



### **Volunteer and make this world a better place!**

You can! You can use your time, talent and resources to volunteer at Dove Youth Development and change lives-including your own! There are many ways you can help:

You can sponsor a child

Volunteer on a committee

Investigate matching funds with your employer

Use Amazon Smile when ordering online

Start a fundraiser of your own thru our Dove peer to peer campaigns

Become a monthly donor to allow us to fund all of our programs

There are many creative ways to give back and feel great doing so. Ask Lauren for more information at

[volunteer@doveyouthdevelopment.org](mailto:volunteer@doveyouthdevelopment.org)



### Fundraising Success Story

Recently Dove was chosen as the non-profit that the [Suffield Academy](#) in Connecticut will be fundraising for the entire school year! **Thank You** to the Skalski and Carty family and your hard work on your presentation to the academy!

### Kids Need Sponsors!

There are currently 30 children who are in need of sponsorship! \$40 per month sponsors a child (click [HERE](#) for more information). We have 200 children on a waiting list to become part of the Dove Youth Development family who are waiting until the current children are sponsored. We would love to give these children on our waiting list the opportunity to enter our program.



### Dove Update

Fall has arrived and that means back to school post-covid with in-person learning. This has presented challenges worldwide and the Dominican Republic is no exception. With the Youth Center reopening in May and now summer programs complete, the challenge has been engaging our youth back into post-covid routine. Many families had to split up and send children to the countryside to live with relatives while other youth were sent to the bigger cities to find work. Dove has always been the lighthouse in our community and this continued through the pandemic and lockdown, so as we return to some semblance of order our first priority was to ensure our students had the uniforms needed to enroll and attend public school. Whew! School officially started September 20th and our plans have succeeded!



The year of 2020 forced our organization to scramble, reorganize and implement our strategic plan in record time! We serviced our clients and donors amidst complete shutdown of the Youth Center and afforded us the opportunity to hire 2 very qualified key staff personnel. We have been blessed to add more members to our incredible board of directors and are forging ahead with our plan to open our vocational training center by early 2022.

This year we were granted a Rotary Global Grant along with Rotary funding to complete construction of 4 classrooms, the rooftop garden and remodeled the kitchen and part of the bathrooms. We are waiting for the release of funds from the Rotary to outfit and complete the 4 classrooms used for the Vocational Training Center. Our base is now in place to fundraise and complete our vision for years to come! Please help us fund this project! For more information on how to get involved please contact Liz Rooney at [executivedirector@doveyouthdevelopment.org](mailto:executivedirector@doveyouthdevelopment.org)

For more information on the Vocational Training Center, see this link:

<https://www.doveyouthdevelopment.org/vocational-training-center>



### **No child left behind**

At Dove we strive for equality amongst all our children and families. We aim to set the example that each child matters and is deserving of what Dove can offer. In doing this, through funds raised we ensure all kids reap the benefits of donations we receive. Our school uniform drive went awesome! Although we did not reach our goal, we ensured that each child received the essentials to attend school with the donations we did raise. This is an example of what we do to make all feel equal, have the same opportunities, and thrive within our program, at home and at school.



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