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More Than Notes and Melodies

Music Programs at El Oasis and Las Palmas Children's Villages



Thanks to your support, our students can experience and share the joy of music. These music programs are only possible because of your generous donations.

Music is celebrated for its ability to deeply touch our minds. It serves as a kind of universal language that transcends barriers. At El Oasis Children's Village, we celebrate the profound impact of music on the lives of our children. In our music program there and at Las Palmas Children's Village in the Dominican Republic, our young learners find hope and healing as they learn music.

In September 2019, El Oasis started a program to introduce the rhythm and melody of music into the daily lives of the chil-

dren there. What began as general music classes soon blossomed into a vibrant afternoon band program, helped by the generous donation of six instruments. With these new musical instruments, a passion for music ignited on campus, laying the foundation for a healing musical journey.

The music program at El Oasis is meticulously structured to cater to the diverse needs and interests of the children. During the school day, the youngest learners engage in bell classes, while older students learn the

recorder. In the afternoons, piano classes are offered to the lower grades, with older students given the opportunity to choose from a variety of band instruments. Additionally, guitar classes and a ukulele ensemble provide opportunities for musical expression that accommodate children with different abilities and interests.

Over the years, we have witnessed the profound ways in which music has enriched the lives of the children at El Oasis.

Here are some of the key benefits we have observed:

- **Reduces anxiety:** Music is calming for the children and helps them relax. Reduced stress, anxiety, and depression levels have been noted in children with musical training, as the instrument becomes a vehicle of emotional expression.
- **Builds Self-Confidence:** As they master musical skills and perform in public, the children develop a sense of competence and self-assurance.
- **Fosters Aspiration and**

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Students learn the art of free expression and effective communication through group performances. Thank you for providing a safe space for children to express themselves!

Achievement: Participation in the music program inspires the children to set goals and strive for excellence, instilling in them a sense of purpose and determination.

• **Enhances Social Skills:** Making music together develops positive social skills such as cooperation, active listening, empathy, and cultivating a sense of camaraderie and belonging.

• **Instills Perseverance:** The journey of mastering an instrument teaches the children the value of patience, perseverance, and dedication, equipping them with essential life skills that extend far beyond the realm of music.

• **Encourages Responsibility:** Entrusted with musical instru-

ments, the children learn the importance of caring for their possessions and taking ownership of their actions.

• **Expressing Gratitude:** Music provides the children with a powerful avenue for expressing gratitude to God for the blessings and opportunities in their lives.

• **Cultivates Generosity:** Sharing their musical talents with others instills in the children a sense of generosity and compassion.

At El Oasis Children's Village, the music program is more than notes and melodies; it helps the development of personal growth, resilience, and spiritual enrichment.

Through the power of music, the children discover their voices, cultivate their talents, and continue the journey towards becoming compassionate, resilient, and empowered individuals. As we continue to nurture the musical aspirations of the children, we remain committed to using music as a tool for positive change and holistic development.

Additionally, the music program provides a safe space for children to explore and express their emotions freely through words, harmonies, rhythms, and melodies. Through solos, duets, trios, and group performances, our students learn the art of free expression and effective group communication.

We have also witnessed a notable improvement in the behavior and emotional well-being of our children. They demonstrate enhanced concentration, greater self-confidence, and a heightened sense of responsibility both at home and at school.

Music is helping to transform their lives.

Thank you for supporting the transformation of the children through music.



The children learn to strive for excellence in El Oasis and Las Palmas Children's Villages.

Project Updates Around the World



The school in Los Pinos Children's Village is currently serving 45 children. They are blessed by the influence of Christ-like teachers. Your support is truly life-changing. Thank you!

Guatemala

A new year of classes has started at Los Pinos Children's Village in the Peten region of Guatemala. The children on campus are joined by vulnerable children from three surrounding villages: La Paz, Vista Hermosa and El Milagro. The children from those villages are picked up by a van and brought to Los Pinos for a wonderful day of learning together. The teachers and staff at Los Pinos are happy to be a light for the gospel to reach the children and families of those surrounding villages. The school is currently serving 45 children. Thank you for your investment in Los Pinos and the vulnerable children in that region of Guatemala. God is at work in their lives for a better future! Thank you for the support you are providing to these children.

