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**District 5790 Lewisville Morning Rotary Club
District 4240 Rotario San Pedro Curridabat**



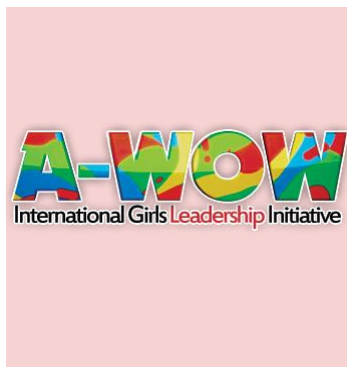
**BE THE
INSPIRATION**



“Service Above Self – Community Dental Project”

In 2017 AWOW hosted a dental pilot project for the community of Tirrases. The goals of the project are to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care while providing care to populations with high disease rates and the least access to dental care.

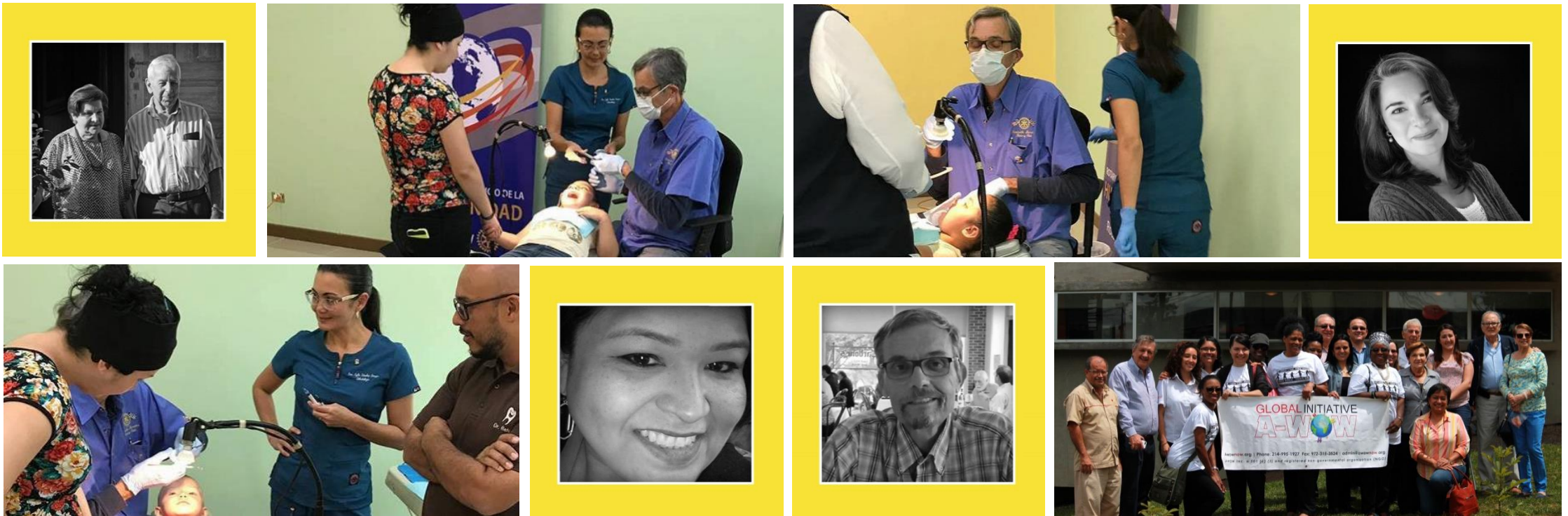
Dentists, members of Lewisville Morning Rotary (LMRC), and volunteers from North Texas traveled to Costa Rica courtesy of Southwest Airlines[®]. They assisted in the dental project alongside Rotary Club San Pedro-Curridabat and La Cometa.



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“Service Above Self – Community Dental Project”

LMRC members (President DDS. Jeff Siebert, Immediate Past President Carolyn Wright, and Rtn. Frances Al-Waely) participated in the project with members of Club Rotario San Pedro-Curridabat (Rtn. DDS. Aylin Sanchez-Campos, Rtn. Fernando and Ileana Teran), and volunteers of La Cometa Community Center to serve the children of Tirrases.



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INSPIRE

District 5790 - Lewisville Morning Rotary Club, Lewisville, Texas, USA and District 4240 - Club Rotario de San Pedro-Curridabat, San Jose, Costa Rica want to share with you an exciting Global Grant opportunity for you and your club members to travel to Costa Rica and participate in the dental project.

