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Puente Desarrollo Internacional

A Letter From Our Team

Puente Community,

With tremendous pride, we bring you Puente's fifth annual report! When we first set out on this journey, we were every bit of confident and ignorant. As a good friend, Mark Twain says, it's a perfect combination to be successful.

We still hold on to that confidence five years later, though it's now coupled with experience. We are more assured than ever that our model works (and scales). Locally led development, driven by data and community input, leads to a positive impact! We have witnessed this transformation across five cities and 40+ communities.

For those out there wondering, yes, we acknowledge that we still possess a certain ignorance—the kind that drives us to believe that a better tomorrow is just a day away for some and a survey away for countless others. We are driven by our unwavering belief that others will use our tools and resources to create a lasting impact in the communities they live and work in.

This confidence and belief are reinforced by the continuous support we receive from all of you, our loyal supporters. Thank you for believing in our mission, even if it wasn't easy to understand initially. We hope you take great pride in reading this annual report, as it was only made possible through your support. Support comes in all shapes and forms, from social media shares/likes to a simple text of encouragement. We truly appreciate it all!

Please continue following our work. This upcoming year marks the first in our five-year journey without an American team on the ground in the Dominican Republic: the dream of working ourselves out of the job is alive and well!

With tremendous love and gratitude,

The Puente Team



COLMADO

CAFETERIA

DIA

Cafetería. Supermercado



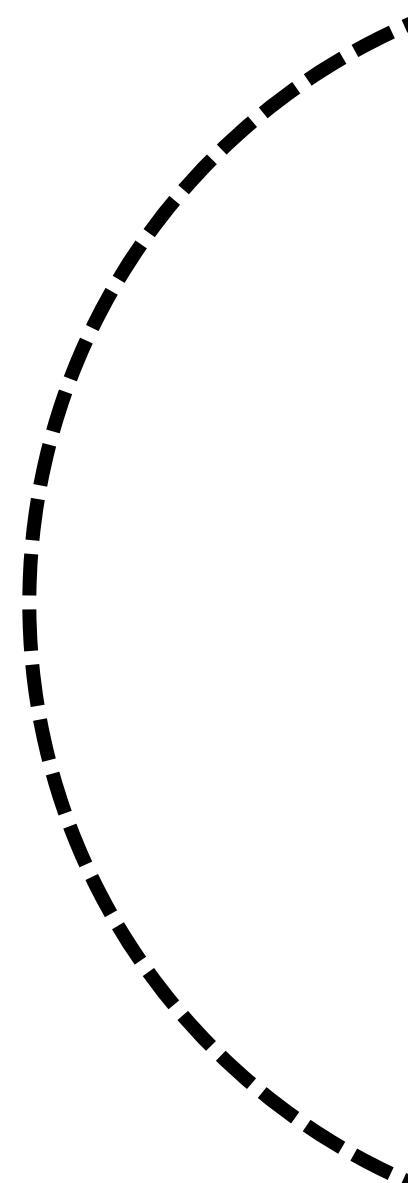
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The **Puente** Model

Building **resources & tools** to **collaboratively**
strengthen communities around the world

- **Puente Collect App:** Our volunteers identify the communities most in need, and the Puente Collect app facilitates the collection of critical information to determine their problems and needs. This year, we reached more than 10 communities in Constanza, Consuelo, and Cevicos, highlighting mainly in Consuelo due to the lack of attention in the bateyes.
- **Monitoring:** Through Puente Collect, real-time data is collected on the progress of the projects and the evolution of the conditions of the beneficiaries. This facilitates the early detection of problems and the necessary adjustments to improve results.



