

Annual Report 2004



Help for the Andes Foundation
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Help for the Andes
FOUNDATION

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

This year we have been developing a project called “Educar con Valores,” (Educate with Values) which is a program that generates economic support for needy and under privileged children.

The Foundation’s goal is to raise sponsorship for a variety of educational books that are geared toward the child’s social, emotional, and moral development. With the aid of these books, children learn the basic principles of consideration for others, perseverance, good manners and habits, promptness, and it enriches their vocabulary.

We thoroughly understand that raising children in our society is a monumental task, but we work to make instruction easier for the teachers and caregivers. We offer a collection of learning tips on childcare and education from the moment of birth through the teen years.

• January through March 2004 •

At the beginning of the year the Help for the Andes Foundation got ready to receive a container of medical supplies and humanitarian aid from the United States. These supplies will be offered in undersupplied clinics and hospitals in a designated project area and thereby we will be amply fulfilling the Foundation's objectives. The donation is valued at 80,000 dollars.

Through the Foundation we were able to obtain donated medical care from the Hospital of the University of Chile for three volunteers who unfortunately are suffering from chronic illnesses.

We received a donation of yogurt and other milk products through our Foundation, which was delivered to Centro de Educación y Desarrollo Integral El Trampolín, in Villa San Luis de Maipú, and other missionary homes who touch the lives of approximately 1000 children.

We were able to locate and donate a wheel chair to a volunteer of the Red Cross, Chapter in Santiago, Chile.

HFTA co-coordinated the participation of the Red Cross personnel at a presentation-lecture and workshop led by Dr. Jorge Veas, Obstetrician, University of Chile.

• **January through March 2004** •

“Pasos Sureños”, a program that HFTA collaborates with, was able to distribute a large donation of children and baby clothes for the Mapuche community in the district of Villarrica, IX region.

The Foundation made a donation of 5,000 calendars, Mottoes for Success, of the Activated Magazine, and also a contribution was made in Peru to distribute to families below poverty level throughout the northern region of the country.

**Educate with Values
Program**

Through the Educar con Valores (Educate with Values) program, the Foundation collaborated with and contributed to Christian workshops in which 40 young people from several Latin American countries participated. The Foundation provided transportation, food, and housing for those assisting the workshop. These workshops, which took place at the Foundation’s headquarters, began in September of 2007 and will continue through August of this year.

• **April through June 2004** •

Help for the Andes Foundation received a container from the United States of a large variety of medical supplies and humanitarian aid. These supplies are in the process of being released to the undersupplied clinics and hospitals in a designated project area and thereby amply fulfilling the Foundations objectives. The donation is valued at 80,000 dollars.

Our Foundation has received several donations of assorted milk products which are being distributed to approximately 1000 children who are cared for by Centro de Educación y Desarrollo Integral El Trampolín, which is located in the Villa San Luis, community of Maipú.

HFTA organized and obtained free medical help from the Hospital Clinic University of Chile and the Clínica Alemana for several of the foundation's volunteers.

A considerable donation of assorted Pharmaceutical products was received and distributed to missionary homes, which considered the donation very useful.

• April through June 2004 •

Meanwhile through the month of June we received a donation of coffee which was directed to the elderly home “Santa Verónica in the Independencia community where approximately 80 grandmothers reside.

A donation of coloring books was made by the foundation to a large range of institutions and centers that house needy and underprivileged children.

Human Touch Program

During the month of May, we received a valuable and significant donation of paint that was urgently needed. This material is being used primarily for the preparation and production of educational material to support the motivational seminars and workshops developed by the foundation and presented through our program The Human Touch.

The Human Touch, motivational seminars and workshops, has initiated projects for a variety of courses and workshops to be held for the needy in underprivileged homes and institutions.

• July through September 2004 •

Beginning in July of this year, we began to plan and develop a program called “Educar con Valores” which means to educate with values. Through this program we are able to acquire a variety of books and booklets in both the English and Spanish languages that contain themes which focus on strengthening the values of children. Values learned through these lessons support and cultivate good qualities such as consideration, conviviality, overcoming obstacles, the value of creating and building good habits, optimism, and needless to say, it enriches their vocabulary.

The children themselves learn to follow through with suggestions, to be loving, to preserve, to be considerate of others, generous, and to work out differences with others through correct means and channels.

This program, “Educar con Valores” (Educate with Values,) is also set up with a fundraising vision to sponsor books for children from lower economic levels of society having little or no resources to obtain such valuable books.

