

Internship Opportunity with
DIANOVA NICARAGUA
SUMMER 2009
Approx. May 15th to August 10th

Description of Host Organization

Found in twelve countries of Europe and the Americas, the Dianova network is composed of non-profit member NGOs that are dedicated to providing social programs and developing innovative initiatives in the fields of youth development, education and substance-abuse treatment and prevention. In 2007 Dianova International was granted Special Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

In Nicaragua

Dianova programs include primary and secondary schools, substance-abuse treatment and prevention and family support. These activities are based in Managua and Jinotepe. The programs of Dianova Nicaragua are accredited by the Ministry of the Family (www.mifamilia.gob.ni) and the Ministry of Education (www.mecd.gob.ni). The internship opportunity relates to the school segment of Dianova's activities.

Who

Children from the street and from disadvantaged rural families in Nicaragua. More than 300 children benefit from this program each year.

How

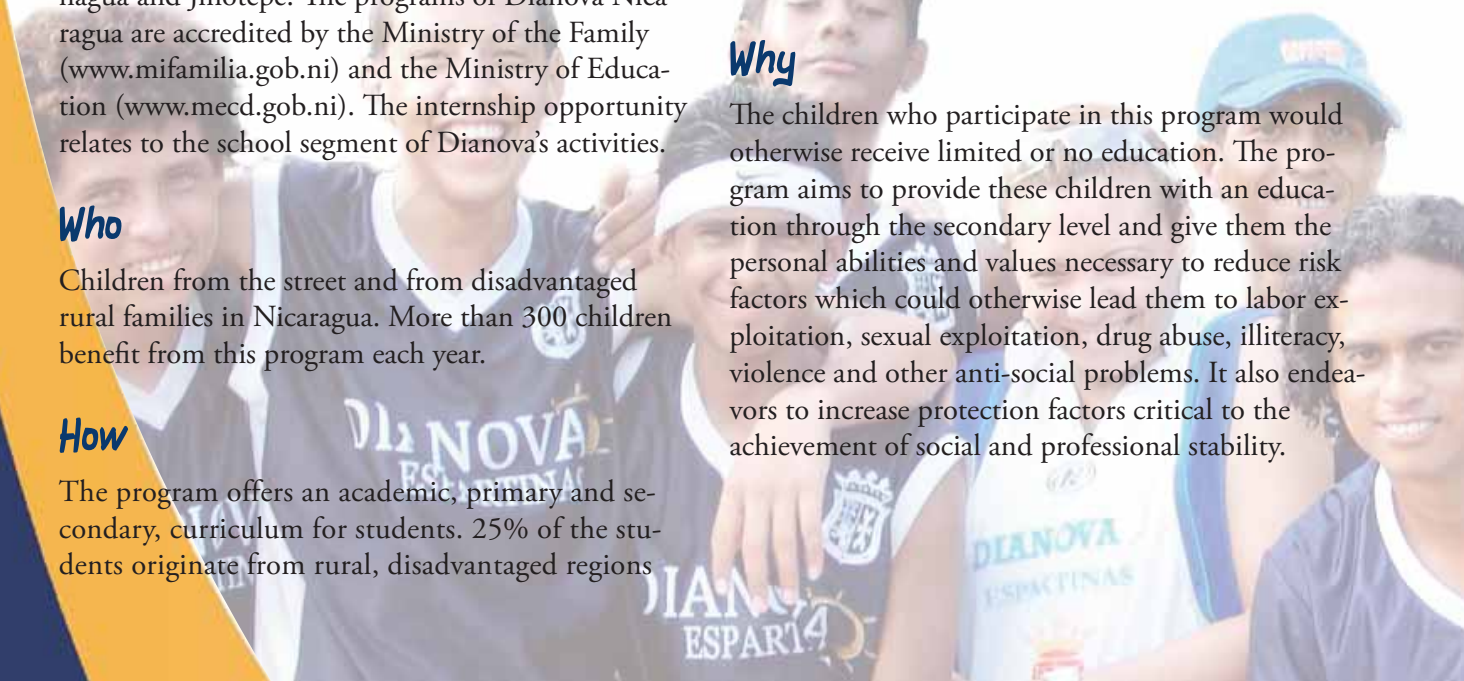
The program offers an academic, primary and secondary, curriculum for students. 25% of the students originate from rural, disadvantaged regions

and become boarding students (75% are day students), a unique opportunity without which they would have no access to education. In addition, the "Neo Vida" program, designed for the students and their families, endeavors to help them reinforce their social abilities and to prevent/confront any issues, or potential issues, associated with risk factors that may be present in their domestic situations (e.g. alcoholism, domestic violence, unemployment, etc.)

The programs are facilitated by psychologists, youth workers and teachers who help the children improve their awareness of the values of life within their communities and encourage their personal growth. The program is carried out with the close cooperation of families, who actively participate in the various educational and prevention activities.

Why

The children who participate in this program would otherwise receive limited or no education. The program aims to provide these children with an education through the secondary level and give them the personal abilities and values necessary to reduce risk factors which could otherwise lead them to labor exploitation, sexual exploitation, drug abuse, illiteracy, violence and other anti-social problems. It also endeavors to increase protection factors critical to the achievement of social and professional stability.



Duties/ Job Description of Intern



Mission

Promoting the development of the students' habits, principles and positive values through daily activities that will help the conduct of boys, girls and teenagers to evolve in a positive manner, guaranteeing them an environment of security, confidence and hospitality.

Principal tasks

1. Collaborate with the psychologist and the staff of the center in fulfilling the objectives the prevention program designed for the students;
2. Assist teachers in all areas of their work, e.g. make inspection tours of the children's rooms, and coordinate the tasks and responsibilities of the boarders;
3. Help organize the workshops of the prevention program designed for parents;
4. Accompany and supervise boarding students at the center during their daily activities, including recreational, occupational, leisure-time, educational, sanitary, and student study hour;
5. Promote, at all times, the development of good habits, values and principles among the students;
6. Organize, participate in and otherwise support recreational and sports activities;
7. Organize art, educational and cultural projects for the boarding students;
8. Develop reports of the center for Dianova International as well as for Dianova Nicaragua;
9. Organize and coordinate the DIANOVA /EPN joint project to raise funds for educational materials and to create a plan in order to help the center's future development in such areas as quality food, sports, infrastructure improvements, and the establishment of ongoing funding sources.

Whereas we welcome all of the various skills that students may have, our organization is especially interested in students who are resourceful in areas of project management, matters concerning children, communications (maintaining our blog update) and website development (translation from Spanish to English), among other skills. It is also desirable that students wishing to fill an intern position with DIANOVA Nicaragua possess specific interests in children's rights and development.

Twice a month accommodations will be provided for 2-day weekends at the Hotel Europeo in Managua. During the remainder of the month interns will be working at the Las Marias Center in Jinotepe, Carazo for the entire week from approximately 7 am to 5 pm, during which time comfortable accommodations will be provided at the center.

| Position Title | Location |
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| Intern / Educator | Jinotepe and Carazo, Nicaragua |

Requirements

- Be a university student or more than 18 years old
- Possess moderate fluency in Spanish (including reading and writing ability): at least 30%.
- Be highly motivated and possess good interpersonal skills
- Be able to work as part of a team
- Be able to work independently and TAKE INITIATIVE
- Be resourceful, energetic, and interested in working with children.
- Possess innate control his/her emotions.
- Any experience in proposal writing and fundraising is helpful.