

# Children Beyond Our Borders

“Nuevos Horizontes”  
Vocational and Mentoring Program

# What is “Nuevos Horizontes”

- Nuevos Horizontes is CBOB’s educational and mentoring program. We want to awaken the potential of displaced youth by paying attention to their unique **needs** and **interests**. With this we will be able to connect participant expectations and program objectives. The program is the first of its kind that offers a system that stimulates self-esteem, interest, curiosity and innovation in vulnerable internally displaced adolescents in Colombia.

# NH Objectives

- Vocational Education Objectives
  - Develop a fun learning environment for program participants
  - Allow participants to get involved on the design, and evaluations of our programs
  - Provide academic skills for job success
  - Provide economic and social incentives to employ youth
  - Match youth with local Businesses for internship and potential job opportunities





## ● Mentoring Objectives

- Increase awareness of the multitude of available career opportunities
- Increase the number of relationships that are formed with positive adult role models in the community and abroad.
- Increase child's self esteem and confidence.
- Enable each child to independently pursue a career opportunity until they find one that suits their abilities, interests and needs.

# Why the Need for NH?

- The lack of alternatives that focus on practical education, employment readiness, and life skills is one of the foremost reasons displaced youths are more susceptible to violent encounters than their peers.
  - Child Slavery
    - More than 1.6 million Colombian children between 5 and 17 years old perform labor.
  - Child Soldiers
    - "There is no exact figure, but estimates differ between 5,000 and 8,000"
  - Child sex slavery
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Latin America



# Potential Outcomes of NH

## Vocational Education

- Basic Education
  - Reading and writing skills
  - Analytical skills
  - Problem solving skills
  - Interpersonal skills
  - Creativity and critical thinking skills
  - ETC!
- Complementary Educational Skills
  - Technology, entrepreneurial and professional knowledge developed

## Mentoring

- Social/ Life skills
  - Leadership
  - Setting goals
  - Resolving conflicts
  - Communication skills
- Employability skills
  - Time management
  - Presentation skills
  - Public speaking
  - Teamwork skills
  - Self-managed learning skills

# Project Timeline

- Pilot Program
  - Start date: June, 2010
  - End date: September, 2010
- Nuevos Horizontes
  - Start date: January – June 2011
  - End date: January – June 2012



# Cost of the Pilot Project

## Vocational Education

- Unit cost: (\$10)- Provides an adolescent healthy meals for a week. Total Cost: (\$2040)
- Unit cost: (\$25)- Covers transportation to the class for an adolescent per month. Total Cost: (\$1275)
- Unit cost: (\$30 )- Covers science materials for the class per child per month. Total Cost: (\$1530)
- Unit cost: (\$65)- Covers science, entrepreneurship and professional curriculum for a year for 5 youth. Total Cost: (\$220)
- Unit cost: (\$100)- Provides Computer classes to a child for one year. Total Cost: (\$1700)
- Unit cost: (\$150 )- Helps provide children with qualified teacher for the program. Total Cost: (\$3600)



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- Unit cost: (\$35 )- Helps mentees connect with their mentors for a month. Total Cost: (\$105)
- Unit cost: (\$50)- Funds one month of training in team work, career development, financial planning and self esteem per adolescent. Total Cost: (\$175)

Program Total Cost: \$3595



**Thank you for your Support!**

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