India

We are grateful for the generous support of donors who helped to provide a new work vehicle for the needs of the children at DEWS Sweet Home in India. The project needed the vehicle to help transport children for medical care, get needed supplies off campus and take groups of the children to facilitate worship services on Sabbath at a church planted by past children and staff. The vehicle will be a blessing to Sweet Home for years to come. We thank God and your investment in His Kids!

Congo

Thanks to your support the new houses are going up in the Patmos Children's Village in Congo. Many people died last May in mudslides from torrential rains in

that region. As a result, 48 newly orphaned children were received into Patmos that was already at capacity. God is providing for two, large new homes to be raised on the property. They are nearing completion and will add much needed space for the children to heal, grow and thrive.

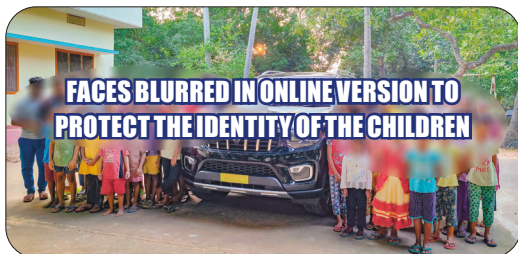
Mission Trip

Join our next mission trip! We are looking for volunteers willing and skilled to do light construction and painting at our Las Palmas Children's Village.

June 12-21, 2024

Cost is \$800 per person + airfare to Dominican Republic.

Please contact Wendy Clark at wendy@forhiskids.org for more information or to reserve your place on the team!



Sufficient funds were raised to provide DEWS Sweet Home Village with a new work vehicle! Now the children can be transported for medical needs, Sabbath outreach, etc. Thank you!



Two new homes are being constructed in Congo. Now, more children can experience the comfort of a safe place to live, food to eat, and hear of God's love for them. Thank you for blessing their lives!

Memorials

In Memory of Dean Campbell
Ruth Campbell

In Memory of Janice Creason
Gary Crevling

In Memory of Amarilis Duarte
Maria Sherman

In Memory of Jeanette Edgerton
Judy Douglas

In Memory of Gwen Gingrich
Donald & Sharon Ammon
Carol & Rit Kunau

In Memory of Gene & Virginia Haworth
John Haworth

In Memory of Eugene & Esther Krause
James & Karen Snyder

In Memory of Doris Lucas
Ruth Sackett

In Memory of William Onuska
Carol Onuska

In Memory of David Patterson
Jodi Patterson

In Memory of Allen Radke
Alvin & Darlene Schnitzer

In Memory of Hilda Schwartz
Judy Douglas

In Memory of Primrose Sisk
Lois Ritchie-Ritterli

In Memory of Emily Smith
Douglas & Melody Wheeler

In Memory of Alfred Strawn
James Strawn

In Memory of Dimitri Triantos
Rick & Sharman Bowes
Bambi & David Perrin
Karen Wecker

In Memory of Juan Carlos Way
Debra & Michael Case

In Memory of Don & Lillian Wysong
Wayne & Sherilyn Holm
Patti Titus


In Memory of Dale Ziegele
Jan Truttman

In Honor of Muhammad Arif Aminy
Steven Branch

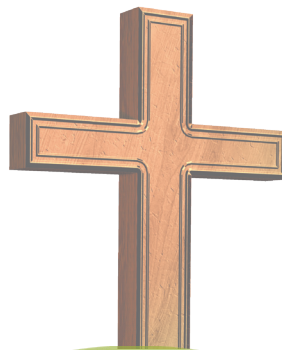
In Honor of Rick & Sharman Bowes
Kelli & Mark Westcott

In Honor of Bernice Davidson
Breanna Di Pinto

In Honor of Kevin J. Elvis Tobosaru
John & Merry Walker



May the remembrance
of the Resurrection
and the promise of the
Second Coming bring
you abundant joy and
peace this season.
Thank you for blessing
His Kids!



"He is not here; He has risen..."
Matthew 28:6



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