NEW HORIZONS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

FUNDACIÓN “REDES SOLIDARIAS”
What is the New Horizons Volunteer Program?

New Horizons is a private, non-profit organization that is not associated with any political or religious activities. It’s objective is to initiate and coordinate, the support and help through national and foreigneers volunteers in different associations, organizations and communities which need help for carrying out their activities.
Ecuador is a country that in recent years has had an increase in the level of poverty. This is evident for the number of children who live and work in the streets. New Horizons works by helping with different projects of social, cultural, educational, communitary and small enterprises development. We hope to help eradicate extreme poverty which affects underprivileged sectors in Ecuador.
How was the program founded?

Social organizations always need volunteers to develop and assist their various projects. Aware of this problem, a group of professionals included social workers, founded New Horizons Volunteer Program in January 1997.

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Mrs. Laura Cordova, is the manager of New Horizons Volunteer Program, she was born in Manabí province. She is Social Communicator specialized in Public Relations. As a college student worked together with a group of colleagues helping in poor neighbourhoods in Quito. Her passion has been always social work. She also worked for five years as Spanish teacher in some schools, this was the contact’s point with foreigners, and she started to be the channel between volunteers at institutions. She met Fabienne Tieche there, she is from Switzerland and she has always been keen to help others too.
Laura and Fabienne in a project in the Ecuadorian jungle.
Fabienne Tieche was born in Grenche, Switzerland. Her profession is Physiotherapist. Her impulse for the creation of this program, was because she likes social work and when she knew Laura, she understood that together they can develop and help social projects for helping others.

Fabienne and Laura started to prepare a project for channel the help of volunteers and together created New Horizons volunteer Program, on October 22 of 1998. Later, on May of 2001, it was created the Foundation "Redes Solidarias", with the mission of working together.
What are our objectives?

- Contact volunteers national and foreigners who wish to give help in different projects
- Channel the different donations, according the necessities of the organizations (books, clothes, toys, medicine, etc.).
- Give support in technical training in social organizations where we work in activities like: carpentry, ceramics, bakery, locksmith, music, etc.
- Help to manage the economic support to conduct the projects of the program and the Foundation.
- Help in the commercialization of handicrafts in micro-enterprises
• Organize meetings, lectures and conferences in topics like: Family planning, motivation, Human Resources, etc.
• Promote cultural interplay.
• Participate in the building and remodeling: cabins, nurseries, water tanks, green houses, etc.
• Help in the conservation of environment through reforestation and recycling.
• Contact people and organizations interested in helping with scholarships.
What is our job

- We join the knowledge and experience of the volunteers with the needs of the organizations.
- Make a prior study of the organizations in which we work.
- Analyze the information of the applicants.
- Give the necessary instructions to ensure a successful work for the volunteer.
- Evaluate the work done by the volunteer in each organization.
- Coordinate permanently the work between organizations and volunteers.
Projects

We have projects in the four regions of Ecuador: Coast, Highlands, jungle and Galapagos islands.
You can work in:
SIERRA
ORIENTE
GALAPAGOS
Social Projects

This project gives help to children and elderly people of low economic resources, who has been abandoned by their families. The volunteers participate in activities that consist of recreation, care and feeding the children and elderly.
Educational Projects

This project consists of helping children and teenagers in public educational centers that are in elementary and high school levels. These are located in urban and rural areas where the knowledge of English is minimal.

The volunteers help to teach English, arts, computing and sports. Besides they can help with scholar support to enhance their knowledge.
Health Projects

The volunteers can work in medical centers in rural areas or in hospitals located in big cities, according to their medical knowledge.
Community Projects

The volunteer, during the participation lives in the communities, helping to improve life conditions without need to change or alter their culture and their customs.

The participant collaborates in different areas of education, health and agricultural productivity like sowing and harvesting.
Micro - enterprise Projects

This project helps train groups of people with low economic resources in manual handicrafts. They use materials in each area. This activity allows them to get a small income which helps to develop the conditions of their families.

The workshops are:

• Elaborate the recycling of paper
• Create cards of recycled paper
• Handicrafts of tagua (earings, necklaces, bracelets, keychains, etc.).
• Handicrafts of seeds (necklaces, bracelets)
Coconut’s Handicrafts
Tagua´s Handicrafts
Recycling Cards
Feliz Navidad
New Horizons has developed many and different projects, we mention the following:
Construction of playground in a community in the jungle
Construction of nursery in a community in Highlands.
Painting murals and play zone in schools and high schools in Galapagos Islands.
Construction of a tanker.
Grass’s elimination in Galapagos
Reforestation
Planting medicinal plants in the jungle.
¡Thanks!
New Horizons thanks to every one of volunteers who have worked and collaborated since 1998 with our organization.

They are our main support for New Horizons can follow with the mission of giving social help to the areas where more need in our country.
Donations

Our organization receives all kinds of donations such as:

• Economics, this is for helping in specific projects.
• Clothes and diapers for children in orphanages and nurseries.
• Books and didactic material for schools.
• Toys
• Medicine, and others.
If you wish to participate as a volunteer or collaborate with a donation, you can do it by going to the following address.
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