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IMPACT

Located in Costa Rica, Tirrases is a marginalized urban community that was formed as a community some 20 years ago, without any urban planning and under the shadow of the city's garbage landfill of Rio Azul, with a population of +20,000 inhabitants, of which 35% are under 20 years of age from very low-income families living in ramshackle environments. The residents of this community have minimum access if any at all to dental care and oral hygiene education.

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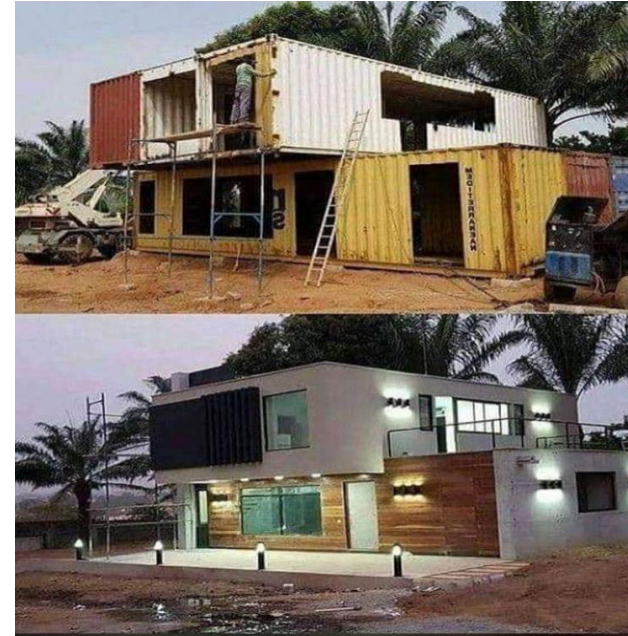
IMPROVE

Our Rotary Clubs has focused our effort in this region to improve the social conditions of these less privileged communities by investing in its human capital, young teens and young women that can positively impact their community. We have identified an inspirational project “Solar-Powered Dental Clinic” that is mobilizing skilled Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors, to be part of the Rotary theme this year. We are calling all dentists, dental hygienists, or students aspiring to work in the dental health field – this service project needs your skills and passion for helping others! You, your club, family and friends can “Be the Inspiration” by joining in and making a pledge or donation to help fund this project. If your club is interested in volunteering with us in Costa Rica, please let us know. Contact Carolyn Wright @ 214.995.1927 or rotarysmiles@gmail.com.

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STEEL CONTAINERS TRANSFORMED INTO A SOLAR-POWERED DENTAL CLINIC

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About Solar-Powered Dental Clinic



The Lewisville Morning Rotary and Rotary Club of San Pedro-Curridabat are directing this effort to provide dental services to communities in Costa Rica. The three-ton, 824-square-foot steel containers are typical of those seen in shipping yards except, for being transformed into a mobile solar-powered dental clinic. The inside, fitted with wall paneling and flooring, three dental chairs, an office, a reception, a waiting area, and restrooms.



1 AERIAL VIEW

The project location is in the heart of Tirrases, across from the Center for Alcoholic Rehabilitation, a Women Domestic Violence Shelter, Foundation Casa de los Niños School, and other community outreach organizations.

