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The Help for the Andes foundation has made it its mission to improve the quality of life of communities and individuals by focusing on programs which strengthen organizations and that empower individuals by increasing their knowledge and strengthen communication networks.

The 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. Our commitment is to give an opportunity for a fuller life to as many underprivileged people as possible.

The Foundation does not make distinction of race, creed, religion, political beliefs or social class.

The Annual Report for the year 2002 details the activities of the Foundation and the work it carried out attempting to improve the quality of life of other human beings. It also wishes to state that since the decree was issued in September 2001, by which the Foundation was granted legal status as a non-profit private law organization, it pursues its unwavering purpose of managing and carrying out philanthropic activities in direct contact with both those who suffer and those who are able to give those suffering the needed care.

In accordance with its objectives and goals, the foundation acts as liaison between those who are in a position to give and those who, due to their needy situations, are the recipients of that help.

AWAKENING SMILES

In January we travelled to the South of Chile, and our objective was to meet and entertain people of all ages through lively shows, which were performed by young volunteering artists under the program called "Despertando Sonrisas" (Awakening Smiles). The locations visited included the cities of Concepción, Temuco, various districts of the Villarrica area and other nearby towns.

Among other places, we visited the Casa de Acogida Padre Hurtado, run by the Hogar de Cristo Institution, which lodges a number of youngsters from high social risk segments between 12 and 18 years old; the Antunehuen Old Folks Home; and the Alsacia Daycare Center for orphans from 3 to 15 years old.

WORKSHOPS

With the help of 8 psychologists, therapists, art-drama- and music teachers, we undertook a program in the month of February in the District of Lo Barnechea, City of Santiago.

The purpose was to provide assistance to 50 children of the slums Las Lomas.

This social program included recreation, art and culture and also served the purpose of providing these children with a vacation of sorts, since they had never experienced any. The recreational activities enabled us to help them gain awareness of the differences between good and bad behavioural patterns. We were able to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks to all the children. We also took them to visit the national amusement park in Santiago.

In a joint effort with the Red Cross of the District of Independencia, our Foundation was able to assist 30 children with Down Syndrome through workshops conducted by its volunteers, which were aimed not only at the children themselves, but also at their mothers.

The workshops were conducted by psychologist Roxana Muñoz, Irene Vera and speech therapist

Rosa Luz Alba; conferences and courses were also conducted in order to help

vulnerable mothers heal from deep emotional wounds. The members of “Despertando Sonrisas,” provided entertainment, choreography and clown shows.

Also a series of educational workshops was conducted for three months in Villa San Luis, District of Maipú.

These workshops majored on the area of hairstyling, with the objective to provide local women vocational training that would enable them to generate income for their families through their work. We can say that the results of the workshops have been very positive for the attendees.

Additionally, during the severe winter rainstorms and with the help of personnel from the Red Cross from the District of Independencia, we delivered food products of all kinds of food to the most needed families of communities of the districts of Batuco, Maipú.

We were also able to deliver clothes to the “Pueblo de Dios Church Therapeutic Community” in Temuco for distribution in Mapuche tribe areas suffering from extreme colds and poverty.

We should also mention that our Foundation arranged the reconstruction of a multi-sports court belonging to the “Niño y Patria” Home run by Carabineros de Chile in the District of Ñuñoa. This court was out of commission due to the previous heavy rains.

This year we also receive a donation of a container from a Swedish foundation by “Helping Hands”, with medical equipment and supplies. These items were donated to a number of hospitals and healthcare centers that serve the poorer segments of society. Wheelchairs, eye clinic equipment, x-ray machines, lab equipment, scanners and other supplies were given.

During the month of September we organized a three-day seminar at the Santiago Sheraton Hotel on the interesting subject of “Healing for the soul and body” with an attendance of 30 people. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Jorge Veas, Obstetrician from the Universidad de Chile, who majored on an analysis of the healing effects of loving interactions.

Our Foundation served the children at the Down Syndrome Rehabilitation Center,

District of Independencia. thanks to the help and coaching of the volunteers Rosi Sanfillipo, Mr.Heinz Grothaus, Speech Therapist Rosa Luz Alba and María E. Izquierdo.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS

With the help of a large number of volunteers we organized the delivery and free distribution of toys for almost 1,000 children from poor families. These toys were donated to our Foundation by the “Helping Hands Foundation” and were shipped in a container. Sorting out and delivering these items entailed a huge effort due to the enormous amount. Additionally, we arranged a donation of batteries for many of the toys, which was made by “Rayovac Chile”.

The toys were distributed among the various centers that our Foundation helps on a regular basis, such as the Centro de Desarrollo Integral El Trampolín, in Villa San Luis; Boys Homes

from the “Niño y Patria Institution”, Down Syndrome children attended by the Red Cross from the District of Independencia; children from the District of San Bernardo, children from the Pediatric Surgery Ward of the Felix Bulnes Hospital; and children from Christian missionary families. A group of volunteers even made a trip to the North to donate toys to a home for female victims of child abuse run by the “Laura Rodríguez Foundation”, in the town of Los Vilos.

CHRISTMAS

During the month of December, Christmas celebrations were also held at several of the above mentioned centers and were organized by the volunteers of the “Despertando Sonrisas” program.

We had clown shows, children’s choirs and also the attendance of Mrs. Lara Clown from Boston. (She happened to be visiting Chile and decided to join the shows in order to spread happiness and smiles not just among the children, but also to old folks homes, such as “Mi Hogar” in the District of Recoleta, which is run by Hogar de Cristo.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

It is noteworthy that our Foundation has received a number of donations of frozen

fish that were distributed to the District of Independencia Red Cross and the Down Syndrome

Daycare Center run by it; the Santa Clara and Santa Verónica Homes; Missionary Communities;

Niño y Patria Foundation, the Association of HIV/AIDS Patients; members of Comedores Libres (Free Dining Halls) and many others.