

April May & June 2014



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OPEN WINDOWS LEARNING CENTER



The Second Quarter of 2014!!

Friends of Open Windows, we greet you again in this second quarter of 2014. During these months, we have worked with the children in different programs, we had a gathering for Mother's and Father's Day, and the dental care day of Dr. Zero and her team.

The programs that Open Windows develops are possible thanks to the financial support of many, as well as the volunteers that do work in this center and bring financial and material contributions.

Among the people that have done great work at Open Windows is Don Thomas, who for years has contributed to the education of many children who want to get ahead in life but lack the economic resources that make this goal difficult. In May, he paid a visit and took the opportunity to share with the scholarship students and some of their parents his experiences. He inspired them to continue on, to fight for their dreams, and to work hard to achieve their goals. He motivated the parents to keep supporting their kids, which makes the children successful.



Learning geography



Children making salads



Making crafts for Mother's day



Mr. Thomas with scholarship students and parents



Learning how to make pizza

ACTIVITIES

LOVE OF READING



Luis César with the book of the week

At the library over the past months, we've done a reading program where each week we promoted a book, with the goal of motivating the children to read all kinds of literature. Each week we chose a book, and on Friday, we conducted a reading comprehension test to choose a winner and award a prize. Many of the children were active participants, among them Luis César, a boy who loves to read who has attended the learning center since he was 6. Now he is 10 and is in 5th grade. Since he was little he has attended the learning center daily and even though he didn't stop his work, he liked to copy lessons to improve and advance, and copied all kinds of literature.



Reading books we like

The majority of the weeks, the winner of the literature contest were Luis César. He was the first who requested the reading and checked the results. This incentive led the children not only to be interested in the same book, but also to exploring other books. This invited other children to read about different topics.

MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY



Participating in contests



Children singing and playing the flute on Father's day



Fathers participating in a contest



In May the gathering for Mother's and Father's Day took place where there were contests, prizes, gifts and a play starring the teachers who represented the different roles assumed by mothers. Around 100 mothers participated, and at the end of the event were given a gift of a small container (donated by Mr. Benny) with a pound of milk. In June, we had a gathering with the fathers for their day. Mr. García gave a talk about how parents play an important part in the education of their children, with stories and examples and skits that invited the men to take on that role for the success of their children.



Discussion about Father's day

The kids performed music on the flute and sang Ode to Joy thanks to the help of volunteers Lea and Stefano. The teachers presented a role play of the roles of parents and their influence on the children. There were contests, prizes, and light refreshments.

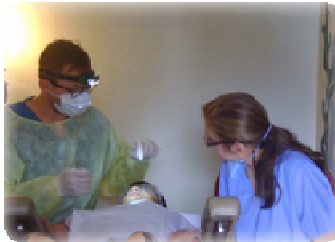


IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

ORAL HYGIENE WEEK



Doing a dental cleaning



Pulling damage teeth



Teaching how to take care of teeth



Filling cavities

Doctor Zero and her team of students spent four Dental Hygiene days teaching dental hygiene, applying fluoride, and filling cavities. With the help of Dr. Briones from Guatemala City, they pulled children's damaged teeth. There were more than 250 children who received these benefits at no cost. As well as receiving a toothbrush and toothpaste, they received instruction about how to keep their teeth healthy.



Applying fluoride

GIFT OF GLASSES



Sergio in his new glasses

Sergio is the third of eight children. He's 8 years old and is in second grade. When he began coming to the learning center, we realized that he had a certain reading deficiency, and when he took books, he held them too close to his face. When we spoke with his mother, she indicated that they had taken him to the doctor, but for lack of resources, they hadn't purchased glasses. At Open Windows, besides serving as a learning center for kids, we strive to give people a better quality of life, and giving glasses to this children is one of the ways of contributing to his development. Now Sergio is happy because he can enjoy the books in the library and he doesn't have difficulty reading or doing his homework.

GLUCOSE LEVELS AND BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

On Fridays there are more than 15 people who come to get their glucose levels and blood pressure checked. Per month, there are more than 60 people with chronic diabetes who come to get

checked. Besides these services, Doña Elizabeth is in charge of speaking with them about the importance of a healthy diet that includes more vegetables and fruits and fewer fats and animal derivatives. When Doña Inocenta started in the program, she had very elevated glucose levels; now she has been able to maintain more stable levels thanks to medicine and attending to her indicated diet.



Waiting for glucose check



Checking the blood pressure of Mrs. Chenta



VOLUNTEERS

Stefano teaching English and geography



Stephanie teaching how to make a tasty sandwich out of fruits and vegetables



Stacey doing an activity with the kids



Making pizza!

In these months, various volunteers of different nationalities came to work with us at the learning center, such as Stefano, Lea, Stacey, Stephanie and the group Global Legacy. Each one did different activities with the kids, according to his or her talents and abilities, as well as preferences. Some volunteers taught the children how to make pizza and salads; others gave English, geography, art and dance classes. Stefano and Lea were with us for the longest, and taught the children how to play the flute and sing some songs.



Teaching Asian dance



Lea teaching English and geography

At Open Windows, we offer different kinds of volunteer work, and the children always appreciate learning from the foreigners who visit us.



Doing activities with the children

All of these activities and programs could not be developed without the help of those that support this institution. Open Windows makes the dreams of many children come true thanks to these donations and the work of volunteers. We hope to be able to continue to count on their help.

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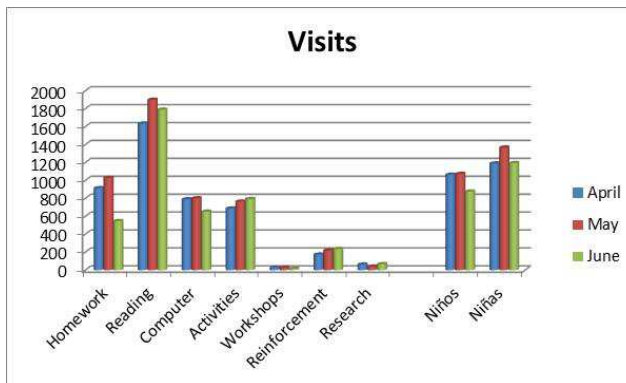
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Montly Visits

April	Boys	1,064	Girls	1,190
May	Boys	1,073	Girls	1,367
June	Boys	877	Girls	1,194

