

A Piece of PEACE

for the children

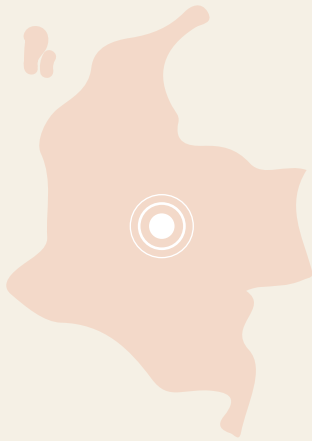




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ONE GOAL:
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About the Fundación San Antonio?



The Fundación San Antonio is a non profit organizations that works with the most vulnerable children of the city of Bogotá and the municipality of Soacha. Our main social program “REDES. Schools for spare time” attends approximately 1200 children between the ages of 5 to 17 years old each day. The main objective of this program is to reduce the chances of children to be part of the negative and violent dynamics happening in their local communities, such as micro drug trafficking, gangs, and recruitment by armed groups.


This year the Fundación San Antonio is turning 125 years of uninterrupted work for the protection and wellbeing of children in the city, and we are celebrating this important date with the launching of a new project called “A piece of peace for the children” that we explain in the following lines.



Description:

We will carry out a peace camp for 1000 Children affected by the Colombian armed conflict, where they will develop conflict resolution tools and skills. For two days, children will participate in spaces of reflection and dialogue for them to recognize their past, understand their present and build a future where violence and war no longer exist. After the camp, each children will be a peace promoter in their local communities contributing to the construction of a human rights respect based culture.





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What is the problem?

The Fundación San Antonio works with children to make good use of free time after school to reduce their vulnerability to risk situations such as gangs, micro-drug trafficking, recruitment by armed groups, etc. In this process, we have noticed the need to work in a focused manner in the resolution of conflict between children and young people as a tool for peacebuilding in local communities.

How will this project solve the problem?

This project will contribute to the solution of the problem to the extent that children and youth who participate in the camp understand the history of war and violence that we share as Colombians, take daily actions to reduce the violence that occurs in the territories, and commit to building a culture based on human rights where children and young people can fully develop their capacities and exercise their rights.

Potential long-term impact?

In the long term, the project seeks to significantly reduce situations of daily violence that affect children and young people in the most vulnerable areas of Bogotá and Soacha, build interpersonal relationships based on respect, and strengthen bonds of solidarity between peers.

We hope to replicate the peace camp annually to add more and more children and young people, to the process of building peace territories where violence does not exist.

