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*** Fruit and snack program meets education with COLORS.**

*** “Water!”....**

*** Day trip with the orphans**

Greetings everyone,

With the wonderful success of this years preliminary projects here in the D.R, we feel that it is due time to bring you up to speed on some of our new project plans and updates.

For November, are starting a new project incorporating snacks/fruit into the children’s classes. We also hope to gain on going support for our educational program and to extend our initial water program since there is yet again a dyer need for water for the children’s home.

On a brighter note, thanks to an amazing donation of medical creams and shampoos, the lice are under control and we now have a back up supply among other medications to tackle future problems! We have also started medicating street dogs again with anti-parasite medication.

Hands on in the field:

It was a fun girl’s weekend here in the D.R. Two of the children from the home (Jamie age 4 and Wendy age 5) were chosen to come and spend the weekend with ‘Tia Sunny’ and ‘Tia Charlene’. In a strange way, it was actually sad to see how truly happy and excited the girls both were to sleep in a real bed, in their own room, with a real bathroom, even if it was only for the weekend. For me, the sad part was the realization that this was a completely foreign concept to these kids because they never ever had these things before.

We took the girls to the beach and made the day as special as we could because who knows when they would ever get to do this again.

Street kits

With the two young children in hand, we also went around giving out our new “ street kits” filled with basic school and dental supplies, small toys and dry foods. We gave them out to other street kids and mothers begging. These

kits were made from the donations brought back from my visit to Nova Scotia.

Thanks everyone for your on going support and interest in our projects!

Project Plans

Fruit and snack program meets education.

Start date: November 2006

“It is a difficult task to learn if you’re hungry or thirsty” highlights Charlene our new school teacher. This is why we have decided to merge our educational program with a new fruit and snack program.

It is not often that the children at the children’s home receive fruit in their diet.

By introducing this new program, we can not only ensure that the kids have eaten, but that they have eaten something healthy as well.

Based on funding, we hope to personally bring a piece of fruit to each kid at the orphanage at least once or twice a week. This will be done during the school program.

Budget

Ex. Each banana is around 5p X 40 kids = 200p

200p = around \$7 a day for each kids to get a piece of fruit.

Total: \$210 Canadian roughly each month (depending on how often fruit is brought into the classes)

***We are also hoping to sustain the educational program past my departure date in January. This costs 5000peasos a month (about \$150-\$170 can)**

Water Project

Start date : November

How many times have I heard “tia... agua!” ...which translates to “auntie I want a drink of water!”

As we are now at the end of the completion of the initial water project, we are now faced with the recurring problem of water at the children’s home.

Ahhhh....yes, again.

Such a basic necessity, but such a major problem in this country.

We still have some funding rationed out for this problem for the next few weeks thanks to everyone who donated for the two month lice and water project. However, longer term I am personally feeling the stress of the reliance on this funding to keep the water coming since a new solution has not been found for the children’s home.

We are hoping now to help supplement the cost of water based on the donations we receive from now until January.

***We are also looking into buying a special water pump called a “Ladrona , bomba de auga”, which can be used to siphon water from the street pumps and fill up their cistern well. This may help solve some of the problems.**

NOTE: The truck loads of water and fees for any city water (if it ever works) for cleaning and washing is a separate project. It is also a long term and costly project. To sustain this, the children’s home needs to create a partnership with a larger NGO to sponsor and facilitate it. If any company or organization wants to take this on, please contact me and we can make arrangements.

Current projects taken on by Project COLORS for November 2006:

***Fruit/snack program in school**

***Street kits: for kids on the street**

***Educational program: teacher for young children and supplies**

***Purified water project: drinking water, water pump**

***Street dog anti-parasite project: made possible by the Hope for Wildlife Society**

****If anyone wants to help with these projects, please read below and e-mail me: choyce@projectcolors.com***

Thank you all so much!

**Sincerely,
Sunyata Choyce
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**P.S. Check the website for updates and photos.
Apologies for any cross-posting!**

For those who want to help, please read below:

In terms of help, any support for these immediate projects will go along way. Remember, this is a small project; COLORS is not a registered charity.

A. Those who would like to donate through pay pal can do so through the COLORS website:
www.projectcolors.com then click on ‘donate’

B. Online line money transfers are another option.

C. Checks

1. Pledging an amount.
2. E-mail me how much you would like to put towards the project.
3. (Sunyata or Charlene) pay's for supplies, water or food now on the donors behalf,
4. Actual pledges can be sent to my (Sunyata) families house.
5. My family is collecting funds back in Canada This way I have access to money through my own bank to buy anything needed (without a middle man or major fees).

(I have done this before here in the D.R and in South Africa to cut out unnecessary costs.)

6. Checks can be made out to:

Sunyata Choyce
83 Leslie Rd,
E. Lawrencetown
Nova Scotia
B2Z 1P8
Canada

There is also the Western Union option, but that is more costly for the donor.

**If you would like to donate to the children's home directly, I would be more then happy to get you in touch with the Director. COLORS will not be responsible for any follow up on donations made directly to the home.*

Thank you everyone for your on going support and interest in these small but needed projects!

Cheers,

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