



Community Development Corporation of the Americas

Our Mission:

The Community Development Corporation of the Americas serves to empower children and their families through health and education services. Our current focus is on maintaining, improving, and providing a future for Peru's health and educational services.

Program Description:

Volunteers will be working in the community of Horacio Zeballos, an area of Arequipa, Peru. Horacio is comprised mainly of lower income families who primarily work in local brick yard, making less than substantial wages. Consequently, the people of Horacio have few resources, like running water and electricity, readily at their disposal leaving challenges in doing everyday tasks. Volunteers will have an opportunity to make an impact in Horacio by working with the youth in the local primary school, School of Peace and Hope. Volunteers provide support by teaching English, art, and physical education during the school year. Between the months of January and March, when school is not in session, volunteers will run a summer school program offered to all of the kids in the community. The summer program has become an important component in the community as it provides the kids with a fun focus while they are out of school.

Other small projects have also been planned and executed for the after-school hours. Volunteers may run weekly meetings with the girls' group to provide support and open discussions for the preteen girls in the area as well as educating and giving girls an expanded view on their roles in their community and the world. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to tutor and assist kids with extra help in an after school program. Working with the teachers, volunteers will assist children who have been noted to need extra help with their studies. Volunteers are also encouraged to make their presence known as much as possible in the community. Coming after school to play soccer and simply hang out with the kids and families is a great way to grasp a better understanding of the community while becoming a dependable figure of support.

There is a lot of work to be done in Horacio; with little infrastructure there aren't many extracurricular activities. Therefore, volunteers may expand and create programs based on the needs of the community. Horacio holds so much potential that the possibility of community growth is huge.

This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to be inspired, challenged, and to learn from the people of Horacio.

Requirements:

In order to participate in CDCA's volunteer program in Peru you must fit the following criteria:

- 22-28 years of age
- College graduate or equivalent work experience
- Have ample knowledge of community building through volunteer service or studies
- Culturally open and motivated to be engaged in a new community
- Mature, outwardly engaged, and willing to work within a small community with other volunteers
- Interested in working with youth and children
- Spanish knowledge is a plus but not a requirement



Elementary school children in traditional clothing for a dance.

Program Details:

- Applications are due by September 1st
- The program runs from November 15th to December 20th of the following year
- There is a \$3000 program fee. This fee is used to cover part of your living expenses while abroad.
- The program includes: room and board with a host family, transportation to and from work, materials for work, medical insurance coverage, laundry facilities, and internet access