



GIVING BACK





“Ser puente que
une, nunca abismo
que separe”

[Be a bridge that unites, never an abyss that divides]

- SISTER THERESA



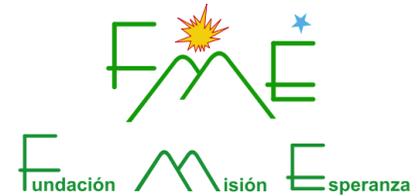
OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

David Denies Bird Hunting has a rich history of social responsibility in the communities where we work and live. Since 1985, our motto has been “*investing money in people*”. This guiding philosophy is all about enriching the lives of local youth and elderly people in need. It means encouraging employee voluntarism in the region, and it’s a mission that’s constantly evolving.

David Denies has partnered with the Misión Esperanza Foundation to actively promote and fund social outreach projects in the communities near our lodges and in outlying areas.

David Denies
BIRD HUNTING

Home to hunters who expect perfection



OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE A **LASTING
IMPACT ON THE INDIVIDUALS,
FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES** THAT WE
WORK WITH.





ABOUT THE MISIÓN ESPERANZA FOUNDATION

The Misión Esperanza Foundation is a non-profit organization with a long history of charitable work in remote and vulnerable areas. It is head-quartered in the San Marcos Sierras region of northern Córdoba, Argentina.

Sister Theresa is the founder and creator of the Foundation. From Cabo Verde, Africa she traveled to many regions of Latin America and finally arrived in San Marcos Sierras, Córdoba in 1996 where she remains. When she arrived in Córdoba, she settled in a small borrowed room with no electricity nor bathroom. Her first mission in this region was to feed homeless children that lived on the train tracks.

In the following years she was able to reach more isolated places and help people that had not received help before. With hard work and knocking on many doors she was able to open her first community center. This was just the beginning, she then opened six community centers and provided a mobile health vehicle. She has dedicated her entire life to the church and to the homeless of Córdoba and other parts of Argentina.

Misión Esperanza and David Denies Bird Hunting have many ongoing projects. Since 2001 to date, here are some of the projects we have in progress as we work to achieve our objective of eliminating poverty in this region.



A PARTNERSHIP THAT MOVES LIVES FORWARD

Sister Teresa arrives in Northern Córdoba with literally nothing more than the clothes on her back.

1996

In the beginning, food was prepared on site, and outdoors in poor areas. Local volunteers helped Sister Theresa cook for the children.



David Denies builds Los Altos dining room to feed 60 children daily. Cooking for many people becomes an easier process and the children have a more comfortable “home”.



David Denies buys a van so the logistics of food transportation becomes possible.

2005



The popularity of dove hunting grows, increasing dove meat donations, more children than ever are fed daily.

2007



Support grows to include family members of the children that benefit from the foundation, they do work such as cooking and serving.



1998

Sister Teresa begins making changes across the community. While traveling to more isolated areas in the region, she identifies those in need, and provides food, clothing, and medicine.



2000

David Denies Bird Hunting partners with FME to feed children on a small scale.



2004

David Denies Bird Hunting builds classrooms at FME to teach a variety of workshops.



2006

First freezer is purchased, so food can be stored.



2010

Donations grow to the point that the “*Health on Wheels*” monthly program becomes possible, and it tours the region providing medical care twelve times per year.



2012

David Denies starts employing permanent staff to work exclusively on the needs of the foundation.

Children's Day is celebrated each year. Annually up to 150 youth attend and each child receives a gift.



David Denies begins to enhance Christmas each year, traveling throughout the region to share good cheer with families.

2015



Solidarity Days become a scheduled monthly celebration to engage and benefit local children.



Even through the worldwide pandemic, FME was able to reach distant areas in north Córdoba to provide food for people in need.

2020



David Denies & FME continue to be 100% committed to making a difference in all of the areas we touch.

Our future



2013

FME sees the need to support children, not only with a daily meal, but to provide education-enhancing future possibilities. Language, music, and physical education teachers are hired.



2018

Renovation and maintenance works were carried out on the community centers.



David Denies Bird Hunting's constant support makes it possible for over 600 children to get access to education and a hot meal every day.