We realize that the chances for many children to achieve a scholastic education are continually improving, but we are taking into consideration the lamentable void of basic values and the overall development of the character of the child.

Educate with Values Program

Through this program to “sponsor a book” we create the opportunity for children even from poverty level to have the chance to learn and develop an interest in the importance of moral values.

“Educar con Valores” offers the possibility to break the cycle of despair and lack of moral values that is gripping a large segment of our population up through high school levels.



Saturday, the 14th of August this year, we donated 150 coloring books and offered a theatrical presentation for over 120 orphans at Hogar No.1 from Mi Casa Foundation which is located on Ave. Pedro Aguirre Cerda 394, comuna de La Cisterna in Santiago. The Friends Club of the Mi Casa Foundation presented all with in the frame work of a birthday party organized for the 120 children who live there.

• July through September 2004 •

During the celebration of the Peruvian National Republics day on the 25th of July in Parque Bustamante, our Foundation distributed a donation of 1000 coloring books and provided the food for the Peruvian children from poverty level areas. This event was attended by approximately 3000 people. The Help for the Andes Foundation made the arrangements for the contribution of the ambulance that was in attendance along with 30 volunteers from the Red Cross Chapter in Santiago, which were prepared and on call at the celebration to intervene in any uneventful mishap or accident that may have presented itself.

Sunday, the 18th of July, our Foundation was instrumental together with the Red Cross Chapter Independencia in presenting the graduation ceremony for the Nanas Peruana's workshop in First Aid. We provided food and beverages for over 100 people and arranged for what was an excellent presentation by the concert flautist, Regula Bernath, of Switzerland who demonstrated an impeccable interpretation of famous classical and well known traditional pieces.

• July through September 2004 •

Saturday, September 4, 2004 a donation was given through our Foundation of 400 “Suspiro Limeno” posters for the Hogar No. 1 which pertains to Mi Casa Foundation located on 24 de Gran Avenida, Santiago, where up to 120 underprivileged children live.

During the national holidays, the Help for the Andes Foundation, presented a stand in the Commercial Center at Parque Arauco where many could come to know and understand the objectives of the Foundation as well as our program, “Educar con Valores,” and where they offered a variety of material including story books for children, Christmas Cards with a musical CD, and calendars.

Also, during the month of September, the Commercial Company, Janome, made a donation to our foundation of a sewing machine that was designated to the Happiness Express program which directs its services to working with the needy in hospitals, Senior Citizens homes, and orphanages. This work was initially inspired by the work and visits of Dr. Patch Adams.

Through our Foundation, medical attention in the fields of pediatrics, gynecology and cardiology was provided for persons of lower economic resources. We also obtained a donation of glasses for two of the foundations volunteers.

• July through September 2004 •

Luce una Sonrisa program was able to work with a support an event held for the National holidays at the Escuela Hospitalaria 1678 del Instituto Nacional de Rehabilitación Pedro Aguirre Cerda. For a few weeks, we were able to help the children prepare a presentation called “La Plaza de Armas.” The children were able to give their presentation to all the personnel and assistants of the hospital adding a great deal to the National holiday celebrations here. Working together with their teachers, the children themselves were involved in several sessions of painting scenery including making costumes and props. We were able to present them with gifts of story books from the “Educar con Valores” program and after taking pictures of the event, the next week, we were able to present to them a PowerPoint CD presentation of their work including the pictures taken with them through out the year.

The Foundation was also able to provide complimentary passes for 15 children from a Missionary work in Santiago to experience bowling at Aventura Center located in the Florida Center Mall.

Help for the Andes Foundation was able to provide a week worth of nutritional needs for a volunteer who was recovering from a very debilitating sickness.

• October through December 2004 •

October 7th, the Help for the Andes Foundation delivered a donation of 800 cartons of Milk to the Centro de Educación y Desarrollo Integral El Trampolín. El Trampolín is where 70 preschoolers and 150 boys and girls of elementary school age from poverty level are educated and cared for.

During the months leading up to and through October, The Foundation sponsored a scholarship enabling a young boy to attend an Athletic School participating in the Soccer program.

November 15, our foundation was instrumental in arranging a five hour educational tour through Santiago for 45 children from the El Trampolín Center. Our team worked with the Fundación Futuro who helped to carry out this excursion.

The Help for the Andes Foundation was once again able to donate and distribute 800 cups of chocolate pudding to the El Trampolín Center who educate over 150 children from under privileged areas.

