

Music makes children stronger!



Costa Rica

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MISSION

CEPIA (Culture, Education and Psychology for Infants and Adolescents) is a Costa Rican non-profit nationally accredited organization, which seeks to improve the quality of life of children and teenagers and their families from underprivileged backgrounds in Guanacaste by promoting cultural development, educational opportunities, physical and mental health, social cohesion and participation. Since 2005.

WHY?

Imagine a world without music!

Research shows that at-least some musical education has a positive impact on social and cognitive development of children. And these effects are long lasting: better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, better verbal and literacy skills (Alan Harvey, Musician and Neuroscientist (TedxTalks – Your Brain on Music).

Overcoming the current spiritual and ecological crisis plaguing the globe is impossible without changing the paradigm of aesthetic music education. Music should play an important role in achieving the goals of sustainable development. Attention should be drawn to the music teacher education and to a new paradigm of education that is ecology-focused, aesthetic, and enables sustainable development.

Finally, rural schools in Guanacaste receive no music education. Therefore, nongovernmental organizations are key to fill this void.



The core of the project

The 2 goals of our music program are:

1. teach children better hearing, better motor skills, improved memory, and the art to perform music in front of a public.
2. teach children about ecology and aesthetics.

Activities: weekly 2 hours music class, 2 performances

Target population: 150 children aged 2-17, living in underprivileged communities in Guanacaste

Place: 2 community centers (Huacas and Brasilito)

Duration: 10-month program

The program received a donation of instruments, for a value of \$8,000 (guitars, drums, local instruments, microphones, amplifier), and can use our own bus to transport the kids (year value: \$5000).

Needed funding:

1 full time certified music teacher = \$1400 per month

Year cost for 1 full time music teacher: \$ 14,000

CEPIA commits on informing you about all the expenses made with your donation.

Annual report, receipts, pictures and video material are always available upon request.

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On behalf of the children, GRACIAS!



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