2022

Following the borders opening in November 2021 post-pandemic, our clients returned to the fields and the production of dove meat "escabeche" was resumed to be served at the centers.







HOPE PROJECT

The Hope Project is a living, breathing campaign that provides daily support to needy children and families in the Córdoba region. The success of this program directly correlates to our successful dove shooting programs, and we are proud to state that we are the only outfitters in Argentina to have built a pure charitable program of this magnitude without regard to market advantage.

David Denies designed the Hope Project because we saw people in need everyday. We saw hungry children, and families that were not getting simple medical care. We wanted local children to have good schools and safe places to go after school-so we raised the money and built those places. The project started with food from the field and has blossomed into much, much, more it continues to grow-and it continues to make a difference in people's lives. Hope Project mirrors the David Denies' philosophy of investing in people, because doing so makes all the difference.

We take pride in our support and commitment to the local community. David Denies Bird Hunting's staff collaborates closely with the foundation projects in many different ways. We are happy to boast that we have 100% staff participation. Every one of our staff members is involved in some way. And, because our staff is involved and enjoys this aspect of their work, they tell our guests and that further spreads the news of the work that has been done, and is yet to be done.

As David Denies commitment with the foundation grows, the staff that works at the lodges also gets more involved with this project. We all work together with the same aim and we share news about all the projects with enthusiasm! Our commitment to being great corporate citizens takes place in four core areas.



NUTRITION PROGRAM

Thanks to David Denies Bird Hunting and our guests, nutritious and protein-rich doves are used to prepare hot meals. During our hunting days, bird boys take special care of a portion of the dove meat. It is carefully cleaned and separated into bags for freezing.

The high-protein meat is then cooked and served for lunch at the community centers by local volunteers to over 600 underprivileged children every day. The free meal program has been designed to help local families who often cannot make ends meet and supplement their children's nutritional needs.

Doves are an important source of vitamin C, as well as B1 and B6, both of which aid in a child's neurological development. The meat is rich in minerals and its high iron content helps in the formation of red blood cells and the upkeep of a properly functioning nervous system. So it not only tastes good, it is also good for you.





DOVE ESCABECHE

The process starts in our hunting fields; doves are gathered, cleaned, and frozen to be transported to one of FME's locations. Once there, the "*dove escabeche*" preparation begins. A group of women from the Community Centers cook and pack the meat. They are assisted by a recognized local chef who instructs them in the cooking and packaging process.

David Denies Bird Hunting supports and handles all of the process and everything that is needed for the production, such as supplies, ingredients, materials, etc.

Some of these jars are also transported back to the lodges, where the dove escabeche is served to be enjoyed by the same hunters that shot the birds.

In addition to giving our guests the chance to taste and enjoy these delicious appetizers, the product of their own hunting, processing dove also gives us the possibility to generate a boost in the economy of low-income women and families, by providing an activity that empowers them. Everybody wins!









HEALTH ON WHEELS

In 2002, a new initiative of Sister Theresa gave birth to a Mobile Clinic operated by a team of volunteer health professionals called “*Doctors of La Esperanza*”. The mobile clinic was created to provide free monthly health-care services to uninsured people living in the most remote areas of northern Córdoba and to educate them on disease prevention.

As one of our first projects over two decades ago, David Denies joined the project with an initial investment in technological equipment and with ongoing funding for travel expenses, including fuel, maintenance, and food for doctors and patients.

Each month various doctors, nurses and other health professionals travel in a large, specially outfitted caravan to rural areas where they conduct physical exams, perform simple procedures, administer medication, practice dentistry, gynaecological exams, pediatrics, nursing assistance, cardiology exams, and lab work. Over 5000 adults and children benefit from these medical visits each year.







COMMUNITY CENTERS

The María de la Esperanza Mission includes seven Community Centers where the tireless Sister Theresa and volunteer staff provide a daily meal to as many as 950 underprivileged local children. David Denies Bird Hunting financially supports all centers, by providing food, electricity, gas, building supplies, and school materials to each one.

