



## About DOVE Missions

DOVE Missions is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization in operation since 2004. Our purpose is to improve the lives and futures of Dominican and Haitian children at risk and in crisis. Since our inception, DOVE Missions has successfully created and managed family sponsorship and youth development outreach programs primarily aimed at serving the children of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

In 2010, DOVE partnered with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage in Haiti. DOVE plans to implement family sponsorship programs for children impacted by the earthquake devastation. Our focus is to generate key funding needed to provide food for the home, clothing and shoes for the children, basic hygiene needs, furniture and toys, and other health preventions, treatments and immunizations.

Our programs replace the bleak landscapes of these children's lives with a safe haven, caring volunteers, and the chance to learn, laugh, and share a positive experience. Our times together transport them to a safe place where they can simply be kids.

## How You Can Help

There are many ways you can participate in a wonderful humanitarian effort to help save these children.



**Sponsor a Child.** Monthly sponsorship of a child that attends the DOVE Missions Youth Development Center helps pay for their school supplies, covers their costs in our center, and provides their family with food each month. Haiti child sponsorship covers food, school uniforms, medical needs, medical visits and operations of the orphanage.

**Sponsor an Activity.** DOVE's activities are crucial to keeping the children off the streets and engaged in a positive environment. Activities such as DOVE's Music Program, Boys & Girls Club and Vocational Center thrive from your generosity. A onetime donation or monthly sponsorship gives DOVE the funding to invest in program teachers, supplies, and other program necessities.

**Donate to DOVE's General Fund.** We would appreciate your singular donation or you can rally your friends and family to raise money to donate. DOVE is a small organization with low overhead. We know how to maximize the impact of your gracious donations. All funds are used towards general costs of running the center and any emergency costs that may come up such as a child's doctor visit.

**Book a Volunteer Vacation to Personally Give of Your Time and Caring.** Giving the gift of your time is most precious and truly appreciated. We guarantee it will change your life and your perspective.

**Generate Awareness about DOVE Missions.** Fundraising, awareness and education are the keys to helping a non-profit organization sustain its cause. Help spread the word about DOVE by hosting home parties and community fundraisers. Tell your friends about DOVE through your Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter accounts.

How you contribute is your choice. All are wonderful ways to express your caring for something beyond yourself.

## Key Accomplishments

DOVE Missions significantly impacts the lives of the Puerto Plata residents. Our successes include:

- Establishing the DOVE Missions Vocational and Recreation Center
- Creating a Youth Development Center that provides food and a safe and secure environment for the children
- Developing case management plans and home visitations to address the needs of all family members of the children in the Youth Development Center
- Teaching job-training skills and English to children at the Youth Development Center
- Strengthening a positive family bond as family members volunteer their time at the Youth Development Center, providing support and encouragement to their children enrolled in the program.

## Key Programs

### Vocational & Recreation Center:

DOVE's Center provides children living in the barrios around Puerto Plata with marketable skills and business experience that translate into opportunities - keeping them off the streets and providing them with legitimate income. Without marketable skills, many of these children are forced into prostitution, drug dealing or other illegal activities.

### Youth Development Center:

The Boys & Girls Club program implements activities that foster self-esteem, cooperation, respect, responsibility, goal setting and leadership skills in the youth we work with. Our program seeks to empower young boys and girls to be agents of change not only in their own lives but also in their communities.

