

Futuro Lleno De Esperanza
June 15-22, 2019
Community Impact Projects

This summer we will be returning to Futuro Lleno De Esperanza in Cien Fuegos, Santiago. As we enter our third year of doing service learning at the school, we have built a new level of trust and relationships within the community. It is important for us to be mindful when we are selecting our projects and we work closely with our school director to do so.

This year we have several projects that we are focused on to benefit our school and the surrounding community. Our mornings at the school will be spent hosting a day camp for the children of the community Monday through Thursday. The afternoons will be spent doing hands on building and maintenance projects.

Our group will be working directly with families to install bucket water filters, our group is taking on this project as an education series to educate and demonstrate how these filter systems work. We are in the process of evaluating how this project will best be completed if we will be visiting neighborhood homes or doing a large class in the school.

This summer also will be engaging in a lot of painting projects, these projects will be easy for our younger crew to get their hands dirty (figuratively and literally). Futuro Lleno De Esperanza does not currently have the budget to pay local painters so the responsibility for these projects generally falls on the teachers. We also have found over the years that several of the neighborhood and school staff kids join us in helping to maintain the facilities. This helps us show the children that it's important to care for their spaces and allows us to ensure the school children have the safe and clean space that they deserve.

It is important for us to make sure that our work projects are feasible, sustainable, and cost efficient. One of the major things we have learned in bringing our group and working directly in the community we are demonstrating to the local children that everyone can make a difference. This is particularly important in the community that has high teenage pregnancy and low female high school graduation rates, to show that women can be in leadership and can do skilled labor.

Attached is our complete project list for the summer of 2019. We are excited to be embarking on another year of service learning and our fundraising efforts for the 2018-2019 school year will be going toward covering the cost of these projects, our lodging and food, paying school staff (teachers to aid in summer camp allowing them an extra week of pay, the school cook an extra week of pay, and a night time security guard a second income), and our cultural immersion experiences which will include an overnight retreat and future visioning on how we can enhance our service learning experiences both at home and abroad. Mission trip participants will be responsible for the cost of their airfare for 2019, the cost of checking a bag, and transportation to and from the Miami airport (shared charter bus).



Futuro Lleno de Esperanza: The Dominican Republic

Who Can Go: Any young person who has completed 8th grade by May 2019. Adults are welcome to join us, but must complete Safeguarding All God's Children prior to departure.

When: The week of June 15-June 22

Where we are going: Santiago, The Dominican Republic

How we are getting there: We are flying out of Miami Airport. A Charter bus will pick us up at St. Mark's and return us. If you are not at St. Mark's by the time the bus arrives you will be responsible for getting yourself to the airport. We will be picked up in Santiago by hired licensed and trusted drivers from the organization we are working with.

Where we are working: Futuro Lleno de Esperanza both at the School in Cien Fuegos and at the retreat center. Futuro Lleno de Esperanza has both a facebook page and a website if you google them you can learn more about their organization.

Where we are staying: We will be staying on the floor of the school. We will not be shipping air mattresses down so we will all have to get a little creative when packing. We will also be eating the majority of our meals at the school.

What we will be doing: We will be learning about issues of poverty in the Dominican Republic and helping the school and retreat center. Our project list can be found in the project list section of your folder.

Cost: For this trip that you will be required to pay is \$400 a person. This includes (with our fundraised and budgeted money helping to make up the difference) Airfare, room & board, program fees, and meals in the DR. **You will be responsible for paying any baggage fees (usually \$25 per bag each way) and the \$10 Entry Tax (must be cash).** Please see attached sheet for important dates, which includes deposit dates.



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Important Dates

December 1, 2018: Preschool Auction fundraiser (a portion of this money goes to help everyone that comes to serve/clear/clean up)

December 25, 2018: Verbal Confirmation that you/your child/members of your family are planning on participating.

January 28, 2019: \$150 **NON REFUNDABLE** deposit due & Paper work INCLUDING Passport number

March 25, 2019: \$150 deposit due

April 19-20, 2019: Good Friday Fast/Retreat. We are asking that everyone who is planning on joining us on this trip be at the retreat from 6-8 p.m. for project planning time. Youth are asked to make arrangements to stay the entire event.

