

### **Rally for Reforestation**

Who will benefit directly: Rainforest flora and fauna

What: Plant 500 native trees on land, which was originally primary rainforest but has been cleared for agricultural use. The cost includes the purchase of 500 young trees and labor to plant them. Also included are organic composted soil, fertilizers and monitoring costs for one year.

Where: The buffer zone around the San Juan- La Selva Biological Corridor in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica.

When: There is a great need for reforestation, especially in this area. Visit the local farm on planting day during your visit to Costa Rica, watch your investment for a greener planet come alive right before your eyes!

Why: The San Juan- La Selva Biological Corridor is one of the most biologically diverse areas of the world. Right now, the rainforest where many animals live is fragmented and we need your help to create a way for them to pass between the different parts of the forest to create ideal mating situations and better access to food, which will ultimately help to prevent extinction.

Cost: \$5,550.

### **Text Books Package**

Who will benefit directly: High school students and their teachers.

What: Donate suggested novels and text books from the curriculum set by the Costa Rican Ministry of Education. Each of the twelve subjects offered in 6 levels of coursework will receive a new teacher's edition. Three copies of each book will also be added to the SCLC's library for student's use outside of school.

Where: High schools of La Virgen and Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí, Costa Rica.

When: We have the list of novels and text books ready that are most in demand. As soon as we receive funding, we will immediately start purchasing the books to distribute to the teachers at the two high schools in our target communities, as well as 3 copies of each book that will be kept in the SCLC library to be available for students outside of school.

Why: Local high schools are underfunded and are in need of simple materials like text books for teacher's use, which is a very important tool for creating new topics and lessons for daily classes. Schools also do not have enough money to provide each student with their own book to take home and study with. We would like to add novels and text book copies to our library at the SCLC, so high school students can continue to study outside of school hours in addition to providing teachers with new books for creating new lessons.

Cost: \$4,550.

### **Sidewalk Safety Project**

Who will benefit directly: Elementary school children in grades 1 through 6 and all community members that commute via walking or biking in the area.

What: One-quarter mile of sidewalk, cost includes all materials and labor necessary for the entire project.

Where: Between the Chilamate School and Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica

Why: SCLC offers an After School Program, English classes, library resources and computer access for students from the local elementary school, which is only a quarter of a mile from the Center. The Center is very important, since no where else in the community are these resources available to students. The children walk between the Center and school, often times alone, on a very busy main road where dozens of trucks with trailers from various agricultural plantations such as pineapple speed by, making it very dangerous for children walking back and forth. The completion of a sidewalk will enable children to walk safely between their school and the Center.

When: We are just waiting for a considerate donation to get the Sidewalk Safety Project underway. The project will take approximately one week to complete and would love to have you join us during your visit to Costa Rica for the dedication of the new sidewalk to the children of the Chilamate School.

Cost: \$7000.

### **School Materials**

Who will benefit directly: Children of underprivileged families in grades 1 through 6, our goal is to provide for 100 children in our target area.

What: School materials for the entire school year for one student, which include 5 notebooks, pencils and sharper, pens, ruler, scissors, crayons or colored pencils, glue, a roll of tape, 3 uniforms and school shoes.

Where: You will be donating to children in the communities of Chilamate, Rancho Chilamate, El Roble, El Progreso, La Esperanza, Loma Linda and Linda Vista.

When: School materials packages will be distributed to the students the last week of January, as the Costa Rican school year typically begins the second week of February. If you have a trip planned around that time, come meet some of the kids you are supporting and help us give the supplies out.

Why: In Costa Rica, budgets for public schools are limited and students must have all their own supplies to attend class. In addition, uniforms are mandatory and are often times hard for parents to afford, especially if there is more than one child in the family. Invest in rural school children, give them the confidence to be successful in their studies and show them that there are people in our global community who care about them earning a good education.

Cost: \$100 per child

Bonus: Receive a photo and thank you letter from each child you support.

### **After School Program**

Who will benefit directly: Student in grades 1 through 6 who attend the Chilamate School.

What: Twenty-five students come after school for an hour and a half every Monday through Thursday to learn about the environment, the importance of recycling, make art projects, take guided nature walks, play educational games, learn English and other creative learning activities. During school vacations, day camp is offered with similar activities and is held for 3 hours each weekday.

Where: The After School Program is held at the SCLC in Chilamate, Sarapiquí.

When: This extracurricular program is offered throughout the entire school year and two weeks during summer vacation. During your visit to Costa Rica, come observe or participate in an After School Program activity.

Why: Costa Rican school children only attend class for three hours each day due to the lack of classroom space, younger children attend the morning session and older children attend the afternoon session. Due to time and budget limitation, students only receive the standard classes, no music, no art, no physical education or field trips are offered. Your donation will go towards material costs and taking students on educational field trips.

Cost: Denominations of \$500

### **Environmental Education**

Who will benefit directly: Elementary school children and their immediate surrounding environment.

What: The SCLC's Environmental Education Coordinator visits various schools to offer classes in Environmental Education, which includes construction of recycling and compost areas at the schools, making projects from recycled paper which student process themselves and most importantly, learning about their impact on the local environment and what they can do to preserve it.

Where: Classes are held at rural schools within the buffer zone around the San Juan- La Selva Biological Corridor in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica, which is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the World.

When: Classes are offered to each school once a week throughout the entire school year. The Environmental Education Coordinator invites you to observe or participate in an Environmental Education class at a rural school during your visit to Costa Rica.

Why: Teachers of the rural schools that the SCLC services are not very well educated in the area of environmental sciences. The SCLC has been invaluable in training students and teachers to be environmentally conscious. Help support the Environmental Education Program, so the SCLC can continue to inspire future environmental leaders!

Cost: Denominations of \$500

### **Support Operation Costs at the SCLC**

Who will benefit directly: Community members & the flora and fauna.

What: Offer vital financial support to expand the educational, development and environmental benefits that the SCLC provides through its work.

Where: Throughout the buffer zone around the San Juan- La Selva Biological Corridor in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica.

When: Financial support is always welcome. During your visit to Costa Rica, come by and visit the SCLC, learn more about the work that we are doing, visit our library and art gallery, observe the children's After School Program, an English class or ecotourism activity, which are offered 4 days a weeks at the SCLC.

Why: Together, you and the SCLC will be helping to fashion a greener future for the people of the Sarapiquí region.

Cost: Denominations of \$500