Capacity Building

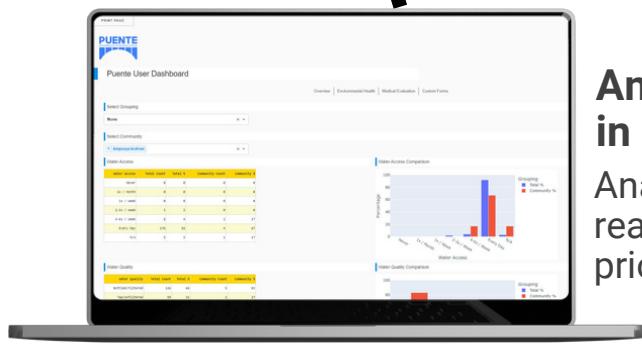


Train local residents in community development and data collection



Data Collection

Collect data by surveying target communities with Puente App



Analyze + Map Data in Real Time

Analyze and map data in real time to find and prioritize community needs



Project Planning & Implementation

Plan projects and activate mission-aligned partners to fund proposals



Monitor & Evaluate

Monitor impact by resurveying communities to track key indicators



CAPACITY BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Local capacity is essential because it ensures the long-term sustainability and success of projects in communities. It empowers members to make informed decisions, adapt to changes and face challenges autonomously. It also strengthens social networks, promotes culturally appropriate solutions and reduces dependence on external aid, ensuring that development is genuinely inclusive and long-lasting.

Health Promoters Program:

Our Prevention health promoters visited more than 150 patients with chronic diseases house to house every month

150 patients

Communities reached

4 Communities in Constanza
4 Communities in Consuelo
2 Communities in Cevicos

1,557 people in total

20 Practitioners Trained

- Data Collection
- Educational Programming
- 5 People in Batey 4, Bahoruco.
- 5 People in Constanza.
- 10 People in Consuelo



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ENGLISH CLASSES BY KAMERON

Our team knows that to run operations at Puente, they must be able to communicate with our international partners (apply for organizations, grants, communicate logistics and translate). For that reason, we are working with Kameron Smith to develop a daily English immersion program for all staff. Kameron is a certified English teacher with experience working in the Dominican Republic.

Kameron was able to build out a full English Immersion Program over the course of 6 months, thanks to funding from Friends of the Dominican Republic. Now, our local team member, idalia, teaches the course to all interested staff!

