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A smiling child - the reward for our work



Make the dreams of children and adolescents come true

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An educated smile

Education can improve opportunities in life. Thus, the main goal of our educational support program is to ensure the primary education of the participating 80 children and to make a graduation possible. We are convinced that a good certificate changes career prospects and that it paves the way to a better quality of life in adulthood. A good start in life thanks to a happy childhood, lets dreams come true. Our own kindergarten is now open for children from the age of two and our educational support program for children of pre-school age; and all of them attend with a smile spread across their faces.

And the smiles shall continue in adolescence: Since very recently the older ones have their own room where they can work independently on their homework. During the summer holidays we offer them trainings to become team leaders. The acquired competences in leadership enable them to joyfully take on responsibilities for the children of our summer camps.

A playful smile

Playful learning and playing is part of a happy childhood. How many joyful moments did we as children experience? In daily life there is enough space for playing: The foundation's playground (the only one in the neighbourhood), the nearby football ground or the fields next to it guarantee unforgettable moments for our children. Playful learning probably is the most effective way of learning for each child. Through play we work on supposedly boring topics, for instance, in Mathematics. Thanks to our new building we now have an extra room where we can playfully work on different topics with small groups.

During the long summer holidays our children are more likely to be exposed problematic street gangs. Because of this, we offer purposeful alternatives for 200 children during this "dangerous" time of the year. Next to purely recreational offers, we use this period to identify personal values and set in motion processes of reflection. Here, education and play truly complement each other mutually.



A nourished smile

"Sin nutrición no hay educación" is a slogan by the Ecuadorian government and our foundation fully agrees to it. Rumbling stomachs inhibit students from learning. Our nutritious dinners and healthy snacks contribute to the children's balanced diets. We always try to broaden their sense of taste, for instance, with raw vegetables. They learned that they're not only healthy, but also tasty. Our female chefs are always proud if smiling kids ask for a second helping of their tasty dishes. In cooking courses and during our summer camps we teach our children that cooking is important and that it can be a source of joy. We aim at replacing outdated stereotypes of female responsibility of reproductive work. As group activities, girls and boys, chop up vegetables or wash up their dishes.

A healthy smile

The combination of health and hygiene is another main emphasis in our daily work. The varied meals are a first and important step towards a healthy life. But what's the use of healthy food if there're already many bacteria in your stomach or if caries gives you severe tooth ache? It might sound a bit odd, but: washing your hands and cleaning your teeth takes practice. With the support of university students, we organise courses where experts give our children a hand in these daily routines. Throughout the courses they also learn that insufficient hygiene can have a great impact on their overall health. The presence of doctors in these courses is crucial as they personify authority and credibility for our children. It's thanks to them that our children have a sustainably happy smile across their faces.

Due to the cooperation with professional organisations, we can offer immediate medical help for emergencies and follow-up treatments. Through this network we can guarantee a smile on our children's faces even after an eye operation or a femoral neck fracture.



200 children and adolescents - holiday program full of laughter



After over two years of construction we completed and installed a ll rooms. All that is left to do now is to fill the rooms with laughter. We wish to support each of our children in their uniqueness and accompany them on their way into a better future. We are grateful for every single donation or non-monetary support of any kind, so that the children of "Minadores de Sueños" can continue to share their honest and cheerful smiles with us.

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