

Annual Report 2008

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Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities, through focusing on programs that strengthen organizations, reinforce networks of communication and increase knowledge.

Our primary objective is to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and the suffering by improving health, education, living conditions, communication skills, social behavior and social adjustment. We are committed to giving as many underprivileged people as possible an opportunity for a fuller life.

Our Foundation does not make distinctions based upon race, creed, religion, political beliefs or social class.

Our Efforts

In the following report, Help for the Andes Foundation would like to inform you of its activities undertaken throughout the year 2008 continuing its goal to improve the quality of life of mankind.

We delivered and installed the 200 Hill-Rom electric hospital beds for the regional Dr. Lautaro Navarro Avaría Hospital in Punta Arenas, which was an effort that began in 2007. The estimated value of this donation was \$400.000 USD.

In Puntas Arenas

Medical equipment was obtained for the Project of Renovation of Units for Critical Patients for the regional Dr. Lautaro Navarro Avaría Hospital in Punta Arenas, so that the professionals and personnel that attend in the emergency and other pathological units could give high quality service to the patients of this community.

The main initiators of this project were the president of the Foundation Rosa M. Raffo, and Dr. Miguel Luis Berr. This project has been made possible with the collaboration of Assist International Organization, personnel of the Hospital Stanford and the Rotary members from California, USA, Viña del Mar and Punta Arenas, Chile. This donation was valued at \$500,000 USD.

In Peru and for the Peruvian Community

In the first trimester a donation was made of used computer equipment and clothing dedicated for several underprivileged members of the Peruvian community in Chile.

The Human Touch program continues to provide educational workshops in diverse communities in Peru.

International Connections

At the beginning of the year we presented an application with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations requesting to be recognized as an advisory entity, in which we commit to share the ideals of the United Nations and their diffusion. We are awaiting the notification of the official recognition as a consultative entity. This will be an important step to complete our objectives in development of the Millennium Project set down by the United Nations which we include in our projects and goals.

We opened a branch of Help for the Andes Foundation, in California, USA with the purpose of the continuing collaboration with donations of humanitarian aid and educational programs for the underprivileged.

In Southern Chile

A study was carried out on the inadequacies and lacks of the Indigenous Mapuches communities in the area of Villarrica, IX Region. One of the goals of our Foundation is to help different ethnic groups improve their quality of life, one of the possibilities is to look for alternative energy source that can be used in their communities.

To complete this objective, we began a grant request with Global Greengrants Fund. This application and effort of grass-root funding, will be dedicated to improve water supplies in a rural Mapuche community in Villarrica, IX Region, using solar power as an alternative energy source.

Nursing Course

In support of the Immigrant's Development Program, the agreement was made between the Foundation Help for the Andes and the Professional Institute Carlos Casanueva, forming the careers of 'Nursing Assistance' and 'A Technical Level of Nursing' using motivational workshops. The beginning of these courses to assist those who are ailing was met with great success and excellent attendance.

The strategic alliance between both institutions gives us the opportunity to improve inner communication and to assist in the diversity of needs from the attendants in the courses. The main objective of this educational program is to instruct those, which come from an underprivileged social and ethical immigrant background, with a vocation of service in the community. They will be qualified to act clinically professional. To complete this development and acquire residency a psychological evaluation of each one of the students that attended a seminar was necessary.

A Christmas Celebration

During the Christmas season on 21st of December of this year, a Christmas celebration for the Home Santa Verónica was held for 70 elderly. The celebration also had the participation of the students of the Nursing Assistance Course and a musical group to entertain them.

Important Updates

We will continue to progress in the administration of our Medical Equipment Donations Program, renovating medical equipment and beds in hospitals in the neediest areas. Our goal is that we can meet the need that is in great demand of beds and medical equipment in establishments of health, focusing on those that would benefit the underprivileged and those that live in poverty conditions. We have the backing of a few organizations in the US willing to assume this commitment in the shortest term.

The President of the Foundation Help for the Andes, Rosa María Raffo, in continuation of her education, for the benefit of the institution, participated in a program of graduate degree studies with European Professional Certification in the Administration of Funds, Collection of Funds at an International Level, granted by the 'Sociedad de Altos Estudios Jurídicos Empresariales Internacional Euroamericanas' of Madrid.

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We have made an amended agreement, between our Foundation, the Institute Carrion (Lima, Peru) and the University Weiner (Lima, Peru). This amended agreement is for the graduating students with the careers of 'Nursing Assistance' and 'A Technical Level of Nursing', to have a double certification, as a part of the agreement already established which will also continue supporting the present program for migrants.

The website of Help for the Andes Foundation was upgraded. In order to improve the presentation of our projects that carry out activities, we adding new content and pictures as well as a new format. The texts are in English and translated into Spanish.

Special Thanks

HELP FOR THE ANDES Foundation projects and programs have conducted extensive community development workshops, services, humanitarian aid and social action activities at a variety of institutions, organizations and centers. These include:

- “The Trampolin” educational center
- Foundation “Niño y Patria” of the “Carabineros de Chile”
- Chilean Red Cross
- Rehabilitation Center for children with Down Syndrome
- Charity dining halls “Vida Optima”
- “Casa de Acogida La Esperanza”
- “Hogar Santa Clara” for those affected with HIV/AIDS
- Home for the elderly “Santa Verónica”
- Orphanages “Sagrado Corazón” and “Ciudad de Niño”
- “Hospital Pedro Aguirre Cerda”
- “Hogar de niñas Laura Vicuña en Los Vilos”
- Missionary Communities “La Familia”
- Various Mapuche communities, Southern Chile
- Medical Center “El Faro”, of Lima, Perú
- Medical Assist “Villa Pamplona” in Lima, Perú
- Province of Canta, Perú
- Hospital Parroquial de San Bernardo
- Villa de Maipú
- Hogar Santa Mónica
- National Library of Santiago
- Hospital Al Hussein Beit Jala
- Hospital Fusat de Rancagua
- Hospital Regional de Punta Arenas
- Servicio de Salud de Magallanes
- Fundación Creando Futuro

In Closing

Dear contributors, the summary of activities described in this report serves the purpose of increasing our hopes and the scope of the work we will undertake in the year 2009, at which time we will have laid a firmer groundwork that will enable us to carry out all the initiatives that are in line with the statement of purpose of Help For The Andes Foundation.

In the hopes of bearing the fruit we all expect to bear, we welcome your contribution to a task that will fill the members of our Foundation and the volunteers that help us accomplish the goals laid out in our Charter with pride.