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Bringing Hope and Love to children in the Dominican Republic

Casa de Luz Residential Home for Special Needs Children

Outreach into the Poor communities of Santo Domingo



Elisa enjoys time with team member

From Lourdes Valladares It is with great joy that I share about Elisa and the milestones in her young life. Elisa was the third child to arrive in *Casa de Luz* (House of Light) when she was just 1-year old. She was born to a 14 year-old unwed mother who couldn't care for herself let alone a child with special needs. No relative would take Elisa but Project Child did.

Elisa was born with abnormality of the joints in her arms and legs, rendering them useless for walking or any arm movement. But Elisa, now age 3, has a tremendous spirit and has captivated the hearts of all with her smile and personality. She always manages to work around her physical limitations. For instance, she uses her feet to play the piano!

At Casa de Luz we offer children more than around-the-clock care and love. We also strive to improve their quality of life. For Elisa, this would be the ability to walk someday. We've taken the first step to make this possible by providing surgery on her legs this past April and special braces to straighten the bone structure of her arms. She is receiving daily physical therapy from the loving hands of Anita (photo right), our physical therapist, and the results are already evident. Although she still can't walk, she can now stand!. It is our hope and prayer that Elisa will one day walk and have full use of her arms and hands. Please pray for Elisa and all the children.



Did You Know?

Starlin (left) arrived July 18 after a referral call and home visit by Frank, Lourdes, Lucas and a mission team in an impoverished area of Santo Domingo. His young mom is unable to care for his special needs.

Starlin is the 20th child now at Casa de Luz, up from six children in January 2007! The monthly budget has grown to over \$9,000 per month. Please consider allowing your donation to grow or maybe enlist friends to help the children!



Our caregiver Isabel shares tender moment with Starlin at Casa de Luz

Starlin's home:
2 tiny rooms



Opportunities for You to Help the Children



6th Annual Fundraising Dinner And Silent Auction “Step by Step”

Friday, November 7, 2008 at 6 PM at the Orange Blossom
220 4th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

YES! Those not attending CAN be involved! See below..

I will support the special November Fundraising effort! Please Contact Me.

- I may donate an item, gift certificate or service for the Silent Auction and receive tax receipt.
- I live in the St Petersburg/Tampa area and can volunteer some time to assist with the Fundraiser.
- I cannot attend the Dinner, but wish to Sponsor a table, and have PC invite local pastors or leaders to my table.
- I wish to be a Sponsor at some level (\$100 to \$500), receiving dinner tickets and program advertisement space.
- I wish to place an Ad in the evening's program. (prices \$25—\$75)
- I will plan to attend the Dinner. (price approx. \$30 per seat)

I feel that the Lord is calling me to partner with Project Child in a more permanent way to bless the poor, neglected special-needs children of the Dominican Republic.

- I will support the children of *Casa de Luz* with a \$_____ donation per month for the next 12 months.
- I desire to sponsor a child at *Casa de Luz* with a consistent donation of \$30 per month or more.
- I have airline miles to transfer for the use of Project Child.
- I will speak to my pastor, mission board, my employer or other group about possibly supporting Project Child.

Contact me about informational CD and materials.

- I will attempt to place a plastic holder and Project Child newsletters or brochures in a place of business, etc in my city. Project Child will supply holder and materials.
- My business desires to consider support of Project Child regularly. I want employees to be informed.
- I will speak to friends about supporting this work. Mail _____ extra copies of each newsletter to me.
- I will forward your emailed newsletters to a circle of friends.
- I am interested in going on a Project Child Mission Trip this Winter or in Spring '09. Keep me informed.
- I am bilingual English/Spanish and can help with publication translation and/or verbal translation on a trip.
- I live in Tampa/St Pete and will assist with collection of items for the container going to Casa de Luz in the DR.
- Other: _____

Name(s): _____ Email(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Bus _____

Mail or Fax form to: Project Child, 4604 49th St. North #44, St. Petersburg, FL 33709 Fax: 727-526-2569



Painting a Casa de Luz room with "Chika-Chika Bum Bum" theme in time for kids' Birthday Party below.

Team at Work

Walls built for three Casa de Luz rooms



Team girls play with Ruth

Loving the Kids



Rosaura in pool for first time at team hotel



Kids at new church in poor area receive backpacks with school supplies.

Outreach



Maternity gift bags, diapers, etc lovingly given by team to new mothers in local hospital where they were gladly welcomed.



Team member shares Spanish-language Gospel tract with local girl outside her home.

Evangelism



The team joins with a local pastor and band to hold an evangelistic meeting on the grounds of Casa de Luz. Local people attend.

PROJECT CHILD INFORMATION

Who We Are

Project ChildHelp, Inc (dba Project Child) is a Christian, non-profit 501(c)3 incorporation in Florida since 1999. Donations are Tax Deductible.

We are dedicated to assisting and loving abandoned, orphaned, and neglected **special needs children in the Dominican Republic (DR)** by meeting their medical, physical and spiritual needs.

We also seek opportunities to do individual/group evangelism and to support local church work among the poor in the Dominican Republic.



Above: Frank and Tia
Below: Lucas (left), Lourdes (right) outside a new church planting.

What We Do

Current Activities include:

- We operate “Casa de Luz” (House of Light) in a suburb of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. We have 20 full-time (resident) special needs children and a paid staff of 20 caregivers, nurses, therapist, and doctor providing 24-hour care and facility management. Monthly operating budget is \$9,500.
- We lead several Mission Teams per year to the DR. See examples of activities in this newsletter.
- Forty-foot shipping containers are sent to the DR from Florida. They are full of donated appliances, medical supplies, clothing, etc.

Goals for 2008 — 2009

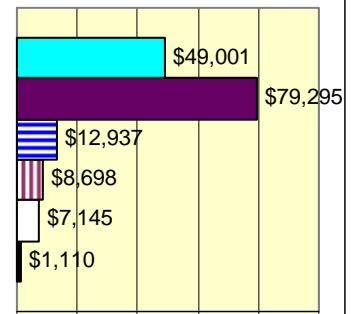
How you can be a part:

- Additional regular donors needed to fund staffing and food to care for current children and 12 more children. We have the room!
- Construction Funds needed to complete the second floor of Casa de Luz, plus other projects.
- Join us on a future Mission Trip! All ages are welcome.
- Donations of domestic appliances, medical supplies, clothing, etc in St. Petersburg, FL to fill the next container going to the DR.
- You can promote Project Child in your area, perform various activities in our office, or be an English-Spanish interpreter for our newsletter & trips. Call for info.

For more History & Information, see our Website:
<http://www.projectchild.org>

Project Child 2007 Functional Expenses

- Dominican Republic program expenses
- Payroll expenses for Dominican Republic staff
- USA Office/Administrative Expenses
- USA Fund Raising, mail, marketing expense
- USA Financial & Professional fees
- Payroll expenses for US staff



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