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Construction of Secondary School in Resistencia, Argentina



About Fe y Alegría:

The International Federation of Fe y Alegría (IFFyA) is the largest and most successful education provider in Latin America and the Caribbean outside of public education systems.

IFFyA is a Jesuit-sponsored network of schools, vocational training centers, and community services that reaches over 1.3 million of the poorest and most isolated members of society. It works in close partnership with the Education Ministries of 16 countries.

The first Fe y Alegría organization was founded by much-loved Jesuit José María Vélaz of Venezuela in 1955. It has inspired similar programs all over the world, including the Cristo Rey Catholic schools in the U.S.

Background Information:

Fe y Alegría Argentina has served the community of Resistencia for over a decade, committed to social development of the area's families and, in particular, adolescents.

In the district of Juan Bautista Alberdi of Resistencia, Chaco, where this school is located, the majority of the citizens live in dangerous conditions. The area is overpopulated, with many households living in severe poverty. The schools are overcrowded. Most children do not receive proper schooling, due, in part, to the community's lack of facilities available to house schools or educational centers. Adolescents, therefore, find themselves socially excluded due to lack of work and schooling. They are unable to integrate into society and become high risk adults, as a result.



Project Description:

Because of the low availability of education in this district, many adolescents end up excluded from mainstream society, with no options for either school or work. They are unable to integrate into society, and instead grow into adults living in poverty, isolation or crime. For these reasons, Fe y Alegría Argentina established a secondary school in the district.

The construction of this school in Chaco was completed in 2007. Since then, the school has increased enrollment as the community's population grew. However, more construction is still needed to provide enough space for the continued education of the children at the secondary school level. They are currently forced to hold classes in the local church and in the primary school. This project would address that need by expanding the school building and adding several classrooms and facilities. It will take approximately one year to complete the construction.

Cost of the Project:

\$80,645	Construction
\$16,129	Formation
\$4,516	Equipment
\$3,226	General coordination
\$8,710	Indirect costs
\$113,226	TOTAL

Impact:

- 200 students who will be taking classes in secondary education in this facility
- Transformation of the area's adolescents through social development, continued education, and acquiring of applicable skills for the workforce.