2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

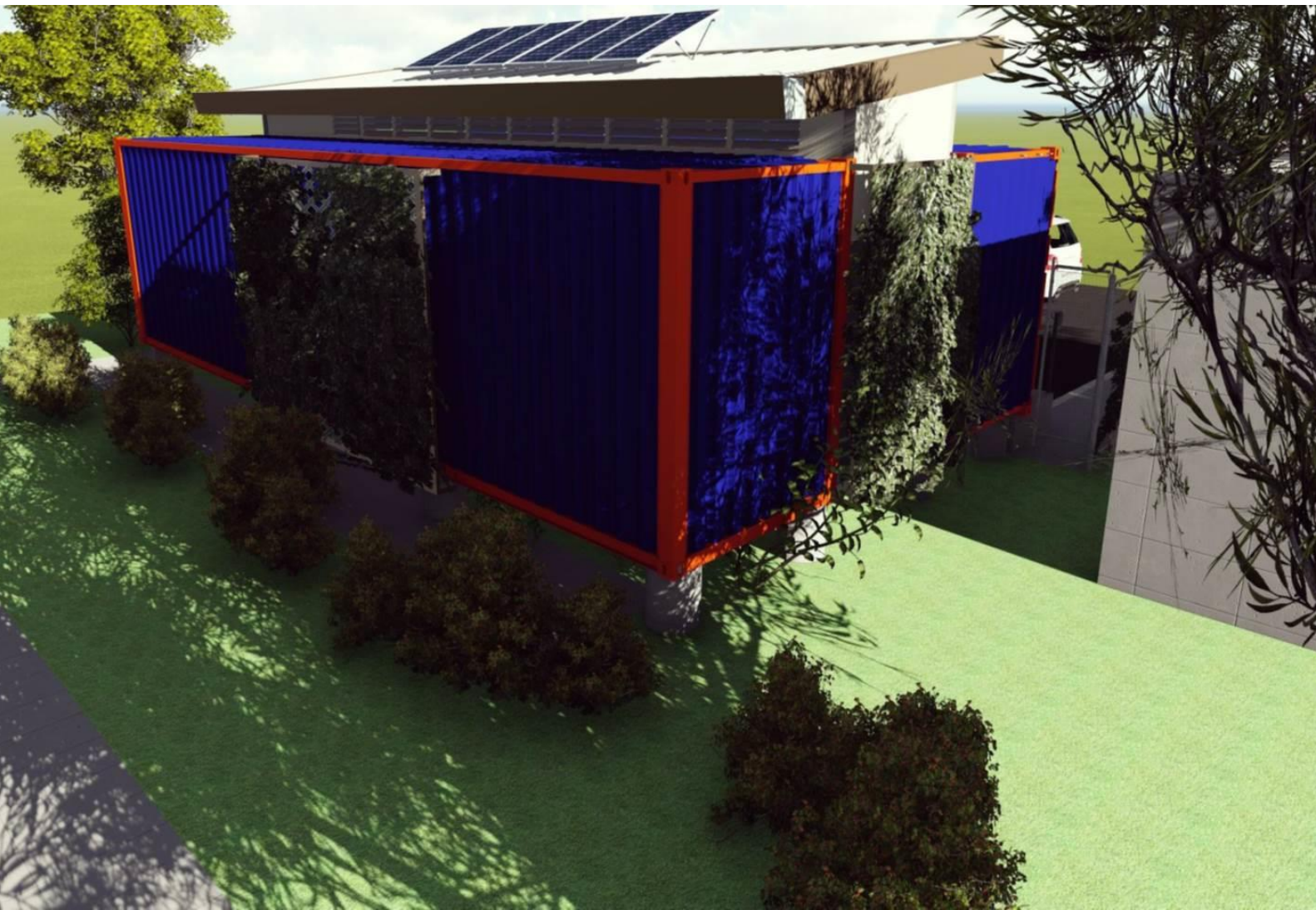
The retrofitted mobile clinic can function as a semi-permanent clinic. Also, it's designed for major and minor dental care. Advantages are it can be transported around the country, the flexibility to cover large areas, and can be deployed easily during situations where oral health services are needed.