May 5, 2019: Final Information Meeting following the 10 a.m. service

May 31, 2019: Trip Balance Due--- *If your balance is not paid in full by May 31 we will cancel your plane ticket.*

June 15—June 22, 2019: Trip Dates



Important things to have in preparing for the trip to the Dominican Republic

- **A Passport—please make sure your passport is up to date! We cannot book you plane ticket without it, so please make sure you get working on it if you don't have one yet!**
- **Immunizations—while there are no immunizations required to enter the Dominican Republic we are asking you have these up to date**
 - **Hepatitis (all of them)**
 - **Tetanus**
 - **It is not required but you can get a typhoid vaccine from your doctor.**
- **If you are under the age of 17 and your parent is NOT traveling on this trip with you, you must have a consent for minors to travel form (attached)**

Futuro Lleno De Esperanza 2019

June 15-22, 2019

Saturday, June 15, 2019

5:30 a.m. Meet at St. Mark's
6:00 a.m. Bus Departure to Miami Airport
12:00 p.m. Depart Miami airport to Santiago
American Airlines:
2:05 p.m. Arrive Santiago
3:30 p.m. Arrive at Futuro Lleno De Esperanza
4:00 p.m. Orientation & Language Class
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal
7:00 p.m. Project Planning & Start
9:30 p.m. Evening Devotionals
10:00 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday, June 16, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Start sorting/planning for camp
9:30 a.m. Depart for Church
10:00 a.m. Church
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Building Projects & Project Picture Day
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal
7:00 p.m. Set up for Camp
9:30 p.m. Evening Devotionals
10:30 p.m. Lights out

Monday, June 17, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Set up for camp
9:00 a.m. Camp Day: Sports
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Building Projects
4:00 p.m. Mural Tour Santiago
6:30 p.m. Evening Meal
7:30 p.m. Building Projects
10:00 p.m. Evening Devotionals
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 a.m. La Cumbre de Puerto Plata
9:00 a.m. Eco Tourism Day
Camp Kids to Goat Farm
½ Group running camp sessions
½ Trail & Building projects
12:00 p.m. Lunch @ camp
2:00 p.m. Building Projects
6:30 p.m. Evening Meal
7:30 p.m. Building Projects
10:00 p.m. Evening Devotionals
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Set up for camp
9:00 a.m. Camp Day: Transportation Day
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt/Monument/Shopping
2:00 p.m. Building Projects
6:30 p.m. Evening Meal
7:30 p.m. Building Projects
10:00 p.m. Evening Devotionals
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Thursday, June 20, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Set up for camp
9:00 a.m. Camp Day: Art
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Clean it up Pack up
2:00 p.m. Depart for Retreat in Jarabacoa
* Stay at Rental House. Evening reflections, rest, and Sabbath Time

Friday, June 21, 2019

7:00 a.m. Wake up & Breakfast
8:00 am. Morning Devotional
9:00 a.m. Depart for Whitewater Rafting
Tubing option for those not comfortable white water rafting
12:30 Lunch at Rafting place
1:30 Bus Ride Back to Cien Fuegos with stops at local water falls (small)
6:00 p.m. Dinner, Dance Party, & Project Completion
10:00 p.m. Evening Devotions
11:00 p.m. Bedtime

Saturday, June 22, 2019

8:00 a.m. Wake up
Finish Projects
11:30 a.m. Bus to the airport
3:00 p.m. Depart Santiago American Airlines Flight 1245
5:00 p.m. Arrive in Miami
6:30 p.m. Bus Pick up from Miami
10:30 p.m. Arrive back at St. Mark's—We will call when we are an hour away

Packing List

- Air Mattress or something to sleep on (we will be sleeping on the floor!)
- Sheet & Pillow. (You will not need a blanket there is NO air conditioning where we are staying)
- Soap, shampoo, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant etc
- Clothing for the WEEK. We will not be able to do laundry so please make sure you have enough clothes for the entire week. Remember it gets hot and you may want to change clothes. – make sure your clothing is dress code appropriate (no short shorts, mid drifts, underwear showing)
- Bathing suit—for this trip you can bring a two piece bathing suit that provides FULL COVERAGE! We reserve the right to ask you to put on a tank top if we feel your bathing suit is too revealing.
- Flip flops for showers
- Comfortable closed shoes
- Socks
- Towel
- Baby Wipes
- Snacks
- Sun screen (at least 30 spf)
- Bug Spray with DEET
- A Flashlight (there is no electricity on Tuesday & Thursday)
- Any medication you may need
- **A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER (IN YOUR CHECKED BAG)**

Money:

- **There is a \$25 checked bag fee EACH Way of the trip. Please remember that.**
- **You need to bring \$10 in CASH for the entry tax to get into the country (paid at the airport)**
- **Souvenir spending money. Please don't bring any more than \$75. All meals are provided for.**