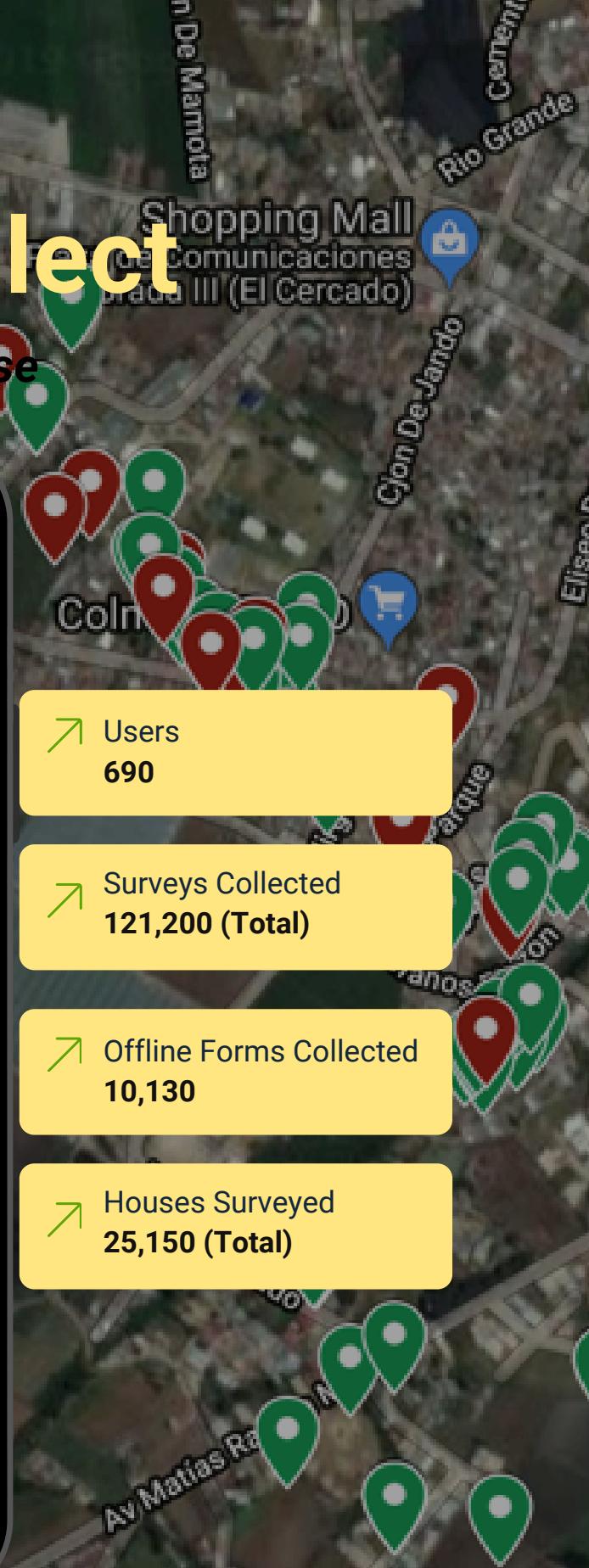
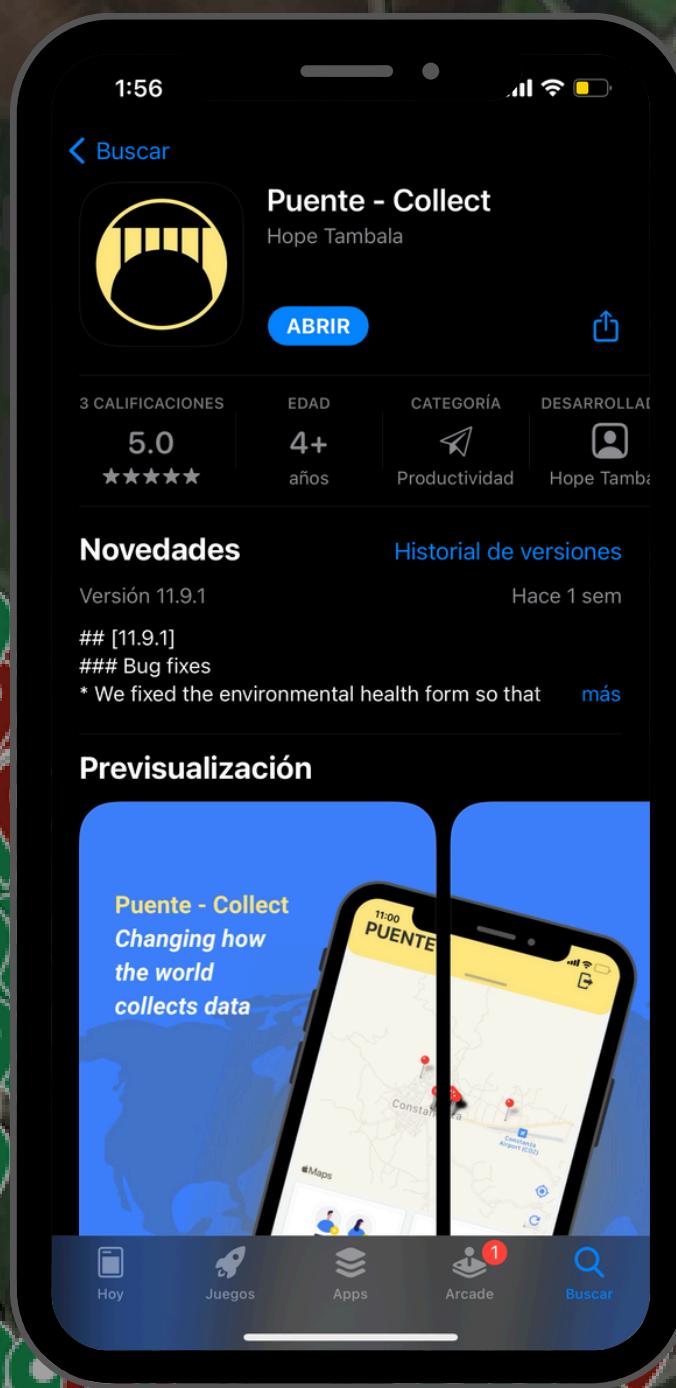


Idalia Veloz

A new member of our team, serving as Program Manager. Although she is new to this role, she has been collaborating with us on medical missions since 2019. Her previous experience with Puente, coupled with her outstanding communication and organizational skills, positions her as a promising leader to guide our projects to success.

Puente - Collect

Collecting Data for a Purpose



Puente - Manage

"Changing how the emerging world views data collection"

Puente has rolled out our newest product, Puente –Manage. Due to the high volume of users, we needed a way to create a space for managers to develop forms, quickly analyze insights, and share with their teams.

Initial feedback from partners has been overwhelming! We are excited to see what users can do with full platform autonomy.

