



Volunteering in social inclusion projects



People served

2971 including children, youth and elderly
(1628 are female and 1343 are male)



People working in the project

209 volunteers

154 women and 55 men.



Presentation of the social reality:

The political and social situation in the country is complex, but in spite of this, Itaka-Escolapios Venezuela continues to look after the people who need the most attention. Whether they are children, young people or the elderly.

Young volunteers between the ages of 17 and 25 have to work at times when they are not studying. If they opt for university they must work and study, and if not, from the age of 18 they are full time employed in 10-hour working hours from Sunday to Sunday, some of them very few with a day of rest, so they lose the enjoyment of youth, taking on responsibilities at a very early age. Knowing their days are so short of time, they get a moment to support the projects on time.

Also volunteers from 26 to 55 years of age who are committed with more dedication, these ones are promoting the network of canteens from Monday to Friday, their work is to cook for the kids and support their education.

During these 3 years, several young volunteers have dropped out of the projects, but now there are more volunteers with representatives from the schools and from each child or young person assisted in the social projects, who are now more involved and responsible.



Simple description of the task to be carried out

In Venezuela we have a variety of projects where we have a large number of volunteers, among these we have:

- Calasancios canteen network: We help children and young people from 3 years of age to 16 years old, these beneficiaries receive in addition to food, school support, both essential to get them out of the state of malnutrition and in turn level academic deficiencies, which have been generated by the situation of family vulnerability. They also receive medical attention to measure, weigh and improve their nutritional health.
- Apoyo Escolar: attention to the children of each community of Valencia, Barquisimeto, Caracas, Carora, the environment where we are located, a way to interact with children who are not in our schools, giving the opportunity of a space where they get help in improving reading and writing and basic mathematics, bringing them closer to God, rescue of values and have an accompaniment to discover their gifts or talents that will be attended from the Calasang Cultural Centre. These children have little chance of advancing in formal education, from school support we seek to level their knowledge according to their age and their learning problems so they can have better opportunities in the educational field.
- Calasang Movement: To promote the stages from the smallest to the youngest, dedicating each weekend to evangelisation, joyfully accompanying the spiritual and personal part.



Achievements in the last years

Volunteers in Venezuela are immersed in many activities in addition to those already committed to these projects, they are current warriors fighting for the improvement of their country.

Despite the current political and economic situation in the country, many remain active, knowing that they are also vulnerable to the situation, as many of our young volunteers have dropped out looking for financial support, have abandoned their university studies, have emigrated, leaving their families, but there are many who with all their efforts have stayed, they are committed to transforming, giving their time to serve the children of their communities, they dare to dream, they are committed to change in their environment and in their country, leaving behind their needs.



Future intentions (lines of improvement)

During the 2021-2022 school year, more than 200 volunteers remained active, thanks to whom we are able to care for about 3,000 people (children, young people and the elderly). It is a blessing to be able to count on people who offer a helping hand without expecting anything in return, that is why they are volunteers from the heart.

That is why we continue to support volunteering, and for this we have strengthened training in social action, empowerment for social transformation. Without forgetting to work on the issues of spiritual and personal growth that help to provide quality care.



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