Optional Items:

Small Fan

Spray bottle (for water)

DO NOT BRING:

Aspirin (Draws mosquitos and makes you susceptible to mosquito borne illness)

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I. Community Summer Camp

We will be offering day camp for 4 days while we are in Cien Fuegos (Monday- Thursday). Facilitating day camp allows for a safe environment for our neighborhood children to be during the morning, we provide them with structured activities and a nutritious snack at no cost to the families. All activities & supplies will be provided by St. Mark's. Each day will have 4 activities that our group will lead and kids will rotate through 5 stations (4 activities and a snack station). This year we hope to host 60 kids at camp. Camp theme days are listed below and each group will be responsible for planning and providing supply lists for their activities:

1. Transportation/Science Day—
2. Art Day—
3. Sports Day—
4. Carnival Day—We will be renting a bounce house and cotton candy machine in the Dominican Republic to provide for a special experience for our kids!

Average Cost for supplies for camp in US Dollars is about \$20 a student for the week. Whatever left over supplies we have from camp will be used in the classrooms in the fall (example: paint, crayons, markers, glitter, and sports equipment).



II. Community Water Filter Project

One of the major health and safety issues in our community is the lack of access to clean drinking water. Our school has water tanks which get filled when the city turns on the water (which is completely undependable) or gets filled by the local fire station. This water IS NOT DRINKABLE. Drinkable water gets delivered in 5 gallon jugs via a water delivery service or someone walks to the local colmado (corner store) and purchases jugs. This is a direct reflection of the lives of the families surrounding the school. This year we will be taking on the task of providing bucket filter education classes as well as the filters for families and elderly in our community. These water filter systems are considered a luxury in the area and we aim to target our education series to those that need it the most, children and the elderly. We will be using the bucket water systems from Filters for Hope (pictured below). Each water filter kit provide safe clean water in minutes. No electricity or chemicals are needed. Each filter kit contains everything listed below and can attach to any plastic contain or 5 gallon bucket (what we will be using). You can read more about these systems on www.fliterofhope.org

Filters

- Meets EPA drinking water standards
- 0.1 absolute pore size filtration
- Filters 99.99% of harmful bacteria, protozoa and cysts
- Filters up to 150 gallons per day
- Gravity fed, no electricity needed
- Lasts up to 10 years

Filter Kit Includes:

- 0.1 micron absolute filter
- Bucket adapter components
- Hose
- Hand drill
- Drill bit
- Filter hanger
- Filter cleaning syringe

The cost per filter system is \$40. We will also provide the bucket (around \$5). Our goal is to raise enough money to provide 15-20 filter systems for families.



School Improvement/Maintenance Projects

- I. **Cement Repair**—in 2017 Futuro had work done to create a safe play space by replacing the gravel school yard with cement. However, because the cement was laid during the rainy season it did not set properly, when we were there the cement area was already deteriorating. It is our goal to repair this play space in 2019. Working with skilled construction workers we estimate the cost of this project to be around **\$400**.
- II. **Painting Projects**—we will be doing a number of painting/touch up projects while we are at the school. These projects include: the metal & wood playground equipment, the metal protection bars on the outside windows, the building walls (outside), and some of the classrooms. Estimated Cost for paint & supplies is around **\$250**
- III. **Classroom projects**—This year's classroom projects include building more bookshelves for book, toy, and learning manipulatives. We will also be exploring ways to construct flexible seating options (like the ones pictured below) so the children have comfortable places to read and learn. We will be enlisting the help of some local quilting and sewing groups to help us create the cushions for these seating projects however we would like to be able to offer to pay for the fabric for such projects. Estimated cost: **\$250**



- IV. **Rainwater Collection Systems**- having access to water is a huge issue for our school and our community. This year we will be installing rain water collection systems on the second floor of the school. Water collected in these systems will be used for flushing toilets and cleaning. By using rainwater for these things it will save the school money and the water they purchase during the year will be able to be used for cooking. Estimated Cost for 3 Rain Water Collection systems, with stands pictured below. Estimated cost:**\$350**



- V. **Stage in Upstairs Community Space**—The upstairs space at Futuro Lleno De Esperanza is currently being used for community gathering space. By building a stage in the upstairs common space we will be able to better incorporate the morning teacher's gathering and allow the space to be rented out for extra income for the school. Estimated cost: **\$500**