

# The **DREAM**PROJECT

Dominican Republic Education And Mentoring Project  
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## May Newsletter

### Spotlight of the month:

#### Thank you to our Year-Long Volunteers!

As the end of the school year nears, we must say goodbye to many of our year-long volunteers. To Kathleen Bertrand, Lindsey Parr, Summer Harrison, Mauri Miller, Renata Sancken, Massiel Santos, Asahi Wada, Jaime Guernsey, and to those staying on for Summer Camp - Taylor Rand, Laura Siegle, Rachel Norton, and Ani Yanachkova: on behalf of the DREAM Project we wish you the best of luck and success in all your future endeavors. Thank you for all your hard work and support this year! We all look forward to seeing you again soon and often.



## Sponsor a Child for the Guzman Ariza Summer Camp

The 2-year USAID grant has ended, but DREAM is committed to offering a quality summer school and camp to 250 youth in the Callejón and La Cienaga communities. You can help by sponsoring a child for the Guzman Ariza Summer School & Camp for \$400. The camp is free for children to attend, but for each child to receive 4 weeks of a full-day camp with reading, writing, math, art and music classes, field trips and lunch, the cost incurred upon the DREAM Project is \$400 per child. The camp has improved literacy and 8th grade graduation rates in the Cabarete public schools. Please help us continue this quality program for the youth of the Cabarete area. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please [donate](#) today.



## Volunteering with DREAM

We are still looking for year-long and 1/2 year volunteers. To apply, please fill out an [application](#) and send to The DREAM Project, PO Box 4136, Ithaca, NY 14852. We have extended the deadline to August 1, 2010.

## EcoArte Project in Cabarete



Centro Leon sponsored the first EcoArte Project in Cabarete on Wednesday, May 12th. Eight Facilitators from Centro Leon in Santiago joined us to teach the Young Stars about the environment through a hands-on art project. Over 25 of our Young Star students designed and painted large garbage cans that will now be placed all over Cabarete as a functional reminder that we have to protect our beautiful environment.

## Items Needed for our Flea Market

The DREAM Project is currently looking for used clothes, shoes, household items and similar donations to be sold at our pulga (flea market) to raise funds for our educational programs. Items can be dropped off at the office or the DREAM Center, located in the Callejón de la Loma. Please donate by May 19th. The pulga will be held on Friday, May 21st. Call 809-571-0497 for more info. All proceeds from this month's pulga will go towards the purchase of summer camp supplies.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Shoes
- Clothes
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Appliances
- General household items

## Student Spotlight:

### Delvin Reyes, Age 15

Young Stars 2008-2009, Summer Camp 2009,  
Young Stars 2009-1010, Summer Camp 2010



Meet Delvin Reyes, one of our many Young Star Super Stars. Delvin has received over 640 more hours of schooling than a student who has not been involved in the Young Stars program. Delvin first joined our program in September of 2008 as a sixth grader who was reading at a first grade level (level 7 as tested through the Rigby Readings Evaluation Method). This is roughly equivalent to an American 1st grade reading level. Through a year of hard work, a significant time in the classroom, and hours spent practicing on his own, Delvin improved his reading to a level 16. Since then, his reading has improved by leaps and bounds. Now, less than a year and a half after he first joined Young Stars, Delvin is a seventh grader looking forward to his eighth grade year and is reading at a level 30 (Rigby Reading), the highest level in this evaluation method. Delvin is now entering our Youth Leadership Program and will be participating in the English-Immersion section of the 2010 Summer Camp.

## Social Media Workshop

### With Tammy Camp

On May 7th, blogger Tammy Camp taught a Social Media Workshop at the DREAM Center. Special thanks to [Dell Education](#) for their support, and to DREAM Advisory board member Tammy Camp for teaching the class. Check out the blog the students worked on at the following link: <http://thedreamproject.posterous.com>.



## Summer Camp Supplies Needed!

We're looking for supply donations for our 2010 Summer Camp. Please take a look at our [Supply Donation Wish List](#) and [email us](#) if you can bring anything down with you to the DR on your next visit. We would be so appreciative, and the campers will thank you!

Donate now and get involved!

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