



Project Amigo

is a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Corporation (Canadian charitable status pending) with a mission to enable the poor children of Colima to achieve their highest potential by providing educational opportunities, material support, enrichment activities, and medical and dental services not otherwise available to them.

Project Amigo facilitates partnerships between North American and Mexican Rotary Clubs to sponsor projects which benefit Mexican children and their families. These projects include community development, distribution of books of their own, the installation of libraries, computer labs, and clean water systems in rural schools.

Special work weeks can be arranged for Interact groups or for a Rotary Club that wants to do an international work project as a group. Please communicate with us about scheduling.



Details

donations

The requested donation of \$1,200 per person includes double-occupancy accommodations (for a private room, please add \$125), all meals and non-alcoholic beverages, laundry service, transportation during the Work Week, entertainment, cultural activities, and a contribution to the Project. The donation does not include transportation to Mexico, transportation for arrivals or departures other than on the first and last days of the Work Week, liquor or long-distance phone calls.

transportation

You, or your group, will make your own travel arrangements to and from Guadalajara or Manzanillo. We advise you to make airline reservations early as there is limited air service at convenient hours. Project Amigo will pick you up at the airport on the afternoon of the first day of the Work Week and deliver you back the afternoon of the last day. If your travel plans are different from this schedule, please contact us and we can help you make other arrangements.

accommodations

All Work Week volunteers will stay at the Project Amigo headquarters located in Cofradía de Suchitlán, a small pueblo about 12 miles north of the city of Colima. This gives our volunteers the added treat of experiencing authentic Mexican village life.

reservations

To reserve your place, a deposit of one-half is required. Contact Work Week Coordinator: susan@projectamigo.org

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volunteer work weeks 2011-2012



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What Are Volunteer Work Weeks? the work days

Each work day volunteers work on a variety of projects. Work may include painting walls or murals, and art projects with children. Most work weeks include reading with children, and meeting and working with Project Amigo's scholarship students. You may enjoy simply playing with children who need some extra hugs. All Work Weeks are open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians

social events

There will be plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy Mexican hospitality during your stay in Colima. The week often begins with a reception by a local Rotary Club, and includes a home visit with a Rotary family, a Rotary Club meeting, and a day to visit ruins or the beach. The week ends with an opportunity to shop for local handicrafts and souvenirs.

cultural activities

Each Work Week includes some optional educational events, including visits to local museums and archeological sites, Spanish language lessons, speakers on Mexican culture, history, or ecology, or a Mexican cooking class.



Work Weeks Schedule for Winter 2011 - 2012

christmas fiesta

2011

December 10 - December 18

Every year Project Amigo and the Colima Rotary Club host a Christmas party for 250 children. During the week before the party, volunteers sort, wrap, and label gifts of new clothing, shoes, and toys; then distribute them to the children. The climax of the week is the *fiesta* itself during which volunteers serve food, play with the children, and bring Christmas joy to hundreds of disadvantaged children. The week is planned to give visitors the opportunity to experience the Festival of the Virgin of Guadalupe.



vision week 2012

January 7-January 15, 2012

Optometrists and lay people will enjoy this opportunity to screen poor children and adults for correctable vision problems. More than 1,000 patients will receive the glasses they need. You will have the opportunity to work in several towns and villages.

literacy weeks

2011-12

November 5-13, 2011

March 3-11, 2012

These work weeks focus on sharing the joy of reading. You will assemble and deliver mini-libraries and books of one's own to hundreds of children during the week. You will also have the opportunity to visit with Mexican Rotarians, and learn about the people and culture of western Mexico.