Welcome to Puente Manage Quick Start Guide

Form Creator

Create Forms for Collect

Form Manager

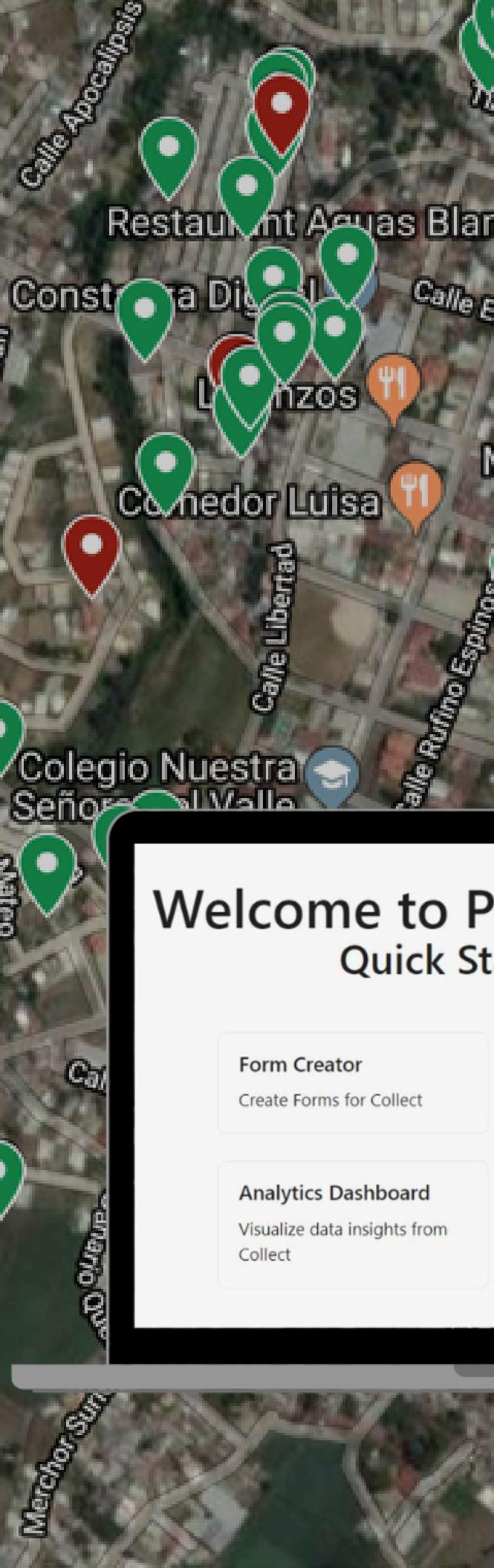
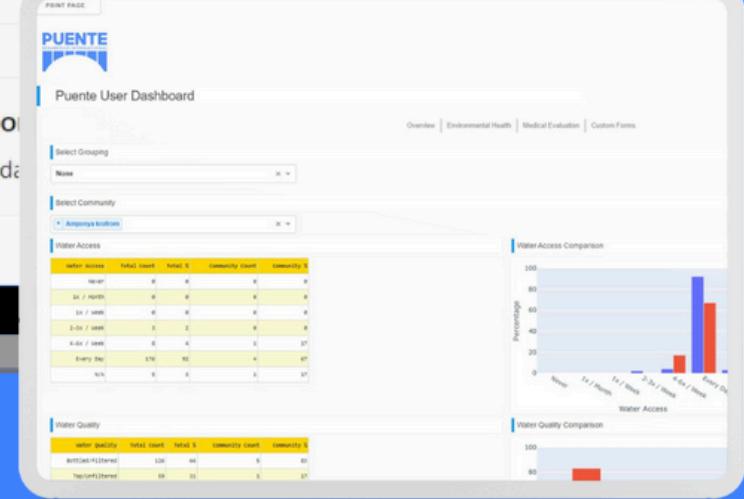
Manage Forms for Collect

Analytics Dashboard

Visualize data insights from Collect

Data Export

Download data





Projects Completed

Puente's First Well! An Economic Development Project for Goat Farmers!

Our project in Batey 4 is a testament to perseverance and unwavering commitment to the community's future. Although we faced delays due to permits with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, everyone continued confidently moving forward. In May, with approval in hand, the drilling of the well began, opening a vital water source for the community. Each phase of the project, from drilling to installing electrical components, was a collective effort. ASOIDEKO, with the community's support, not only built a well but laid the foundation for a more promising future.

Special thanks to our longtime **Friends of the Dominican Republic** supporters. Friends of the DR contributed over \$43,000 towards project materials this fiscal year, and we need that support to be in the position to drive effective change.

