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Educative Activity Report, 2016.

The Association “EL Centro Explorativo” shares with you the following information about its educational activities for the year 2016, which have contributed to the development of every child in the community of La Pista, municipality Nebaj, department of Quiche, Guatemala. All of the activities carried out this year, with 147 boys and 138 girls (total of 285 students), are presented in the following report.

Library based activities

1. In the library we were visited by 729 boys and 1014 girls, a total of 1743 children who came to use the internet and library for school work investigations. You can see that we have more girls than boys using these facilities but we consider our numbers to reflect a great success and a great impact for all the students that visited El Centro Explorativo.

Activities conducted in the library

1. 113 students came to the library exclusively to use a computer and internet.
2. 154 students came to the library exclusively to use the books to carry out school work investigations.
3. We were visited by 117 fathers and 222 mothers, who were given access to the services that we provide at the Association. A total of 339 visitors.

Results from each of the programs

Program “Introduction to technology”

This program is focused upon teaching children how to use a computer so that students are able to carry out their own school work investigations. This ensures that children have an improved

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academic education before reaching secondary school, with the understanding that without this facility, parents would not be able support their children attain computer literacy skills even though it is a fundamental aspect of their child's education.

Results

Computing: Classes were attended by 73 boys and 58 girls, a total of 131 students who received approximately 80 hours of classes, introducing them to technology. Without this project these students would not have had access to this type of training. We place a great value on this program particularly as the local primary school sends children from 4th, 5th and 6th grade to participate. Local teachers are now included in the development of our technology focused activities.

Once courses have been completed, the majority of our students know how to effectively complete their homework assignments, how to create documents and conduct internet investigations. The children are more independent and are thankful for these services.

Extra support program

This program focuses on carrying out academic educational activities with children between 4 and 9 years old. There is a focus on a variety of materials and subjects such as: art, reading, mathematics, Spanish and English language, natural and social sciences. We use different activities to allow children to develop new skills.

Results

30 boys and 35 girls, a total of 65 students attended the program. These children improved their development of the following basic skills: drawing, painting, mathematics, writing, handicrafts, English and Ixil alphabet. There were approximately 160 hours of classes this year.

Brilliant Minds Program

A program focused on improving reading skills. A goal of incentivizing new reading habits and improving vocabulary, writing, handwriting, grammar, and the application of the imagination. Each child is given a book to take home to read. Support is provided to ensure the children comprehension and an evaluation is conducted to register each child's understanding. Books are exchanged rewarding effort and motivating continued participation.

Result

This program has been greatly influential on the development of Reading skills. 42 books were exchanged between 20 students focused on improving their reading. We have seen reading habits greatly improve within this group and have witnessed an improved academic development. Through

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this program we were able to benefit 70 children studying in their final year of primary school awarding each with their own book. The children attend in this community at the school “Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta”.

Development and Productivity Program

Focused on the traditional skills such as handicrafts, painting etc. A fun program for students where they can use their creativity, imagination and improve their socialization skills.

Results

We are very pleased with the results of the past year, which have seen students engage creatively in creating handicrafts and improve their selection of colours in different art forms. 14 boys and 21 girls have participated, a total of 35 students receiving approximately 40 hours of classes over the year.

Community Impact Club

This program operates on Saturdays and has been important for children of varying ages through participating in a variety of activities such as the natural environment, leadership and community projects.

Results

30 boys and 24 girls, a total of 54 children, have participated in Community Impact Club. A campaign to prevent environmental contamination was conducted using interpretative materials in vegetable and family gardens.

This year we organized a marathon for boys and girls, with “infant” and “mixed” categories. It was in benefit of the community, allowing them to participate in a new sporting event.

Other

Afternoon training was provided to the teachers of the school “Oficial Rural Mixta”. The course was titled “the temperament of children and reading strategies”.

Workshops were facilitated to teach mothers and students about the health risks posed by junk food. The workshops were conducted by the San Carlos University Guatemala, CUSAQ, head office, Nebaj.

We have begun to integrate workshops on nutrition and English into program activities where children and mothers can come and learn. Thank you to the nutritionist Betsy Ford for her support in developing our teaching curriculum.

Nutrition Program

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With Guatemala listed as one of the countries with the highest rates of malnourishment in Latin America, is it of the up-most importance that children have a healthy diet in order to achieve academically and grow healthy. In each activity carried out with the children we supply nutritious food in order to combat malnourishment.

Result

In each activity carried out with the children we supply nutritious food in order to support a nourishing diet. 438 portions of food are served each week, 1,752/month, 17,520 throughout the year. Nourishing food is prepared according to a monthly menu for 285 students. Food is provided through 10 months of the years, February to November, Monday to Saturday.

Thank you to everyone for your unconditional support in these programs. We have attached an Excel document listing the participants in each of our programs. Please reach out to us with any questions or comments.

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