



Children's Cabins — We've constructed twelve (12) in-ground cement & local river-rock foundations, topped by 18" high river-rock walls that will support the adobe block walls. We've also installed heavy-duty painted-iron roof structures atop four cabins and their shared entrances.



We're presently building six duplex cabins that will house 12 children and two counselors each and will share a common open-air entrance vestibule and bathroom. At either end of the duplex structures are spacious open-air patios where children can meet under the tree canopy.

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Donate (<http://ninosdellago.blogspot.com>)

Visit Kristen's blog
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Recent Site Visitors - As word spreads throughout Guatemala about our progress, we are receiving more and more visitors to the Niños del Lago site.



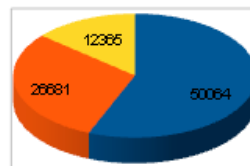
Visiting Children

Often local village children accompany their mothers who bring food to sell to the construction workers. One day, little Juan spied Aura Aguilar busily stuffing plastic PET bottles for the bathroom walls, and he simply could not resist sitting down and stuffing bottles too! A few days later, a young Guatemalan family arrived to volunteer their help to finish up the COB walls on the Bodega. Their little daughter, Angelita, insisted that she, too, could work to help us!

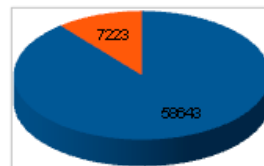


Financial Performance

We are excited to share our 2009 financial performance with you: As of August 31st, our income has already doubled over 2008 at \$89,110. The chart below shows that our Holland team continues to lead the way in providing funds for the construction of our camp at Niños del Lago. At the same time, our U.S. community has doubled their participation and, for the first time, the Guatemalan community has entered the fold. On the expense side, we continue to focus on construction and have maintained a low 11% administration/ fundraising percentage towards total costs.



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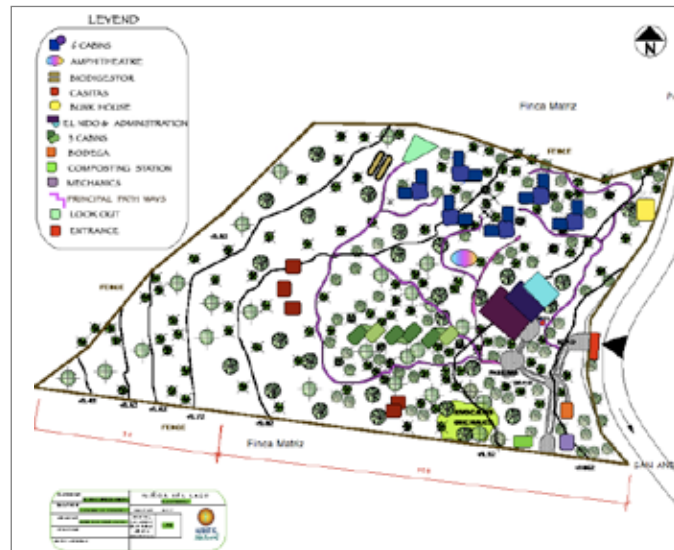


Funded by donations from Capgemini employees in Guatemala, we've completed the facilities to be used by future visitors and the Capgemini volunteer work teams. The complex includes a spacious picnic area, river-rock BBQ, and a rustic bathroom constructed by PET walls built from recycled plastic water bottles that are stuffed with plastic wrappers then hung between chicken-wire frames, then plastered with rustic COB material.

Future Site Development

After the 1st of January 2010 ,we plan to build the foundations for the three buildings forming the El Nido Complex (The Nest) complex. These buildings will house the large dining hall and kitchen where 108+ children and their counselors will be served, the administration building and medical station, and the art, library and computer centers.

Spring of 2010, we plan to complete construction of the first 12 cabins (to house 72 children), install potable- and gray-water systems, develop the plan for ground-water management, complete engineering plans for solar power and the organic bio-gas waste system, and install the camp composting facility.



Coming Soon! A New Website

The Niños del Lago website is being revised to make it easier for you to follow our progress. Look for simplified navigation, updated content and a more interactive experience at www.ninosdellago.org

Child's Play for Children's Day

In observance of Universal Childrens Day, November 20, 2009, Niños del Lago will host fundraising events where we encourage adults to have fun and make a contribution toward

our cause at the same time. We will be asking for participation from restaurants and bars across the country.

Please help us make connections with these businesses. Email us at kristenh@ninosdellago.org to see how.

Coming Stateside:

Arlaine and Kris are both planning trips to the United States this fall/ winter in order to share the news in person with our donors and prospective donors. Arlaine Cervantes will be

traveling to Oregon and California and Kris Hettrick will be traveling to Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Host a fundraiser in any of these or nearby cities. Please email us at kristenh@ninosdellago.org to get started.

Contact us with your questions: info@ninosdellago.org

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