November 26th, our Foundation , through the Educar con Valores program, gave a donation of 450 coloring books to the Jardín Infantil La Pradera de la comuna de Lo Prado, benefiting 217 preschoolers from 1 through 6 years old who attend this school coming from families with very little income.

• October through December 2004 •

The foundation was instrumental in a retreat workshop for its contribution to the Centro de Eventos Picarquín, in Mostazal, VI Región. More than 70 Christian youth attended the retreat held from the 19th through the 21st of November.

Thanks to the administration of the commercial center at Parque Arauco in Santiago, the Foundation Help for the Andes was able to present a stand in November to offer a variety of educational material in promotion of the “Educar con Valores” program enabling us to raise sponsorship for educational books that were donated to underprivileged children. Also, thanks to the contribution of Cencosud, Help for the Andes held a stand for the same above reasons at the Portal de la Reina Shopping Center.

In preparation for the year end activities, especially for Christmas, our Foundation collaborated with the singing group, “Ángeles de Belén”, made up of children and young people from various countries, that is an exchange program with the Family International. They gave an excellent performance of traditional Christmas carols, and dances routines. The Foundation donated toward the costumes, and preparatory needs for the show including accompaniment for the variety of presentations throughout the city during December.

• October through December 2004 •

The Foundation arranged for the singing group, Ángeles de Belén to present their show which helped to bring a beautiful spirit of Christmas to more than 100 children on the 11th of December at el Hogar N°1 de la Fundación Mi Casa. At this time we were able to distribute 200 books with morals to the underprivileged children who live at or attend this Foundation.

With in the frame work of Christmas preparations on the 17th of December, the Ángeles de Belén prepared and presented their show for the women's senior citizens home, Santa Verónica, comuna de Independencia, to the inspiration and delight of 90 elderly ladies. See pictures.

December 21st, the Ángeles de Belén, singing and dancing, gave a lovely interpretation of Christmas Carols for the mothers and children from the Lions Club, Providencia, Santiago .

The final show of Ángeles de Belén was presented to 400 Peruvian children from underprivileged families in Chile on the 23rd of December. This was a success in contributing to their program of Christmas activities.

• October through December 2004 •

On the 13th of December, 19 patients from the hospital were invited to the home of “Sally Pimienta,” the coordinator of Luce una Sonrisa, for the end of the year Christmas party. They celebrated with raffles, games, and a recount of the Christmas Story on video portrayed by Cherub Wings. Everyone had snacks and thoroughly enjoyed the event. As well as celebrating the Holiday, everyone was able to rejoice in triumph of a successful year of weekly activities presented at the “Escuela Hospitalaria 1678 INRPAC.”

December 22nd, Help for the Andes organized with the help of the Sheraton Hotel Santiago, a Christmas Event of Cheese and Wine. A show contributed to the event through the presentation of children, Ángeles de Belén accompanied by a choir of young people. Some of the objectives of the event were to raise funds for the continuation and further development of the Educar con Valores program. During this year of 2004, we were able to attend to the needs of over 800 children from economically low or poverty level. We also were delighted to have the excellent opportunity to show our appreciation for the many people, institutions, and businesses that have helped to propel our ideals ahead and to close 2004 in a very touching and special way.

• October through December 2004 •

December 23rd, rounding the eve of Christmas, the Foundation delivered a donation of 500 cups of gelatin to the delight of 90 grandmothers and staff living at the Santa Verónica home in Santiago.

Through the program Luce una Sonrisa, in October, weekly visits were made to Instituto Nacional de Rehabilitación Pedro Aguirre Cerda. Since November, the staff and children were gearing up for Christmas by making decorations for all the doors in the Hospital. The children included in the decorations little messages of their Christmas wish to the Savoir including such original wishes as sympathy, love for God and for our neighbors, honesty, friendship and respect. They also decorated a large window in the form of stain glass with scenes of the First Christmas in the main hallway of the hospital.

Luce una Sonrisa finished the year of activities on the 18th and 19th of December with a trip into the Andes mountains visiting 80 children from underprivileged areas in the Chicolco y Cabildo en la V Región. In conjunction with the church in this area they were able to distribute gifts, sweets, coloring books and a special Children's edition of Conéctate magazine. Along with some very animated stories of faith many outdoor games were appreciated.

Through the entire year, 2004, Help for the Andes Foundation was able to provide tutorial classes in Mathematics, Language, and Grammar for nine children of parents from a missionary home in Santiago.

Special Thanks

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 as of 2005, 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.