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# The DREAM PROJECT

Dominican Republic Education And Mentoring Project  
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## March Newsletter

### Spotlight of the month:

#### **The Doña Flora and Benjamin Rabinovitch Learning Center**

The DREAM Project is extremely pleased to announce one of the most significant contributions ever made to the community of Cabarete. The family of Donald Rabinovitch will honor their parents, Doña Flora and Benjamin Rabinovitch, with a very generous donation to the construction of our new Public Library and additional model Montessori pre-school classrooms. DREAM and the Rabinovitch Family have decided there is no better way to honor their parents than to educate children in need. We are all hoping this act of generosity will inspire more potential donors to get involved in Cabarete's future.





Centennial College's workshop for our adult computer class.

### Havikoro Dancers Hit Cabarete

The world famous hip-hop dance group Havikoro launched their Dominican Republic tour with DREAM this month, offering workshops for the Colonia Nueva and Caraballo "Estrellas Jovenes" students, as well as two free performances for the Cabarete community. The main event on March 17th was co-organized by Vatche Avakian, and sponsored by the US Embassy Office of Public Affairs, Easy Event Solutions, Villa Taina, Pomodoro and Lax. Over 1,500 people attended the show, which featured music from local artists Soul Libre and DJ Joe Belmarez. DREAM's own "Estrellas Jovenes" at-risk youth group also preformed with newly learned material from their workshops with Havikoro.

### Centennial College Student Trip March 7-21

Centennial College students joined the DREAM Project for two weeks in March to offer workshops in the areas of education, health, eco-tourism, business, journalism and transportation. This launches the first Centennial College International Service Learning Scholarship and the Global Citizenship Experiences Abroad initiative. DREAM looks forward to working with Centennial College for many years to come. Read more about their trip on their blog: [www.centennialcollegeblog.com](http://www.centennialcollegeblog.com).



Havikoro performs with our Jovenes Estrellas students  
Mike Gussack, photographer



Beyond the Beach Children's Foundation has contributed to the Partners Program once again. [Click here](#) to learn more about their work.

### Updates on the Haiti Relief Effort

Visit our [Haiti Relief Guide](#) to learn more about what you can do, and what DREAM has already done to help the ongoing relief effort in Haiti.

### Birth Certificate Program

For many young Dominican and Haitian-Dominicans, not having a birth certificate can be a major road block to obtaining an education in the Dominican Republic. Through the efforts of local volunteers, the DREAM Project helped over 60 children acquire birth certificates at the Birth Certificate Fair in Puerto Plata. DREAM has also helped individuals visit government offices in Puerta Plata to obtain birth certificates. As we expand this program to all four of our sites, community members from Abreu, Batey Caraballo, Sabaneta and Cabarete will continue to participate in workshops held in the DREAM Center by members of the Birth Certificate Fair.

### US Coast Guard Takes a Day Off



Members of the US Coast Guard decided to spend their 24 hour shore leave working with DREAM and the Caraballo Young Stars Program in a garbage cleanup project. These amazing sailors skipped the beach and joined with over 50 youth to pick up garbage and dispose of it responsibly, teaching a valuable lesson and sharing a lot of laughs along the way.

## Volunteering with DREAM

We are still looking for year-long and summer camp volunteers. To apply, please fill out an [application](#) and send to The DREAM Project, PO Box 4136, Ithaca, NY 14852 by March 31, 2010.

Donate now and get involved!



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