These multi-use spaces offer after-school classes, subject-specific workshops and organized sports for local children. The aim is to give each student the tools he or she needs to succeed in the entire learning process, and recreational activities also include sports, dancing, bakery and recycling crafts. A teacher gives personalized instruction to the children and they accompany children through the entire learning process.









SOLIDARITY DAYS

Each month, David Denies organizes “*Solidarity Day*” missions, when our staff and other volunteers visit one of the seven Community Centers run by the Misión Esperanza Foundation to engage with local children and adults in Solidarity Day activities.

Volunteers lead activities designed to teach and empower the children who frequent the community centers. In particular, Solidarity Day missions can range from organized sports activities to lesson plans that include talks on recycling, or the importance of good nutrition. In addition, volunteers help sort and deliver donations such as children’s clothes, sneakers, books, and toys. We also encourage hands-on group tasks such as planting trees or picking fruit in local orchards.

The goal is to give volunteers an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in need through meaningful interactions.





CHILDREN'S DAY

Each year in August, Fundación Misión Esperanza and David Denies join forces to celebrate Children's Day which has become a huge celebration, attracting over a thousand children each time. Attendees are bussed in from surrounding rural areas, and more than 100 volunteers collaborate on the planning and organization.

This outdoor festival takes place in the Fundación Misión Esperanza main headquarters and includes all sort of games, singing, the planting of trees and other recreational activities, as well as gift distribution. During the afternoon, children received sandwiches, cookies, cakes and juice.

At day's end, every child goes home with a bag with goodies, a new toy and a big smile after celebrating their special day!







CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Every Christmas, David Denies & Misión Esperanza Foundation celebrate Christmas. Sister Theresa and a group of volunteers travel in big caravans to the most remote and vulnerable areas while delivering bottled water, clothing, Christmas trees and ornaments, plus toys and goodies for the children. Just like Santa Claus, they make stops along the way, and groups of families wait to share a meal and the good cheer of the season. This is our way of being part of these underprivileged children's Christmas.

It's a full day party, where we all get to share great moments and smiles with the local people of rural areas. At the end of the day, each child gets to go back home with a bag of goodies and a new toy.







GIVING BACK IN NUMBERS

7

community centers for support and education.

1200

pounds of doves are harvested and donated per month.

20

years since the first mobile clinic visited monthly rural areas all over Córdoba

5000

people receive medical care each year.

950

underprivileged children have their meal every day.

9000

kids celebrated children's day.

**WE ENCOURAGE OUR GUESTS TO
CONTRIBUTE WITH A DONATION,
NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL, SO
THAT DAVID DENIES CAN SUPPORT THE
FOUNDATION BY PROVIDING FOOD,
ELECTRICITY, GAS, BUILDING SUPPLIES,
AND SCHOOL MATERIALS.**



DONATIONS AND CONCERN HAVE
CREATED **GREAT BONDS OF SUPPORT**
BETWEEN OUR GUESTS, STAFF, AND THE
PEOPLE OF RURAL AREAS IN ARGENTINA.



**HELP US GIVE BACK BY CONTRIBUTING.
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.**

\$5 feeds a whole family one meal.

\$20 pays the electricity bill for a month at a community center.

\$50 feeds 36 children one meal.

\$75 pays for food and supplies for Health on Wheels program.

\$100 pays the fuel cost to bring 20 doctors to rural areas.

\$250 pays financial school materials for 25 children.

\$400 feeds 300 children one meal.

\$500 pays a month of school tuition for 50 children.

\$750 pays all costs of the Children's Day celebration.

\$1000 pays the fuel cost to host 10 medical missions.





FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY TO THE
PRESENT, WE HAVE GROWN OUR SUPPORT
FOR THE COMMUNITY.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GUESTS FOR
YOUR HELP AND FOR BEING PART OF
THIS PROJECT.**

**ALL OF DAVID DENIES LODGES
SUPPORT SISTER THERESA'S PROGRAM**



PICA ZURO



LA DORMIDA



CÓRDOBA



SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO



LA TORCAZA



TUCUMÁN



JACANA



LOS PICAZOS



LOS CRESTONES



SAN JUAN



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