty of dentistry provides the children with free dental care. All these new services complement the daily work in hygiene carried out at the foundation. Which include the children brushing their teeth daily and regularly washing their hands. By carrying out these services we guarantee a general improvement on the children's health.



Support within the family

- A process of independence

In recent reports we wrote about the boys' process of independence. This year they have taken one step closer to their personal autonomy. After Joaquín completed his military service, he and Milton have rented an apartment in the neighbourhood. Joaquín still needs to finish his baccalaureate and works as a fare collector on buses in the meantime. Above all, we have finally come to a definite solution of Juanitos permanent residence. He will be living with his brother and his family, which will provide a real family-like atmosphere for him. But he will continue to attend the foundation to maintain a



certain degree of continuity in his life. All the children of the foundation are receiving more family and school visits this year. This can happen due to the foundations new social worker who is responsible for working with the families and schools to improve coordination and standards for the children. She is also making accurate records so the foundation can track all that happens with each individual child. This will also help the foundation meet the new requirements set out by education ministry.



The compost

- An ecological challenge

As part of working with the children we have continued with the process of the vegetable garden and ecological toilets. After several treatments we have succeeded in creating a fertile area where we can grow large vegetables. In August the toilets' compost tank was cleaned for the first time. The first impression of the compost was good. To ensure good composting (without harmful bacteria) we can again rely on our newly established relationship with the university, as they kindly test the compost in their laboratories. The goal is clear: Produce compost of good quality for the garden.

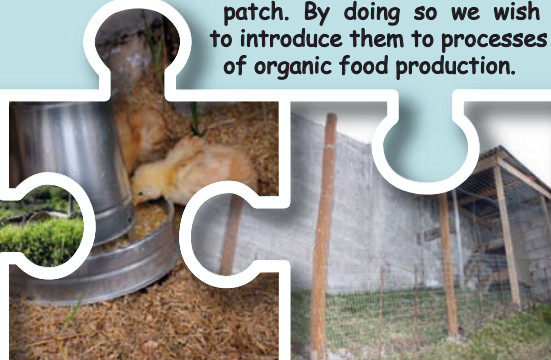


The Chicken Coop

- an organic

Selfproduction

In August we built a chicken coop which is home to four chickens. We want to produce fresh organic eggs that we can include in the foundations' daily menu. The animals will provide us with one more natural and nutritious ingredient to add to the fresh vegetables. From next year on we will involve the children in the care of both, the chickens and the vegetable patch. By doing so we wish to introduce them to processes of organic food production.



2004 The beginning of a dream

10 years ago we completed the first activities in the neighborhood "Rancho los Pinos". Fifteen children attended the first time and we assisted them with their homework. We also had organized the first holiday camp and laid the first foundation stone of a place where today the children have their own space to play and work.

Through hard work and a conviction to change lives, the foundation has grown into what it is today. Thanks to the donations of many people, who believe in making dreams come true for children and adolescents, we continue with the same energy and vigor working daily to fulfill those dreams.

Thank you for every donation

We will continue to make dreams come true for children and adolescents.



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