



FUNDACIÓN ESPARTANOS

OUR MISSION

Transform the lives of prison inmates for their effective social and labor integration, through the practice of rugby, spirituality, education and connection with the world of work.

OUR GOALS

1. **Promote the social integration** of prison inmates through team sports, spirituality and continuous and personalized support.
2. **Promote the labor inclusion** of the Espartanos through formal education, technical training and the generation of job opportunities.
3. **Promote the expansion and replicability** of the Espartanos model in the Argentine provinces and abroad through the development of quality standards, methodological documentation, the involvement of the State and the third sector.
4. Optimize and professionalize the operation of the Foundation through the improvement of processes, the strengthening and promotion of strategic alliances and institutional positioning both locally and internationally.

HISTORY

In March 2009, Eduardo “Coco” Oderigo visited the San Martín maximum security prison for the first time. He saw that hopelessness prevailed, so a few days later he returned with a rugby ball and trained 15 inmates. Ten years later, there are now over 650 volunteers, 3030 players, and the Espartanos model is replicated in 69 prisons, 21 provinces, 6 countries (Chile, El Salvador, España, Kenia, Perú, Uruguay) over 3 continents.

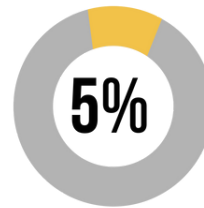
BEING ESPARTANO

An Espartano is a person who, for whatever reason, is serving a sentence in a Penitentiary Unit, but is willing to change his/her life by embracing a new opportunity. An Espartano signs a commitment by which he/she agrees to respect the code of conduct and basic rules of coexistence for the sake of the common good. He/She shows a spirit of self improvement in sports, education and spirituality; learning from the past, enriching his/her present, and preparing for a better future.

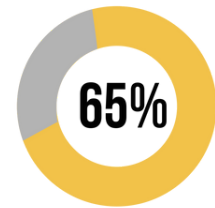
IMPACT

The life transformation of an Espartano/a is reflected in the decline of the recidivism rate. Once his/her sentence is completed, he/she regains freedom and finds a good job.

PERCENTAGE OF RECIDIVISM



WITH
ESPARTANOS
PROGRAM



WITHOUT
ESPARTANOS
PROGRAM

Fundación Espartanos has built

3030

PLAYERS
in Argentina.

283

JOBS OPPORTUNITIES
Once they complete their sentence, we help them in their job search so they become an example

650

**VOLUNTEERS
AT NATIONAL LEVEL**
join us in our activities to rewrite stories.

9

RUGBY FIELDS
in different penitentiary units of Argentina.



69

PRISON
replicated the Espartanos model in 21 provinces, 7 countries ((Chile, El Salvador, España, Kenia, Perú, Uruguay) over 3 continents.

4

EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOMS
where we offer 36 COURSES and trained 947 ESPARTANOS, improving their chances of finding a job once released.



OUR PROGRAMS



MODEL PRISON COMPLEX

San Martin complex, a maximum security prison in San Martin, province of Buenos Aires, is where the first rugby team played, as well as the premises of Fundación Espartanos' integration model. All programs replicated in other prison units in the country and abroad are inspired by this "Espartano Model".

The purpose of the work we do is to transform program participants through emotional support for the inmate and his/her family, promote wellbeing through sports, educational training in our values, and improvement of prison facilities. We offer weekly rugby training, praying sessions, and different educational classes and workshops.

San Martin Complex currently has 155 female players, 544 male players, 355 volunteers, 835 counterparts within the Penitentiary Service (SP), 12 pavilions, 2 artificial turf rugby fields, 2 multipurpose classrooms, and 2 gyms.





WE'RE A TEAM

We encourage a self improvement spirit in every Espartano/a through sports, and promote the values of rugby to help them develop good habits, a sense of belonging, and skills for healthy emotional management.



SECOND CHANCES

We support Espartanos and Expartanos during their process of personal and social adjustment, through tutoring and training programs for their successful reintegration into society and work life once released from prison.



REWRITING STORIES

We encourage continuous training and education of Espartanos/as so that they can complete their studies and acquire new skills to help them become employable people, as well as positive role models in their social environment.



SPIRITUALITY

An introspection space of spiritual connection through prayer, focusing on forgiving and seeking forgiveness.



ESPARTAN COMMUNITY

Promote the Espartanos program as a transforming tool in penal units, inviting the different actors in the community to become aware and participate in true social inclusion.



COMPANIES BELIEVING IN SECOND CHANCES



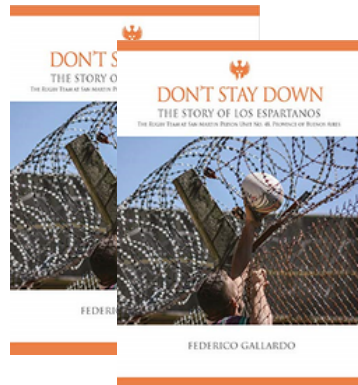


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Fundación Espartanos team is made up by a board of 11 founders, a staff of 15 professionals, 650 volunteers, and more than 300 donors that make our every day work and growth possible.



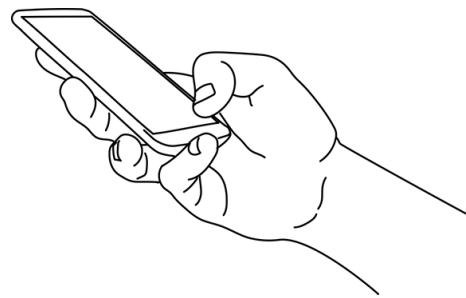
LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY



"Don't Stay Down" is the story of Los Espartanos, a rugby team created by Eduardo "Coco" Oderigo that has changed the lives of countless people through sports, spirituality, education and work.

The book shares life testimonies of Los Espartanos, the rugby team of San Martin's Penitentiary Unit No. 48, in the Province of Buenos Aires. These testimonies show us a cruel reality: some people are condemned from birth to lead a dog's life. Their childhoods are stark tales, real postcards from hell.

Get our e-book from Amazon!



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