

The DREAM PROJECT

December Newsletter

Young Stars:

- The Young Stars Program thanks Gary Keith and the Office of Public Affairs for their generous donation.
- A big thanks to Stefan Meister and Ocean World, who donated two free trips to the Young Stars students.
- The new gardening program at the DREAM Center has already produced lettuce, radishes and a variety of herbs. This project is run by local volunteer Deb, and provides healthy choices and life-long skills to the children of the Callejón.
- On November 7th, 20 Young Stars students attended a Jazz Workshop sponsored by The Dominican Republic Jazz Festival. Thank you to the musicians and organizers of this workshop!
- Check out our Student Blog: <http://dreamblogcabarete.blogspot.com>. Kelly, a local volunteer, is incorporating photography classes into the blog.
- Two girls from our Student Blog group went to the three-day National Encargados del Futuro Conference in Santiago, which offered computer and leadership training to 50 exemplary youth from across the DR.

Montessori:

- The Annual Montessori Christmas Party will be on December 18th!
- DREAM is working on getting birth certificates and medical exams for all Montessori students.
- In October, 72 students had Perfect Attendance!

Fundraising:

- DREAM is participating in an online gift fair this holiday season. See <http://www.ithacaaltgiftfair.org> for more information.

Spotlight of the month:
The US Charge d'Affaires site
visit on November 18th.



DREAM Staff with US Charge d'Affaires



US Charge d'Affaires observes a class



Caraballo's Escojo Mi Vida trash clean up



DREAM Girls honor the International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Community:

- Millwoods Christian School will be running free basketball clinics throughout the Cabarete/Sosua area the second week of December.
- DREAM provides monthly transport to the Island Impact medical clinic in La Ciénega.
- Thank you for your support for the upcoming Flea Market, which will be held for the local community on December 4th.
- Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20602308232>

Teacher Training Program:

- Program Coordinator Massiel Santos works closely with 10 teachers in three local public schools: Puerto Cabarete, La Colonia Nueva, and Salomé Ureña, creating a valuable professional learning community which develops and shares effective strategies for improving literacy.
- The December writing contest at Puerto Cabarete will culminate in a celebration of creativity and improved writing skills!
- Bimonthly workshops will continue at Salomé Ureña.

Young Stars Caraballo:

- The teen service group, Escojo Mi Vida, led a community trash clean up, represented Caraballo in youth meetings in Santiago and Santo Domingo, and made candles to fundraise for community projects.
- DREAM Caraballo is helping undocumented children acquire birth certificates and other legal documents needed to attend public school.
- The Caraballo community is raising funds to go towards the purchase of a bus to transport secondary students to school.

Donate now and
get involved!

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