Impact Numbers & Fun Facts

- 160-foot artesian well drilled on the property of ASOIDEKO with 8" steel casing.
- 2 HP Pedrollo submersible pump produces 42 gallons per minute (2,500 gallons per hour).
- Permit obtained by Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources to drill the well.
- Electrical improvements including a new transformer for ASOIDEKO will provide stable energy for pumping and energy requirements for the aquaculture project (aeration).
- Well protected with pump house that houses breaker, pump controller, and equipment for aquaculture project.
- Water planned to be used for aquaculture project and agriculturally to grow food onsite for the goat farm.
- \$9,857 spent on materials for the project.
- PSF support grant of \$1,500 used for implementation costs accrued by Puente.
- 36% contribution from ASOIDEKO.



WATER PROJECT IN PORTEZUELO

This project was also crucial in improving water access for a large portion of the population of Portezuelo:

- 310 homes improved their access to water, impacting more than 1,100 residents.
- Water supply was increased by 85% by capturing new sources.
- \$9,454 was invested in improvements, including the installation of 2,500 meters of pipe for water distribution.
- A water and sanitation workshop was given to residents, improving their ability to maintain the system.
- 1 primary school with 127 students benefited from this project.

BATHROOM PROJECT, LA CULATA

"AT A GLANCE" IMPACT NUMBERS

- **22 low-income families and 1 elementary school have "Safely Managed" sanitation facilities.**
- **69 individuals impacted-- 47 adults & 22 children.**
- **87 students and 15 staff have access to an additional bathroom facility in the school.**
- **25 individuals participated in a health and sanitation course and have acquired new practices regarding hygiene, sanitation, and prevention.**
- **22 families gained capacity building in construction skills and maintenance of sanitation facilities.**





Other projects

Roof Project- Experimental Batey:

- 22 families received a new roof, impacting 65 people.
- Local labor was hired, benefiting 6 carpenters

Westminster Presbyterian Church – Accessibility Improvements:

- 10 volunteers helped improve accessibility in 7 homes by building adapted bathrooms.

El 40, El Arroyazo – Bathrooms, Cement Floors and Ceilings:

- 15 families improved their sanitary facilities, and 6 families replaced their roofs.
- 74 people directly benefited from this project.

Consuelo – Proyecto de Agua en Preschool/Community Center Water Project

- The preschool's water storage capacity was increased by more than 1,000%, benefiting 4,500 gallons of stored water.
- Improvements were made to the safety of the water system, benefiting the educational community.

Zanja La Sabina – Sanitation Project:

- 20 families improved their sanitary quality of life, benefiting 72 people directly.
- More than 150 people benefited indirectly thanks to the connection of bridges.

Our Collaboration



HEALTH OUTREACH FOUNDATIONS

Together, we served more than 1,300 **patients** over the past year. Each resident underwent examinations to detect hypertension, diabetes, and anemia, among other conditions. Our local physicians then provided individualized care to participants to address specific medical needs. Our team of health promoters and local doctors is committed to closely following all at-risk patients, ensuring they continue their personalized action plans.



CONSTANZA MEDICAL MISSION

During their trips to Constanza, more than 1,400 families were evaluated. Puente staff played a crucial role in using our mobile application to collect demographic, environmental, vital, and medical admission information. This valuable information has allowed the creation of detailed health profiles, facilitating effective follow-up and continuous monitoring of patients based on recommendations from CMM and local physicians.



RAYJON SHARE CARE

Beyond our fruitful partnership in Consuelo, Rayjon was also kind enough to fly down to assist with meeting the eye care needs across Constanza. Over just four days, the team of dedicated individuals saw over **800** patients. The eye exams were intensive and thorough, which made the number of patients seen and treated even more incredible.

Rayjon is a perfect example of what it means to empower locals to drive sustainable change. Their programs in the Dominican Republic and Haiti are hands-down some of our favorites, and we enjoy collaborating with such a like-minded organization.

Here is to many more years of driving collaborative change!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENSBORO

Our dedicated health promoters used the Puente-Collect platform to identify over 30 patients in the Constanta/Tireo area who would benefit from occupational therapy interventions. In April, in collaboration with Connect Community and the Georgia State University Occupational Therapy program, we conducted home visits to each resident. Visits revealed that the majority of patients had accessibility issues within their homes. We worked with Westminster to address these issues—from new ramps into homes to support in the shower.