3 APPLICATION

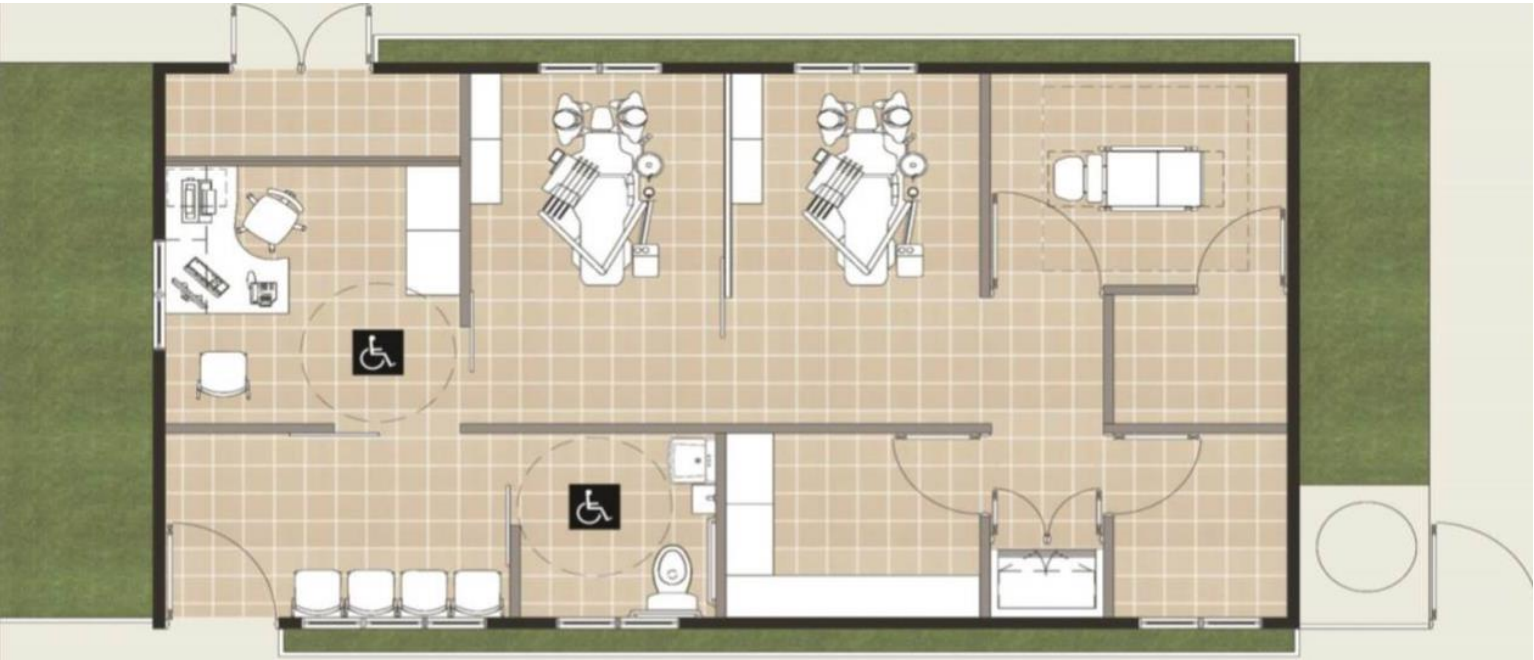
The mobile clinic relies on solar power for electricity and has a water purification system. Also, it is capable of serving other areas.

