Proyecto Horizonte

News Update — March 2012

Dear Friends,

The month of February marked the beginning of our new school year. Our team did spectacular work starting up all programs for the year, including several new initiatives in the area of community development. We look forward to sharing the updates with you as the work progresses. Please continue to support. Some of the unique, fun, and simple ways our donors have helped is through organizing dinner parties, dedicating the equivalent of a cab ride or a round of drinks, or having bake sales. The creativity is unbounded, and the money will go directly to the organization and its initiatives , directly to help the children and families of Ushpa-Ushpa.

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Here are some examples of our activities of the past weeks!

Opening Day

In the first week of February our new school year started. The children

were welcomed at the school and the kindergarten. On the first day, a ceremony was held in front of the building as you can see it in the picture. The evening school and all programs of our Community Development Program started as well. 2012 will be special for us as we will celebrate our first graduates form the school! More pics.

Proyecto Horizonte "on air"

Proyecto Horizonte gets its weekly TV presence! Cochabamba's TV-station "Canal 21" spent the day filming all the areas of the organization, including staff, volunteers, students and women from Tantakuna. By presenting our work over the next weeks in the program called "Emprendedores Bolivia", we hope to increase our local support and awareness. The program is very popular and runs weekly every Saturday at 9am and Sunday at 1pm. We will post the clips on YouTube soon.

Clean up Day

As part of a campaign to protect and improve our kindergarten, the parents take part in a Clean up Day. After this year's initial parent meeting, work began. Over the summer, the grass and weeds have overgrown the playground. Parents have removed the wild weeds and cleaned up the gardens using their own tools. In this way they take responsibility and ensure that their children can safely learn and play every day.

Annual Check

Early February was the time for the annual health check. This is a regular and compulsory check for all children enrolled in kindergarten, performed at the health

centre. Nurses record weight and height, and doctors investigate for possible diseases. Each child is given vitamins and anti-parisite medication, as well as vaccinations. With this standard screening in place, we ensure medical treatment and the best chance for illness prevention for all children.

"Can you imagine what's Inside?"

Yes, a baby! Mothers in Ushpa Ushpa use to carry their babies in these colorful cloths, called aguayos, on their back. And for their nap after lunch we comfort the babies in their aguayos so that they feel at home.

Volunteers renovate old building

In February, we counted 25 international volunteers helping us on-site. This is a spectacular number. We are so proud to be the organization of choice for these individuals, dedicating their time across all aspects of our work. One example is the renovation of an old building that is part of our school ground. Once the work is completed, we will have additional space for classes, seminars, a woman's club, and offices for the team! Please contact us to become a part of our volunteer team, either onsite or from home . More pics..