

Creciendo Juntos

Volunteer Program



ANdAZ Peninsula Papagayo supporting the community.

Special points of interest:

- * Benefits rural communities
- * Supports interactions among Volunteers and local population



Basic Overview

Created in 2001, Creciendo Juntos (*Growing Together*) has been working with the Guancastecan districts to increase access to education and training, empowering residents of the region to achieve a sustainable future and better quality of life, under the conviction that local communities should play an important role in their own development. Now, *the Resort has partnered with this institution to offer guests rewarding civic opportunities within the local community, inspiring guests and groups to strive for a more meaningful travel experience.*

This Program has worked hard to minister the needs of the local communities, and it's convinced that much good has been and will be accomplished through these efforts. To ensure the sustainability of benefits to the local communi-

ties, they work continually to identify and address the needs of the residents of each of these communities.

To date, there have been over 600,000 participants in Creciendo Juntos - sponsoring courses, workshops and training activities, benefiting children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens and broadening the horizon of job opportunities, self-employment and entrepreneurship for residents in the region.

"Creciendo Juntos" is convinced that the best means to accomplish its goals is to establish strong relationships with appropriate private and public institutions and governmental agencies at both, the local and national level, in order to have effectively carried out its mission. People and organizations associated with tourism and real estate in Guanacaste must become the engines of regional development, in

partnership with communities and institutions.

On July 2013 Creciendo Juntos become a **nonprofit association**, opening the door to broader financial support. Working in partnership with Amigos of Costa Rica, a qualified IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization, Creciendo Juntos is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable gifts. This nonprofit vehicle enables others to leverage our platform and technical expertise to help grow our communities. Individuals and businesses interested in helping create opportunities to build a better life for Guanacaste communities are invited to join the association.

You can find:

Creciendo Juntos History	1
Goals	1
Volunteering Options	2
Requirements	2

ANdAZ creates a connection with the community:

In 2013 Creciendo Juntos invited **HYATT ANDAZ**, Costa Rica to join its projects, so that guests could be part of an experience that generate added value to their stay. In terms of formal education, this program is developed within 18 schools and 3 high schools, with 266 teach-

ers and 4,452 students. We support schools from 30 kids to 700 kids, you can paint a school, help with gardening, teach English, do art & craft, play sports and games, share knowledge in specific area, or make donations for: technology, educational programs, school sup-

plies, sport supplies or any others; or you can adopt a family and share some time with them (have them to do some shopping groceries, clothes-school supplies, etc.).



Creciendo Juntos Volunteer Program

Program Director: Ernestina Gonzalez B.

Telephone Numbers: (506)2667 0039 / (506) 2667-0446 / (506)

Facebook: Creciendo Juntos

Website: <http://>

www.creciendojuntoscr.org/

THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE EFFORTS OF



Your help is a form of expression that communicates the personal and social values that give our lives a deeper meaning. And it is necessary in a world that has so many human needs.



Medical Attention to the children of rural communities.

“You will have the opportunity to live a invaluable experienced that would give you a better perspective about the social and economic circumstances the population of this region of the country faces on terms of education and academic challenges. ”

Ways To Support

Whether it is a family affair or a team building effort, we will custom-design an experience based on your goals and the amount of time available.

You have the opportunity to select activities that aid in supporting the local schools or adopting a family or a child during your stay. Volunteer experiences can include arts and crafts and reading to local school children, painting a school, or even bringing a backpack from home filled with supplies for local school children. If you or your team chooses to adopt a family, we hope the bond is one that you will carry long after you leave the Resort.

We could set a volunteering visit for you; also, it is important to know that a minimum donation of \$200 is suggested (in materials/Not cash). You can choose which form to contribute:

1. School Outreach Programs: Growing Together works with 18 elementary schools and three high schools - that together teach 4,433 students - in a variety of projects, including building and landscaping maintenance; donations of teaching, sports, audiovisual and kitchen supplies; cooking

and sharing meals and playing sports with students, all these enjoyed on a visit to the academic institution to share experiences with its students.

Take a Child to School:

The communities in Guanacaste have limited public transportation because of their remote locations. Since 2002, Creciendo Juntos has provided free transportation for an average of 50 students per year — efforts that helped Cándida Guevara become the El Triunfo community's first-ever high school graduate in 2008. Guests can "adopt" one or more child and help local communities grow through education.

Bring a Backpack:

If guests have extra room in their luggage, we invite them to pack some school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, color pencils & markers, sharpener, eraser, glue, ruler scissors with round end, white & color paper) and make the difference in the life of a little one. Also the hotel offer a monetary contribution option, whereby the hotel will buy a backpack with all the supplies and make sure it goes to a deserving child.

Family Care: Support a family with food, clothing, school

supplies or toys for their kids by visiting their house, shopping together, sharing hours or a day with them and even inviting them to the Resort to share a meal or enjoy the Resort facilities. You can also support disabled individuals by purchasing medical supplies and providing food.

Would you like to Plan a visit?

In order for us to arrange this visit, we would need to coordinate the following details with you, as well as with the respective staff from the program:

- Date to visit.
- For how long would you like the visit for?
- Number of guests attending the visit (please let us know their genders and ages to organize proper activities for all attendants).
- Type of volunteering you would like to do.
- Would you need assistance regarding transportation?
- Are you going to bring supplies to donate? Or would you prefer to buy them once you have arrived to the country?

Together everything is possible...!