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harder than it should
be, sometimes the best
gift one can give is a
moment of peace and
happiness, with a bit of
learning mixed in.







THE PROBLEM

According to The World Bank Organization -

Over 20% of the Dominican population lives in poverty.

Thousands of Dominican children's daily lives are bombarded with the problems brought on by poverty. Yet they can do very little to change things. This creates a very turbulent environment.



According to UNCIEF -

Over 50% of Dominican children drop out of school.

Whether due to lack of guidance or simply trying to help their families put food on the table, Dominican children are loosing out on vital tools that could one day improve their lives.

Without the safety and guidance of a school environment, Dominican youth often find themselves in dangerous situations.









With an environment full of instability, lack of guidance and often dangerous circumstances, under privileged Dominican children are at risk and need help.

The Noche De Cine Gratis program was designed to bring much needed stability, safety and joy to kids who otherwise, primarily, know only hardship.







EDUCATION

Each NCG event begins with an educational seminar on subjects ranging from how to take of yourself and your environment to, how to treat others and good study habits.

We consider it essential that
Dominican youth are given
the knowledge they need
to lift themselves out of the
circumstances they were
born in to. NCG educational
seminars provide live improving
information so kids can make the
right choices for their futures.



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a MOVIE!

Each event continues
with distribution of
healthy snacks and
then a screening of a
movie that supports the
subject of the seminar
helping to support what
they just learned.

Bringing relief and joy into the lives of under privileged Dominican children is the primary goal of NCG. In a safe environment they get to be with their friends and family enjoying snacks and a movie away from the problems of the world.





THE RESULTS

Thousands of kids provided with education and happiness.





40,000+Dominicans impacted by NCG programs.

80+Community & Government partnerships formed.





\$30,000+

Invested into the program.

160+

Educational seminars delivered.





600+ Movies screened.

80+
Hours of educational seminars given.



THE STORIES

It can be hard to quantify the true value of unconditional help and care. In the end the value of our work can only be determined by the individuals impacted by that work.

Alegre, the sponsor of the NCG program, at it's core is an organization dedicated to people. Dedicated to their health, to their happiness and to all the subjects that influence these things.

As a program **Noche De Cine Gratis** is always striving to not only increase the number of people it helps but also, and possibly more importantly, the quality of help provided to each person.

In the following pages you will find personal stories shared by Dominicans impacted by Noche De Cine Gratis. Not only do these stories illustrate what we are doing, they also offer hope for the future of the Dominican Republic and it's beautiful people.





Ashley Duran, age 12, Sosua.

"Noche de Cine Gratis is one of my favorite activities. I have participated in four already. I enjoyed the one about the environment and how to save it, because I like nature and the ocean and feel I can make a change to how people treat them. I loved the movies LORAX and Moana because they showed the power of nature.

Lately Noche de Cine Gratis brought a new topic about how to make right decisions and take the path to happiness.

It taught me about treating others the way I want to be treated, and about family unity and love.

I understood why my parents were not together anymore, and that I do not want to make my kids feel the same way I do.

When the children of the community see the white and green van of Noche de Cine Gratis passing by we jump with happiness knowing we will have a great time. We wait for you all the time and ask never stop bringing movies!"





Joselo Perez, social activist & preacher, Bella Vista.

"As a community leader I deal with problems of underprivileged Dominicans and especially children on a daily basis. I am so happy we can count now on Cultura Viva and have Noche de Cine Gratis events to impact positively our children.

Noche de Cine Gratis now brings educational seminars on very important life topics. The new material of the moral code precepts on The Way to Happiness is of great value for me personally as preacher, and needed for my neighborhood children. With months of these educational sessions the community has noticed a change in the children's behavior. We see the change in how they treat others, respect adults, the community seems more united now. The kids bring gifted books home and read to their parents.

Of course the seminars have the most value, but the entertainment part is also so wanted by our kids, as most of them have neither television or electricity in their homes. Watching colorful movies on a big screen, they never watched before, is a life changing experience, that makes them feel special. They enjoy every little detail of the event including popcorn and fruit.

I want to thank you for returning with donations of toys, clothes and food for our children, and keep thanking God for being part of your route.

Noche de Cine Gratis leaves a good message everywhere it goes."





Joshua Alcántara, age 12, Puerto Plata.

"I remember the van of Noche de Cine Gratis coming to my village since I was 9. It was always a special day when we saw them coming and bringing over the unforgettable experience with a big screen and popcorn. I have participated in many of the events since then and always had a lot of fun.

This year Noche de Cine Gratis started giving educational presentations. My favorite one was about the environment, how it suffers from people's disrespect and what we I can do today to stop it.

I told about the new things I had learned to my family and friends.
Recycling plastic bottles turned out a lot fun for us.

This week Noche de Cine Gratis brought a new book to present - The Way to Happiness, that teaches how to become better and happy in a very simple way and easy to apply in my life.

I want to thank Cultura Viva for always thinking about Dominican children and bringing us an unforgettable experience."





Guillermo Guzmán Compres, Pastor, Loma Bajita.

"It is such a great benefit for my community that the Noche de Cine Gratis program all this time has been supporting us with raising our children.

Despite the difficult times for all, our children continued receiving this incredible cinema experience now arriving to our door.

The part they enjoyed a lot was interacting in discussions about life, where their opinions meant and were taken into account. They learn a lot this way, they take out important life-changing conclusions from Noche de Cine Gratis seminars, and this is what I value the most as their pastor.

I was so impressed by the new program of How to make good choices, that I asked for the book for myself and if there was a similar program for adults. This kind of lectures in safe friendly environment will help me make better, happy people of my fellowship.

For us it is very important that the Noche de Cine Gratis program continues coming back, bringing more knowledge, movies and smiles to my community. "





Yiraldis Peralta, age 9, Puerto Plata.

"I want to thank you for coming and bringing the movie events to my community. We have no television at home and I really like every opportunity to be invited to Noche de Cine Gratis event. I come with my brother and sister. We all feel blessed to be there.

This time we were also given a big apple and cookies, very tasty. It was a fun surprise and I was shown a new movie about the family love – Croods 2. It is my favorite movie now.

My favorite part is to be part of the talks about important things in life.

I like sharing my experience and learning new things. I have received a present – a book about how to make good choices in life, and now I read it at home to my family."









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