NURSING STUDENTS AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY STUDENTS

Improved Processes

Our data collection process enabled Georgia State and Kennesaw State students to see more patients than ever before. Puente's volunteer network and data collection tool helped identify over 30 patients for these students to visit during the three-day trip to Constanza. Rather than spending more than 50% of their time looking for patients, they spend 100% treating and working with community members.

Importance of Local

Recognizing the importance of having local staff to ensure long-term sustainability, Dr. Cairo joined the teams. His participation allowed patients to be treated according to their needs and ensured continuous monitoring with the health promoters.



Fundraising Success

Creating Awareness While Generating Fun(ds)!



2ND ANNUAL PUENTE OPEN

The second Annual Puente Open was a huge hit! One hundred four **golfers** joined us at Erskine to participate in a cold yet fantastic golf day. An additional **24 people came** out to help volunteer--thank you again.

All the sponsors were total, and we received the generous donation of 32 gifts for the silent auction.

The support from our local SB community was extraordinary and stood out like nothing we had ever experienced before. We want to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to everyone involved.

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME WATCH IN CHICAGO

Chicago support continues to grow! Seventy-five individuals supported Puente (and the Fighting Irish) at our annual Game Watch event in Chicago. Together, we raised awareness of our cause and brought in an astonishing \$14,560 USD!



2ND ANNUAL PUENTE OPEN



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME WATCH IN CHICAGO



2022-2023 FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/23

	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION					
	Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2022			Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 51,650.81	\$ 11,558.29	\$ 63,209.10	\$ 5,366.66	\$ 20,913.62	\$ 26,280.28
Accounts Revivable	\$ 1,100.44	\$ -	\$ 1,100.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Assets	\$ 5,374.62	\$ -	\$ 5,374.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 58,125.87	\$ 11,558.29	\$ 69,684.16	\$ 5,366.66	\$ 20,913.62	\$ 26,280.28
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets	\$ 58,125.87	\$ 11,558.29	\$ 69,684.16	\$ 5,366.66	\$ 20,913.62	\$ 26,280.28

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2023		
Change in Net Assets		\$ (43,403.88)
Adj to Change in Net Assets From Operating Activities		
(Increase) Decrease in Donations Receivable		\$ 25.00
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses		\$ 1,075.44
Total Adj to Change in Net Assets From Operating Activities	\$ 1,100.44	
Adj to Change in Net Assets From Financing Activities		
None		\$ -
Total Adj to Change in Net Assets From Financing Activities	\$ -	
Adj to Change in Net Assets From Investing Activities		
Increase (Decrease) in Fixed Asset		\$ 5,374.62
Total Adj to Change in Net Assets From Investing Activities	\$ 5,374.62	
Net Cash Flow		\$ (36,928.82)
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 63,209.10
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 26,280.28	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Revenues			
Grants	\$ 66,501.00	\$ 70,291.00	\$ 136,792.00
Private Donations	\$ 109,017.54	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 110,617.54
Earned Revenue	\$ 21,983.72	\$ -	\$ 21,983.72
Total Revenues	\$ 197,502.26	\$ 71,891.00	\$ 269,393.26
Net Assets Released From Restriction			
Purpose	\$ 62,535.67	\$ (62,535.67)	\$ -
Expenses			
Program Services			
Volunteer Compensation	\$ (37,632.83)	\$ -	\$ (37,632.83)
Project Materials	\$ (70,043.83)	\$ -	\$ (70,043.83)
Conferences & Training	\$ (5,444.33)	\$ -	\$ (5,444.33)
Officer Compensation	\$ (89,179.01)	\$ -	\$ (89,179.01)
Employee Compensation	\$ (27,458.76)	\$ -	\$ (27,458.76)
Contractor Compensation	\$ (15,543.41)	\$ -	\$ (15,543.41)
IT Development	\$ (3,440.67)	\$ -	\$ (3,440.67)
Total Program Services Expenses	\$ (248,742.85)	\$ -	\$ (248,742.85)
Support Services			
Rent	\$ (8,710.52)	\$ -	\$ (8,710.52)
Utilities	\$ (1,114.96)	\$ -	\$ (1,114.96)
Travel & Lodging	\$ (12,350.20)	\$ -	\$ (12,350.20)
Sales & Marketing	\$ (20,327.21)	\$ -	\$ (20,327.21)
FICA Tax Expense (Employer)	\$ (7,571.04)	\$ -	\$ (7,571.04)
Transaction Expenses	\$ (7,212.09)	\$ -	\$ (7,212.09)
Administrative Fees	\$ (1,237.55)	\$ -	\$ (1,237.55)
Tax Prep Fees	\$ (205.80)	\$ -	\$ (205.80)
Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset	\$ (2,672.54)	\$ -	\$ (2,672.54)
FX Gain/Loss	\$ (2,652.39)	\$ -	\$ (2,652.39)
Total Support Services Expenses	\$ (64,054.29)	\$ -	\$ (64,054.29)
Total Expenses	\$ (312,797.14)	\$ -	\$ (312,797.14)
Change in Net Assets	\$ (52,759.21)	\$ 9,355.33	\$ (43,403.88)
Beginning Net Assets	\$ 58,125.87	\$ 11,558.29	\$ 69,684.16
Ending Net Assets	\$ 5,366.66	\$ 20,913.62	\$ 26,280.28

