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-What's the project?-

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Hello. We are the members of the International Diabetes Aid Fund Japan(IDAFJ) which help people with diabetes in developing countries. IDAFJ has been established in 2001 and helped people with diabetes through the various activities.

Fundacion aprendido Vivir con Diabetes (FUVIDA), one of our collaborators, leads “Dulces Amigos” the summer training camp for children with type 1 diabetes. The camp will be held this coming summer, between July 28th and August 3rd. However, it is being wondered if it will be able to be held or not due to lack of fund.



Diabetes care in Ecuador

Ecuador is located directly on the equator. The average annual income per capita is about US\$4510 and one third of the total population is recognized below the poverty line. Therefore, most of the people with diabetes in Ecuador don't have the opportunities of taking sufficient care and being educated. It means many of them die from diabetes.

While the death toll due to diabetes is quite high, there are only 50 endocrinologists for 1.4million,the total population. Due to the lack of the nation level diabetic education system, it causes the lack of the correct diabetes care on both sides between people with diabetes and medical staffs including doctors and nurses. It leads to the higher mortality rate.

Unlike the situation in Japan, most people with diabetes, mainly type 1, cannot afford to obtain insulin which is indispensable to survive and take sufficient care.



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FUVIDA supports people with diabetes in Ecuador

Fundacion Vivir con Diabetes(FUVIDA) is non-profit organization and based in Guayaquil. It has

been established in 1998. Their activities are diabetes education, providing diabetes supplies

including insulin, syringes and blood sugar monitoring equipment, etc. mainly for children with type 1 diabetes.

President of FUVIDA, Aracely Barst Calderon has established FUVIDA since her daughter was diagnosed type 1 diabetes, because she has experienced discrimination and has seen the many cases that children with diabetes died without taking proper diabetes care, in many cases due to poverty.

She wants to encourage everyone to understand what diabetes is correctly and save the children with diabetes.

Public supports for the people with diabetes are not enough in Ecuador. Accordingly, “Dulces Amigos”, diabetes training camp, provides for both people with diabetes and medical staffs including doctors and nurses with the opportunity to learn diabetes care and prevention of complication every summer. The number of those who want to participate it increases every year. Though it is planning to be held this summer between July 28th and August 3rd, it is not sure to be carry out this coming summer due to lack of fund.

President Aracely is devout for fund raising because she wants to give such good opportunity to more children with diabetes and more medical staffs.

Children with diabetes really look forward to taking part in the camp every year because they can make friends with those who have the same suffering in the same generation and learn what diabetes is correctly. We need your help so that we will be able to provide the opportunity for as many children as possible.

We will be really happy if you understand our activity and donate us.

Photos at the previous camping



The summer camp by FUVIDA was held between July 31st and August 4th 2013 last time and Navy Base in Sarinas, Ecuador. The participants consisted of 60 children with diabetes between 3 years old and 17 years old who are in poverty and 28 medical staffs including doctors and nurses, 88 in total.

The children are from all regions of Ecuador as well as Guayaquil. There were also participants from foreign countries like Australia, US, Canada, Brazil and Taiwan.

The participants learned what diabetes is, communicate fellows with the same suffering, had the good opportunities to get acquainted with foreign people irrespective of nationality, age and titles.



Message from Aracely

Children with T1 diabetes in Ecuador don't have opportunities to learn diabetes and take education.

Therefore, FUVIDA provides them with the opportunity the summer camp "Dulces Amigos" once a

year to learn diabetes care and prevention of complication, where participants will make their friendship further as fellows with the same suffering.

FUVIDA cannot support children with T1diabetes sufficiently without any aids. We need your help so that we will be able to carry out the summer camp this coming summer.

Appreciation message

Thank you for showing your interest in our activity, Summer training camp for children with T1diabetes “Dulces Amigos 2014” by FUVIDA.

Your donation will enable us to carry out the camp, let participants learn diabetes, let them spend on their precious time with fellows and let them make good memories.

■The International Diabetes Aid Fund (Japanese)

<http://www.dm-net.co.jp/idaf/>

■FUVIDA (Japanese)

<http://www.dm-net.co.jp/idaf/support/fuvida/>

■FUVIDA (Spanish)

<http://www.fuvida.org.ec/>

Foot note

What is diabetes?

There are several types of diabetes. Besides type 2 diabetes caused by lifestyle, the mechanism of development of type 1 diabetes is said that one's lymphocyte attack the cells which produce the hormone called insulin, in pancreas, and the cells are destroyed and disappear. However, the real mechanism of development has not been proved yet. It results in that people with type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin in their body by themselves anymore and they cannot survive anymore without insulin injection by themselves every day. Without the injection, they cannot keep blood sugar level properly and it will cause complications at high rate. Unlike Japanese children with type 1 diabetes, the children in Ecuador, many of who are in poverty and cannot afford to obtain the indispensable medicine to survive. They seldom have the opportunities to learn diabetes correctly either. Therefore, they have to learn correctly what diabetes is.

Diabetes training camp

Name: Dulces Amigos 2014

Date: July 28th to August 3rd 2014

Venue: Ecuador

Estimated cost: 500,000yen (worth 5000US\$)