

HHART 2020 ACTIVITY REPORT

HHART stands for *Hispaniola Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team*. HHART missions are organized and led by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach. HHART 14 deployed Jan 19 – Jan 26, 2020 and HHART 15 deployed Jan 26 - Feb 2, 2020.

MISSION

HHART's mission is to improve the quality of life of poor and disadvantaged people living in the Puerto Plata and Sosua areas of the Dominican Republic.

GOALS

Relieve poverty, promote education, improve health and develop public facilities that make communities a better place to live.

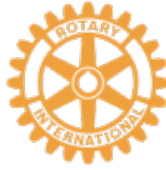
TEAM COMPOSITION

Total of 54 team members including 15 Rotarians representing 10 Rotary clubs, 14 healthcare professionals, 29 HHART veterans, and 8 youth ambassadors (teenagers) (including 4 Rotary Youth Exchange students). 24 local translators and 3 regular support vehicle drivers assisted the team.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT*

- \$26,500 via fundraising by HHART members
- \$39,400 in funds from "Rotary". Included in the total are seven Rotary district grants in which Rotary Clubs provided half the money; The Rotary Foundation/District 7010 provided the other half.
- District grant projects were: 1) Musical Literacy/Public Xylophone Installation (Rotary Club of Barrie), 2) Library & Literacy (Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron), 3) Medical and Dental Services & Supplies (Rotary Club of Peterborough-Kawartha), 4) Solar Light System Installations (Rotary Club of Temiskaming Shores), 5) Playground Equipment (Rotary Club of Timmins-Porcupine), 6) Montessori School Educational Materials (Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach), and 7) Pancho Mateo Nutrition & Health Promotion (Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach)
- Rotary Club of Collingwood/South Georgian Bay, Rotary Club of Penetanguishene and Rotary Club of North Bay made cash donations to HHART projects not funded through a district grant

* Cost for HHART member travel & accommodation is not included as those expenses are paid by team members



FACTOIDS

Dental: Team included 3 dentists, 1 anesthesiologist, 1 dental assistant and 2 dental hygienists (all Canadian). 10 clinic days. 300 patients evaluated. 250 dental patients treated. Approximate retail value of dental work provided was \$50,000. \$6,500 of dental supplies expended. 400 children aged 5-10 received fluoride treatments.

Medical: Team included 3 medical doctors, 3 nurses and 1 paramedic from Canada. 3 medical doctors and 3 nurses from the Dominican Republic joined the team occasionally. 8 medical clinics and 3 community door-to-door sweeps were conducted in 9 different communities. 250+ home visits completed. Identified 2 patients that required immediate evacuation to a local hospital for emergency treatment. Processed and paid for more than 18 referrals to specialists for patients with no capacity to pay. \$2,000+ of medical supplies and medicine purchased and dispensed. Enough aspirin/Tylenol/Motrin, cough syrup and Polysporin to last at least one year restocked in Batey Cangrejo and Batey Pancho Mateo medical facilities thanks to HHART 2020. Six large travel bags of orthopedic supplies and miscellaneous medical supplies donated to the public hospital in the town of Montellano and to the medical clinic in Batey Pancho Mateo.

Community School: \$7,200 of new educational materials donated to the Batey Pancho Mateo community school allowing the official launch of a Montessori-style school for 25+ children aged 3-5. Twelve custom shelving units appropriate for Montessori materials constructed and added to that school.

Fire and Shock Hazards: Installed 67 electrical panels in the homes of the poor that were vulnerable to electrical fire and/or presented a significant shock hazard to occupants. Cost \$1,600.

Solar Lighting Systems: Installed 225 units in 3 bateyes (Cangrejo, La Cabirma & Loma Blanca) and delivered 25 units to HHART translators for installation elsewhere. Cost: \$2,600.

Clean Water: Installed 48 water filters in 3 bateyes (La Cabirma, Loma Blanca & Munoz) that have no treated water supply. Filters were donated to HHART by *GlobalMedic*.

Literacy: Added 400+ new books to Batey Pancho Mateo's little free library system. Produced and donated 6 bookshelves as part of the development of a book reading area in Pancho Mateo and helped to introduce book reading sessions in that community. Cost: \$4,000.

Community Rapport and Development: Members interviewed prospective candidates for the positions of manager and custodian for the Batey Cangrejo Women's Centre.

Impact on Local Economy (monies actually spent in the Dominican Republic): \$50,900 spent directly on service project activities. Another \$45,900 spent for team accommodation.