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BIENVENIDOS!

Spring has arrived and fortunately the days are just getting warmer in Córdoba! The school year is winding down in Córdoba, and while many are thinking of vacations – we at Projects Abroad are still working! We have begun to plan our summer school activities for both sports and teaching volunteers, while the care volunteers keep to their normal schedule at the day care and children's homes where they have been working. Our Law & Human Rights volunteers are keeping very busy every day with different activities and reaching out even more to help the community of Córdoba! The volunteers at the Primate Rehabilitation center are working hard in La Cumbre!



Gracias to all for their hard work – we could not do all that we do without all of your help and dedication!

October has been a great month – read on for more details on all that went on this month!

Nos vemos pronto!

Stephanie Wall
Information Manager

PROJECT UPDATES

DIRTY DAYS

We have held two dirty day activities in the past month going to help various projects that Projects Abroad works with.

Basta de Trata Awareness

Projects Abroad Human Rights volunteers in Córdoba collaborates frequently with Basta de Trata (BdT), a local NGO that works to prevent human trade and trafficking through public education and awareness. On Sunday September 29th volunteers organized activities to engage the public as couples picnicked and children played on the large grassy area on a beautiful lazy Sunday afternoon.



Kids – and even some adults – finger-painted, their colorful handprints decorating the large “Basta de Trata” signs that volunteers hung in the park. For the adults, volunteers walked around explaining the BdT’s goals and then asked people to think about what ideas would contribute to a better world. Participants wrote those words, phrases, and wishes on balloons that Projects Abroad volunteers then collected. After an hour or two the volunteers were walking around with huge bunches of inflatable dreams, and more and more passersby were eager to join the project. The public interest in the balloon activity was huge and encouraging. We hope it got them to think about what they could do to improve the world. Volunteers tied the balloons to the pedestrian walkway over the crowded park. It was eye-catching from below, and from up close it was intriguing, if not inspiring. When the wind blew the

right way, the words on the balloons would jump out: peace, respect, equality, love. There were plenty more off-the-wall ideas as well: "Legalization," "Let live and let die." People stopped to look, photograph, and occasionally take a balloon – and volunteers were stationed right there with pamphlets so that people could understand the project better as they admired it.



Food and Clothing Collection for Fundación G.A.N.A.S



On Saturday October 19th we held a food and clothing collection to help the Fundación G.A.N.A.S. Volunteers went door to door in the Cerro de las Rosas neighborhood asking families to donate non-perishable foods and/or clothing. The food will be distributed to various dining halls in Córdoba that prepare meals and daily snacks to children of their neighborhoods. The clothing will go to the Fundación G.A.N.A.S who will distribute the clothing to people that live in the streets of Córdoba.

Volunteers received a positive response from the neighbors and collected a large donation of food and clothing in a short time. Some families even told us to come back in a few weeks to pick up the clothing

that they will gather for us! Muchas gracias to all who participated!

DONATIONS

MUCHAS GRACIAS to two very generous volunteers who have put a lot of time, money and effort into sending donations for various placements.

Denis Inaco, Switzerland has made a generous donation to the Fundación G.A.N.A.S, a non-profit organisation that provides food, clothes, and friendship to the homeless living in and around downtown Córdoba. Denis has been working with the organisation as a web designer, recreating the website of the organisation. The donation will go towards the purchase of food and other materials needed to make the meals that are distributed to the homeless community. Gracias Denis!

Bianca Sieber, from Switzerland, came to Argentina as a 2 Week Special volunteer in 2012 and was so impacted by her work at the Hogar Infantil Belen day care center that she went back



home and worked hard to fundraise to make improvements to the center. Biancagenerously donated money from personal fundraising efforts back in Switzerland that is part of ongoing improvements to Las Violetas, including a new roof, play area for children, both inside and outside.

PRIMATE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Want to learn more about our Primate Rehabilitation project? Click here to see a brief video that explains a bit about the unique project in La Cumbre! <http://bit.ly/1bw3OwQ>

ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH

Each month we will highlight an activity that volunteers have done in their care placements as a way to show future/current volunteers some fun activities that they can do with the kids!

Plastic Bottle Bracelets

You will need:

- Clean, empty and dry plastic bottles – color and size does not matter
- Scissors
- Glue
- Yarn of varying colors

Volunteers collected plastic bottles of all different kinds (small ones of .5 L work well for the little kids!), rinsed and removed all labels from the bottles. Using the center part of the bottle (not near the top or bottom) cut the bottle into different strips.

These strips become the bracelet that you will then cover with yarn. The kids choose the color yarn and with a small amount of glue, glued the end of the yarn to the plastic and then begin wrapping the yarn around the plastic. To change colors all you need to do is finish with one color, glue it in place and then continue with another!

The end result is colorful bracelets decorating the kids' arms! Volunteers did this activity with the



VOLUNTEER STORIES

Sylvie Allain
France
Journalism, 3 months

Ça va faire presque trois mois que je suis à Unquillo pour la mission de journalisme. Je dois dire que je ne me lasse pas d'aller à la radio pour rejoindre mes collègues, ils vont me manquer c'est sûr !



Jusqu'à maintenant mes tâches principales à la radio étaient de rechercher des sujets à traiter et d'en parler « on air » pendant la transmission du matin. Il m'est arrivé aussi de partir en ville faire diverses interviews avec des jeunes de l'école de « las Mercedes ». En effet, nous avons toutes les semaines un duo d'élèves qui vient pratiquer la communication à la radio. Ceci est une opportunité pour ces jeunes qui se dirigent, pour la plupart, à des études de communication. Ils sont jeunes et dynamiques et nous travaillons toujours bien ensemble.

J'ai aussi mené ma propre enquête auprès de la Radio Nativa et je leur ai posé quelques questions:

Comment vit financièrement Radio Nativa ?

<http://somosradionativa.wordpress.com/>

Radio Nativa 3 ans et son développement dépend uniquement de l'économie du moment. En effet, il n'est pas toujours très simple de trouver des fonds pour faire vivre la radio. Il existe différents moyens de trouver de l'argent mais les principaux acteurs de son financement sont la publicité, des subventions de la mairie, il peut y avoir des dons des auditeurs, des recherches de fonds par la radio elle-même pour couvrir des festivals, des interventions de productions indépendantes qui vont payer leur espace de transmission et les volontaires de ProjectsAbroad.

Pour éviter les surcoûts, Radio Nativa va aussi jouer sur la polyvalence des employés. Par exemple, José, le directeur de la radio, porte plusieurs casquettes. Il peut être autant régisseur, responsable de programme que présentateur à la radio.



Au niveau des attachés de production, les employés n'hésitent pas à s'occuper du rôle de chargé de gestion administrative ou de technicien. Pour le moment la radio compte 6 employés et chacun n'hésite pas à endosser plusieurs rôles pour la santé économique de la radio.

Que propose Radio Nativa comme programmes ?

Radio Nativa couvre les ondes de « las Sierras Chicas » soit les villes

d'Unquillo, Villa Allende, Mendiolaza et Rio Ceballos. Les rôles principaux de la radio sont d'informer, de divertir et d'éduquer. En effet, la radio se veut de tenir informés ses auditeurs de l'actualité locale, nationale et internationale mais aussi de les divertir avec de la musique ou des « show talks ». Un autre programme éducatif tient une place importante à la radio qui est directement dédié aux enfants et qui a pour but non seulement de les divertir mais aussi de les éduquer.

Merci à tous pour cette merveilleuse expérience ! ☺

Sylvie ALLAIN, France.



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