2022-2023 FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/23

STATEMENT OF FUNCIONAL EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/23

STATEMENT OF FUN

Fiscal Year
PROGRAM

	Infrastructure	WASH	Healthcare	Com
<i>Program Services</i>				
Volunteer Compensation	(6,624.52)	(2,344.03)	(16,163.24)	
Project Materials	(53,753.26)	(8,433.99)	(6,598.32)	
Conferences & Training	696.44	-	(4,419.33)	
Officer Compensation	(1,348.92)	-	(749.53)	
Employee Compensation	-	-	-	
Contractor Compensation	-	-	-	
IT Development	-	-	-	
Total Program Services Expenses	(61,030.27)	(10,778.02)	(27,930.42)	
<i>Support Services</i>				
Rent	(241.38)	(1,241.40)	(439.89)	
Utilities	-	(36.77)	(61.01)	
Travel & Lodging	(2,500.17)	(558.42)	(2,372.39)	
Sales & Marketing	(91.30)	-	(104.66)	
FICA Tax Expense (Employer)	-	-	-	
Transaction Expenses	(2,046.50)	(346.54)	(1,584.90)	
Administrative Fees	-	-	(449.44)	
Tax Prep Fees	-	-	-	
Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset	-	-	-	
FX Gain/Loss	(442.22)	(142.98)	(981.85)	
Total Support Services Expenses	(5,321.57)	(2,326.11)	(5,994.15)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(66,351.84)	(13,104.13)	(33,924.56)	

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FLOWS

For Ending 6/30/2023

MS		G&A	TOTAL	
Community Training	IT Development	Total Program Expenses	General & Administrative	Total Expenses
(12,501.04)	-	(37,632.83)	-	(37,632.83)
(1,258.27)	-	(70,043.83)	-	(70,043.83)
(1,721.44)	-	(5,444.33)	-	(5,444.33)
(18,102.07)	(19,618.05)	(39,818.57)	(49,360.44)	(89,179.01)
-	-	-	(27,458.76)	(27,458.76)
(6,142.41)	-	(6,142.41)	(9,401.00)	(15,543.41)
-	(3,440.67)	(3,440.67)	-	(3,440.67)
(39,725.22)	(23,058.72)	(162,522.65)	(86,220.20)	(248,742.85)
(5,893.86)	-	(7,816.52)	(894.00)	(8,710.52)
(1,008.13)	-	(1,105.92)	(9.04)	(1,114.96)
(2,102.34)	(990.00)	(8,523.32)	(3,826.88)	(12,350.20)
(772.72)	-	(968.68)	(19,358.52)	(20,327.21)
-	-	-	(7,571.04)	(7,571.04)
(1,676.63)	(115.61)	(5,770.19)	(1,441.90)	(7,212.09)
(229.12)	-	(678.56)	(558.99)	(1,237.55)
-	-	-	(205.80)	(205.80)
-	-	-	(2,672.54)	(2,672.54)
(1,173.98)	-	(2,741.04)	88.65	(2,652.39)
(12,856.79)	(1,105.61)	(27,604.23)	(36,450.06)	(64,054.29)
(52,582.02)	(24,164.33)	(190,126.88)	(122,670.26)	(312,797.14)



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world views data
collection"*

GET INVOLVED

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