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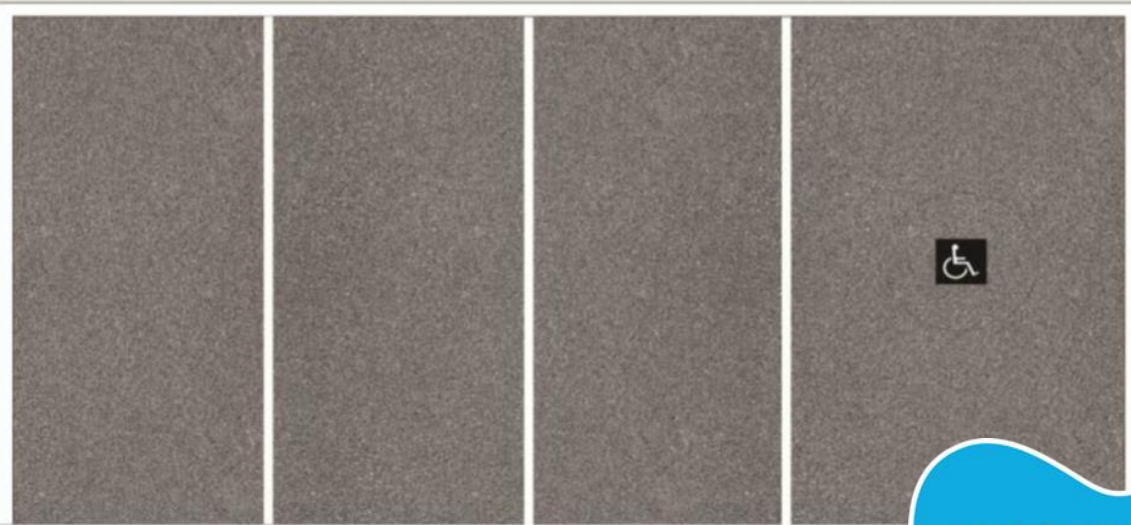
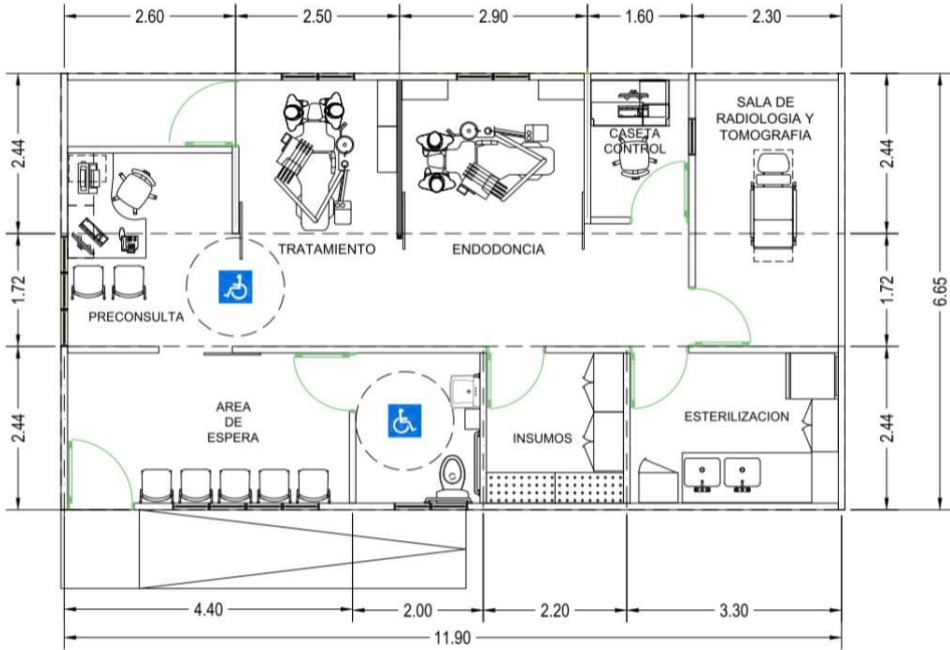
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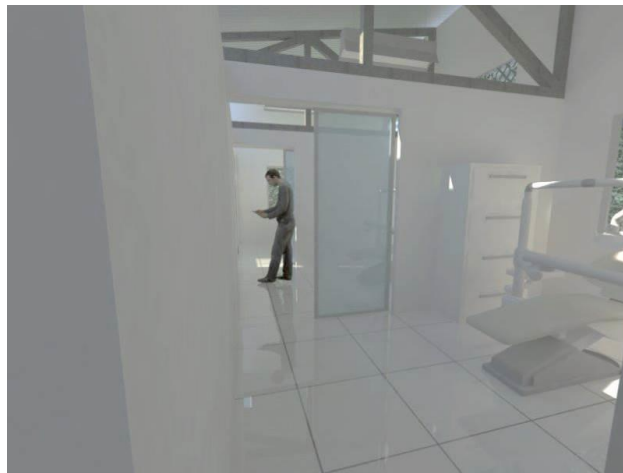
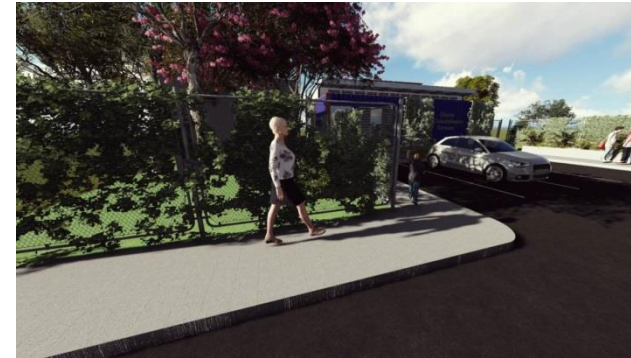


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HOW WE WILL MEET THE COMMUNITY NEEDS

- **Provide affordable dentistry.**
- **Prevent gum disease and tooth decay by treatment and proper education on oral hygiene.**
- **Reduce dental health barriers and disparities for Costa Ricans.**
- **Develop school-based, school-linked oral health, and education programs, which consist of oral screenings, dental (brushing and flossing techniques) and sealants programs.**
- **Provide preventative clinical services and oral health education to pregnant women, children, elderly and other population groups in Costa Rica.**

Partnering with schools, local and international organizations will create immediate results that will:

- **Improve the quality of health in the community.**
- **Increase the percentage and number of clients seen.**
- **Improve access to oral health by delivering both prevention and dental procedures.**
- **Expand access to oral health education.**

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The commitment to a long-term partnership with the Non-Profit Organization Albergue para Indigentes, Alcohólicos y Abandonados de Tirrases Gerardo Zeledón, the Siebert Family Dental, Meharry Medical School of Dentistry and the University Costa Rica Faculty of Dentistry will help ensure the sustainability of the clinic.

