



## Color de Vida Foundation: **Knocking Doors**

Dear Friends: First at all, We would like to transmit our more effusive affections and regards, being thankful for let us reach you and show you the profile and a brief review of our humble work.

At the time o introduce our NGO, we want to remark that in the middle of the endless needs that affect the countries like ours, it is at least comforting to find spaces where the volunteer service become an outstanding exercise of kindness and love; these efforts nevertheless, usually are insufficient considering the huge deficiencies from certain sectors and the limited resources available to this kind of institutions devoted in this Christian mission of solidarity.

Established and incorporated according to the Dominican Law 122-05 about NGOs, (RNC No. 430054909) The Color of Life Foundation (Color de Vida) works in highly marginalized neighborhoods , located at the North side of the town in Esperanza, at the Valverde province (Northwest of the country) where the poverty variables (unhealthiness, undernourishment and illiteracy) are really alarming; We are putting all the persistence that humanly is possible to correct some of these matters, helping a lot of children around the area, but we certainly need as much aid as possible to make our work more effective.

Foods, vitamins, equipment, medical aid, help in the allocation of professors or the sponsorship of the children, would be some of the possibilities that we put in your hands to help us to help them, knowing about your highest sensitivity and human quality, we have faith that do your best efforts to collaborate with this cause, that in essence, must be the one of all.

With highest deference and gratitude, kindest regards,

Antonia Mendoza  
President.

## **FUNCОВI: Objectives**

*We are an institution for charity, with marked Biblical and Christian base, under protection of the laws and the Constitution of the Dominican Republic .*

### **General Objectives:**

The general mission of the Color de Vida Foundation is to promote the educative, spiritual, physical and environmental development of the children and adolescents of low resources of the Dominican Republic, as well as to work for the systemic formation of the fathers, mothers and/or tutors, simultaneously we work to create programs oriented to improve the personal growing of the infants as well as its relatives.



### **Specific Objectives:**

1) To foment, support, realize, lead and participating in activities acts and projects of assistance civic, cultural, sporting and any other kind that contribute to the improvement and progress of community and very special to childhood.



2) We also want to give social assistance to the helpless childhood in fields such as health, nutrition, education and recreation.

3) To practice and spreading the cooperative and shared in common movement principles.

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4) To use all the possible mass media to facilitate information that serve to become aware of the social reality in which the Dominican childhood lives, as well as spread values such as jointly social justice and the respect between female and male children, as well as parents and teachers.



5) To promote the friendship and cooperation among partners in order to serve to childhood without other interest than the social enrichment.

6) To form leaders for the community service.

7) To create workshops with educative purposes and technical occupations oriented to children and adolescents of low economic resources.

8) To share lectures with educative spiritual and psychology end for children and their teachers.

9) To create scholarship programs.

10) To build libraries, health centers, Digital and educative game rooms.

11) To supply children needs such as scholastic utensils, clothes and home's conditioning.

12) To work with the community in processes like served water cleaning, and environmental protection.



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13) To develop mechanism that put in contact professionals, volunteers, with physical or juridical people that need of their help or knowledge.



14) To support others entities in their labors to the benefit of the forgotten children.

15) To facilitate formation and qualification of the members by documentation, chats, discussion groups and courses.

16) To promote and developing any kind of project linked to its objectives.

*En la mañana*

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Familia *Ignacio*

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2	Reimón	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
3	CAVIN	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
4	Edvis Benito	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
5	Anderson Esteban	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
6	José Enrique	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
7	José de la Cruz	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
8	Scarla minor	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
9	melani hernandez	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
10	Francis felix	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
11	omar de la cruz	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
12	Emiliano perez	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
13	Yasmin perez	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11
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15	will frey hernandez	1000	C	M	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11	11/11

*"The area of influence of the FUNCOVI is constituted by neighbourhoods where they predominate the extreme poverty, unemployment, the deficiency of opportunities, under index of schooling, illiteracy, deficiency of sport or recreational facilities, besides the undernourishment and unhealthiness; It is where hundreds of children are growing, in an atmosphere with forceful threats for the present and the future of the community and the same society there."*



## FUNCOVI: Actions and Projects



At present, FUNCOVI concentrate their efforts in the education of the children who can be received in our facilities of the North District, more than 80 children are taken care of in each turn of classes, morning and afternoon schedule, where they are well-educated in his respective levels of schooling (of

1st. to 6th. basic degree of school).

Besides academic education, on the Christian formation and the Biblical studies is provided, civic and familiar education also; at the same time we make a huge effort to provide some refreshments and meals to them, and help to get scholastic equipment.



Three professors and one psychologist provide the support in the process, reinforced by volunteers and relatives, who are divided in different classrooms that are qualified for these aims.

The process of integration of the families constitutes one of the pillars of our efforts, we strongly believe that without the familiar support these actions could be weak and ephemeral, nevertheless, in the majority of the cases the idea has been welcomed in a very enthusiastic and promising way, getting to transform the dramatic realities into processes of evident growth and solidarity. We are conscious that our actions only cover a very small percentage with the needs, nevertheless we have all the faith in which with the aid of God and a little support from each one, we will continue growing.





