



The A. Jean Brugger Education Project, Inc.

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Community Service Program



Community Service Program: young leaders pledged to bring about social and economic change in their community.

In August 2010 Fundación A. Jean Brugger initiated the "Community Service Program" directing the young scholarship students to become part of an educational and social process that has four directions:

1. To interact and reflect on the social reality of their community which shaped their development.
2. To give back to the community as part of their personal and community responsibility.
3. To develop individual and professional values.
4. To own and abide by the objectives and mission of the Fundación A. Jean Brugger.

Methodology

The methodology applied is based on the development of the community through social action carried out in phases; the first two are: Social Diagnosis (I) and Project Management (II). Alvaro Novoa (Director of Social Programs) works closely with the students in all phases.

Social Diagnosis: Prior to the identification of social components (health,

education, culture, environment, etc.) needing intervention, we involve young people in the gathering of socio-economic information about the selected community. Once the information has been collected, the results are processed and presented and the problems and/or needs identified and prioritized, based on the time, resources and capacities of each young person and the Fundación.

Project Management: Once the young people have identified and prioritized the community problem or need, they design a simple proposal for social intervention. They then formulate a plan of action that they implement. The social proposals of each group are reviewed by the Director of Social Programs and feedback is given to the students. Once the proposal is approved, Fundación A. Jean Brugger accompanies and supports the students in the management of the project and in the coordination with institutions and the community. Fundación A. Jean Brugger manages the economic resources to financially support the budget of each project, which was developed in the planning process by the scholarship students. The execution period of each project is scheduled for one year as the first stage of the project.

In 2016 the community service program is made up of 8 groups with the participation of 40 scholarship students who are intervening in different issues focused according to their field of study. This allows the work of the community service project to directly reflect the subject matter of the students' studies and to give the students practical experience in their career choice. The groups are as follows:

1. Tourism (Community Remanso).
2. Medical Sciences (Barrio Zacarías Mora).
3. Systems Engineering (Barrio Barberena).
4. Technology and construction (Barrio Luis Arroyo).
5. Business Economics (Barrio Frente Sur).
6. Science, technology and environment (Barrio La Talanguera).
7. Humanities and Commerce Sciences (Barrio María Auxiliadora).
8. Sciences Humanities, Law, Education and Language (Barrio Las Delicias).

Below is a brief summary of the social initiatives implemented in 2016.

Students of Economic Sciences



The purpose of this social initiative is to teach the basic tools of management to the owners of small businesses so they are empowered to better utilize their resources and maximize their profits. This project includes training on topics such as team work, best practices in business administration, accounting and finance, and the maintenance of account records, among others. The project began with four business owners and the students anticipate expanding those numbers as the project proceeds.

Social Science and Law Students



The overall objective of this initiative is to provide 6th grade students a basic knowledge of the English language that will give them a boost in the transition to high school.

The English classes include interactive practice in pairs and groups; singing in English; exercises in speaking, listening, writing and reading English; and homework assignments.

In addition, as a second stage of the project, the scholarship students are going to work with these children, other young people, and key actors in the community of Las Delicias to strengthen their understanding of Nicaragua's Sexual Education and Reproductive Laws.

Students of Political Science and Commerce



The general objective of this social initiative is to educate children and adults about the importance of community organization and participation in the management of socio-economic development of the community.

During the first stage of the project the scholarship students have begun to work on their activities with 40 children from the Maria Auxiliadora Center Primary School in order to promote the importance of integration and community participation from an early age. The themes serve to implement civic responsibility, personal and social values, the promotion of teamwork through community participation, discipline, organization, integration and values such as punctuality, responsibility, etc.

Tourism Students



The general objective of this social initiative is to provide basic English language instruction to the primary school children in the rural school of Azul y Blanco in order to equip them with basic knowledge as the first step in their educational development.

The beneficiaries of this project are 25 school children in the second and third grades. The teaching methodology is participatory, combined with theoretical and practical methodologies, in reading, listening, pronunciation and writing. They have already begun teaching the numbers, letters and colors in the two previous classes held with these students.

Engineering and Architecture Students



The project involves the installation of tiles in the cement waterway which is located between Pelican Eyes Hotel and the neighborhood of Luis Arroyo. The project aims to provide greater security to residents and at the same time improve the appearance of the community.

The direct beneficiaries of this project are approximately 440 people from the Luis Arroyo neighborhood. The first stage involves developing the design of the tile. The engineering students are currently in the drafting process. In November they began working in partnership with the municipality of San Juan del Sur.

Computer Engineering Students



The objective of this social initiative is to provide basic computer knowledge to sixth grade children of the San Francisco de Asís school in order to equip them with the basic concepts of computing as an additional tool during their educational development.

The beneficiaries of this project are 35 sixth-grade students. The classes will be theoretical-practical and participatory. In the first study session they learned about the parts of the computer. Other topics: Hardware and Software Devices, Keyboard parts, and Windows.

Industrial Engineering and Environmental Quality Students



The general objective of this social initiative is to: Evaluate and reduce the vulnerability of the people of the Talanguera community to risks of natural disasters.

It is intended that this group of scholarship students present the plan to the municipal government of San Juan del Sur with the support of Fundacion A. Jean Brugger to be assessed if it is feasible to implement in that community.

According to the project document, the beneficiaries include more than 600 inhabitants who live within the area of the contemplated activities, which include: assessment of the risk zone, Identification of safe areas, generation of risk map, preparation of a contingency plan, etc.

Medical Sciences Students



The project name: **Counseling for pregnant women in the Casa Materna (Mama Tiodora) San Juan del Sur, with focus on danger signs and risk factors during pregnancy.**

The aim of this social initiative is: To provide preventive information to pregnant women about the risk factors during pregnancy through lectures and printed material.

Among the activities developed by the scholarship students are the realization of an informative mural on risk prevention during pregnancy, talks about breastfeeding and warning signals in pregnancy, cleaning in the Casa Materna, and distributing donated nursing materials.

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