Our Supporters

THANK YOU!

Donations made from the following Rotary Clubs: Arlington Great Southwest, Mineral Wells, and Southlake.

A private donor in Costa Rica already pledged \$35,000 to transformed two steel shipping containers.

The property, including water and power services, in the heart of Tirasses also, has already been donated.

The Curridabat Municipality has agreed to fund the clinic payroll.

University of Costa Rica and Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN will train and support dental hygienists, and assistants who will work alongside local and international dentists. A student exchange program with both institutions will offer opportunities for student residencies to study abroad.

Architecture Viviana Moya has completed the blueprint to transform the containers into a mobile clinic.

Clinica Dental Loma Verde (San Jose, CR), Siebert Family Dental (Highland Village, TX), and a host of dentists to volunteer their services.



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For many years Rotarian Ileana Teran - San Pedro Rotary Community Service Chair (left) has been volunteering her time and expertise in Tirrases and is known throughout the community.

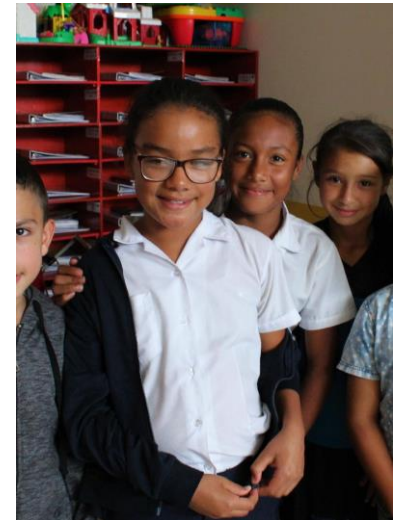
Her relationship with Federacion Hogares resulted in a donation of property and a \$35,000 private donation to acquire two three-ton, 824-square-foot steel containers transformed into a mobile solar-powered dental clinic.

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Foundation Casa de los Ninos is an afterschool facility for young students. They receive help with their homework, counseling, dental and health checkups and learn social skills.



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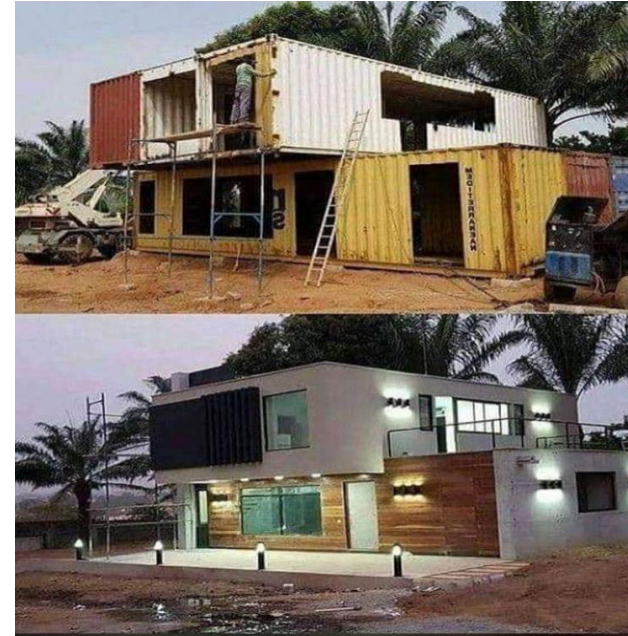
**Men's dorm, Community house and residents of
Federacion Hogares Salvando Alcoholico Costa Rica
for alcoholism and drug addiction.**



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You can join us and travel to do Good! March 7 – 10, 2019

March 7-10 trip deadline: February 7, 2019 | 4days/3nights – Watch website for the 2 additional spring trips.

Every adventure begins with a single step. Costa Rica is by far one of the most adventurous places on Earth. The country offers unparalleled natural beauty, active volcanoes, rainforests, and a range of national parks, ecotourism and the best cup of coffee!

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Valued at over \$1,700. All this at a crazy low price.

Cost Per Person: \$600 Single Room | \$540 Double Room

Includes round trip airfare courtesy of Southwest Airlines® | Airport transport | Project site transport | Buffet breakfast | Lunch | Lodging at Hyatt Place Momentum Pinares, San José. The Hyatt Place is a 4.5-star hotel, which has a wide variety of fine dining & shops, and is located across the street from Walmart. Tickets are on a first come basis; maximum 30 tickets per trip, limited to members, their families, and volunteers who participate in the service project.

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