## **FUNCOVI: Actions and Projects**

Certainly we are against situations that not only have become general in many zones of our country, threaten to enlarging the evident social and economic differences between the Dominican ones, but indeed by our deep conviction of which only the faith in Christ and the constant work of those who we have undertaken the way of solidarity and the communal job, is the opportune route to help the destitutes to obtain better standards of life in its respective sectors and spiritual well-being.



It is much more what we can do in this intention, but to realize this purpose becomes essential to receive economic and voluntary support from those who identify themselves with this cause, which will allow to carry out the necessary improvement that let us do the work in the more effective and viable way.

The increase in the amount of children who we take care of, as well as to extend the education degrees until the average education, besides the qualification of other services and a more appropriate dining room are challenges than we confronted at the present time, for which we have projected to undertake the pertinent activities and actions to make possible this mission of love, guided by the example of Christ and the perseverance of those whom believe in work every day for a more promissory future.



## FUNCOVI: Necessity and Challenges

Nowadays, the operational costs of the Foundation, as well as the sustenance of their activities is being paid for with resources contributed by the members, besides other precise donations from friends and relatives. Evidently we needed much more support which can help us to help others, either in monthly contributions for the sponsorship of one or more kids, the present cost for this purpose is about US\$20.00 by person/month, or for the equipment or construction of infrastructures as the kitchen, the dining room and the hall activities.



The budget stipulated for these aims surpasses RD\$800,000.00 (US\$24,000.00) with which would rise the mentioned constructions that would open a new world of possibilities to attend these boys whose unique options of overcoming have been limited which the institutions as ours can do helping

them.

This is a sincere and honest call, so that each person, family, institution or company who identify themselves with the message can canalize their contribution, in the size of the possibilities, to be our partners and help us to keep this initiative going ahead, growing and rendering even better fruits for the society and the Christian work.





## Esperanza: Municipality Data's



Established more than 500 years ago, the Esperanza population is a municipality that belongs to the Valverde's province, in the northwestern of Dominican Republic, with an estimated population over 52,000 thousand habitants.

It is one of the biggest municipality territories of this country. It does border with Puerto Plata province, at the top with the septentrional chain of mountain, at the South by The Yaque of the north river, the east by the Navarrete's municipality and to the west by Mao's and Laguna Salada's municipalities.

The territorial extension is 219.70 KM2, with eminently agricultural ground (Rice, Grains, Banana, and others minors fruits), Thirty years ago its economy depended of the sugar cane exploitation but this industry get broken and closed its doors, then, in its place the free zone industries settled down and became in the main incomes source.

The America's wide free zone sector crisis in the last years has brought as a consequence the dramatic diminution in the stable employ number, causing situations that make worse the indices of the municipality development. The poorness levels are very alarming, affecting mainly the infant population with high percentages of illiteracy, unhelpfulness and malnutrition.



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Esperanza is a small city with extremity lack of sport, recreation and cultural installations. For years the migration, first from the sugar refinery and later for the free zones companies has impacted a sensible way the life and commerce habits of the inhabitant from here.

The government and the service institutions labors constitute a valorous effort, but they remain insufficient in comparison with the none stop assistance demand from the forgotten neighborhood (suburb) that fight themselves in the constant need of basic services, like water, education, power, garbage collection and sanitary drainage.

All of these situations cause that the attention to vulnerable groups, like childhood, where relegated to a second stage, which constitute a threat to the municipality's future and its potential development.

The Color de Vida Foundation sets out to put its sand grain to try to alleviate to this situation, extending its hand to where the grace of God it allows, collaborating with contributions in education, nutrition, Christian formation and other actions to the benefit of the destitutes, believing that to assume this responsibility is incumbent to every one, and at the opportune moment, it could save majors complications in the society in which we lived and that we could regret soon or later.



## Antonia Mendoza, FUNCOVI'S President

Antonia Mendoza was born at the Santiago Rodríguez province, located high into the mountains of the Dominican Republic northwestern. She left to the United States in 1979, taking root herself in New Jersey, where she remained living until 1990, Later she moved to Providence, Rhode Island, where she dedicated herself to handle a daycare, activity in which she kept among 13 years.

Mother of two, Leo and Luchy Madera, She received Christ as her savior in some April fresh morning at 1998. From then on, she has consecrated her life to the act of the Lord, as well as to the personal progress, familiar and communitarian.



She has been social activist of the workers union (SEIU) where had the opportunity to work as counselor and former to provide the infants care at the Rhode Island State, She also has been member of D.A.R.E. and the COOP-AP which are infants care providers.

At the end of 2005 she returned to the place where she grow up, The Esperanza Municipality's north

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11) To supply children needs such as scholastic utensils, clothes and home's conditioning. neighborhood, at Dominican Republic, where most of her family reside; Then she liked the idea of cooperating with some institutions that could help to improve the around conditions, and try to solve very strong situations at this populate area where poorness, illiteracy and malnutrition over pass the local and national averages.

Then, The "Color de Vida" Foundation springs up, an NGO with evident Christian spirit, consecrated to provide support and education to children in marginal situation, entity that she has lifted

# FUNCOVI: Location & Contact Info



Our Headquarter is located northwestern from the Esperanza's municipality, Valverde Province, (Latitude 19.5803°, Longitude -70.9933°), at this time we have two stages building, were we share the classrooms, offices, kitchen, etc. We also have plans to build a meeting area and other facilities in some land available around the building.

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