

CEDECAP CENTER

CEDECAP is a center with 10 special needs people they could be more but the situation of the center is precarious.



CEDECAP center is their second home and they really appreciate any help that they received

For four years, the teacher Astenia Siezar, has been supporting the 16 special needs students as a volunteer not receiving any salary. She has felt she cannot leave them because they look every day to come to the center and do their everyday activities planned for the year even though they do not have enough funds to carry out all their activities they do what they can do. They enjoy each other to expend all day at the center.

After the fence was finished (graciously funded by private donor through the Argosy Foundation) the coordinator Rosa Amelia and the teacher Astenia of the center have a plan of action during the rainy and dry season for the students. They will harvest vegetables and fruits for their own meals and look how to market any over production to local people.





The centers lack of electricity is why they are thinking of the possibility how to preserve some garden production or learn how to can them for future use. The garden is part of their daily activities that help the participants receive their therapy and provide farmer skills as they learn about soil and how the different plants grow. In addition the produce adds nourishment to students meals.

Astenia knows the center need to be sustainable and the garden in short term will provide vegetables nourishment to their meals but they would like to generate some other income. Astenia provided ideas how to develop fund raising projects: from their handcraft work (flowers, foamy, canvas and piñatas) they need hand craft materials to produce different things according the supply and demand of year events like Christmas time, Mother's day, Memorial day etc.



Another idea is to have a Pulperia or little store where they can sell different products that do not need to be refrigerated for storage. This way when visitors will come to buy this product they will get interested what the center has made (they can buy or be interested to learn and get them involved as well). From this income Astenia's dream is to earn enough money to cover the electricity costs and have once again have the electricity at the center.

Bicycle repair training requested: The participants will take care their own bikes and will offer this service to neighbors around the center and will be other way to generate income too.

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