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CLUB VALLARTA

NEWSLETTER

**"If you want to
go fast, go
alone.
If you want to
go far, go with
others."
-African
proverb**



SERVING PUERTO VALLARTA TOGETHER

Club Vallarta, with its beautiful swimming pool, and state of the art facility, was built to serve the youth in the poorest neighborhoods of Puerto Vallarta through sports and educational programs that they do not otherwise have access to.

However, another of our fundamental objectives, and just as important, was to let Club Vallarta become a place where other non-profit organizations and/or people who want to do good can have a facility or space to do so.

The beginning of 2022 has been very productive for Club Vallarta as the epicenter or base from where others can serve the community of Salitrillo and its surrounding areas.

Chiropractors from Paradise Church

Pastor Ric from Paradise Church has been a friend of our organization since before Club Vallarta was built. His service to the most vulnerable of Puerto Vallarta is well known and respected in non-profit and religious circles.





Through Pastor Ric, Club Vallarta was able to host a team of U.S based chiropractors to help with many bone, muscle, tendon and ligament problems faced by the people we serve. Most of them do not have access to this type of healthcare and/or medical attention and it showed. Over a hundred people, most of them elderly or people suffering from serious posture problems, showed up to get treatment. The chiropractors also brought close to one hundred pairs of reading glasses and, after conducting eye exams, distributed them to those who needed them. (See Facebook post: Club Vallarta, March 1, 2022)

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Shoe Distribution from GRC Foundation

On Thursday, March 19 the GRC Foundation distributed 300 pairs of shoes to needy families at Club Vallarta. Salitrillo is one of the neediest neighborhoods of Puerto Vallarta and shoes are a common necessity. Here in our sports programs, we have kids who have played soccer or basketball in sandals because they don't have a pair of tennis shoes to wear. The GRC Foundation arrived here at the Club two weeks prior to the giveaway to register families who were in need of shoes and the response was so high we had to turn some people away because of limited funding. However, the GRC foundation has recently registered another 100 people for a second shoe distribution that will take place in late April. All together, GRC Foundation has provided 400 shoes to the kids from this area. (See Facebook post: Club Vallarta, March 20, 2022)





Free Haircuts

On March 1st, the Escuela de Belleza Galas Vallarta, a renowned beauty school in our city, brought 15 of their best students to give free haircuts to over 60 of our students and their families. A few days later this same beauty school took their services to our sister project, La Escuelita, to offer the same free haircuts to the Magisterio community.

It has been an honor, and a fulfillment of one of our most fundamental objectives, for Club Vallarta to become a ground zero for organizations to serve the neighborhoods that surround our facility. This has allowed us to serve the community in more ways than the ones we personally offer (sports, education and recreation). The goal is to continue serving the needy of Puerto Vallarta together with other like-minded organizations. It is the only way we can have the type of impact we set out to have since our inception.





CLUB VALLARTA TURNS INTO **THE APOLLO THEATER**

Since opening its doors in 1914 and introducing the first Amateur Night contests in 1934, the Apollo Theater in New York City has played a major role in the emergence of jazz, swing, bebop, R&B, gospel, blues and soul in American society. It is a world renowned venue and today it presents concerts, performing arts, education and community outreach programs.

On an afternoon in April 2022, Club Vallarta turned into a small version of the Apollo here in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco. Organized by our music teacher/director Teresa Kelly, maestra Marcella Mangarelli and our Salon de Aventuras (Adventure Room) teacher Iliana Pacheco, our program was able to hold it's first ever music, dance and literature presentation. We invited the student's parents and the community as a whole to come and support their sons and daughters on what was a very important day for them. The turnout was impressive. Astonishing would be a better word because our salon de eventos (ballroom) was packed.

Our music students took the stage with a lot of satisfaction and self-confidence, most of them looking at their parents proudly hoping for their approval and validation. Some were nervous and had the jittery bug. But all of them were eager to show the crowd what they had learned in the few months of attending our music, dance and literature classes at the Club. The crowd cheered every moment, even for those kids who were off key and the kids basked in their praise while they bowed after every performance.



**"Music produces a kind of pleasure
which human nature cannot do
without."
-Confucius**

After all the music students performed, the Girl's Club, led by maestra Iliana, performed a dance routine in their black outfits. The Girl's Club is made up mostly teen girls and is half dance team, half support group. On some days they practice their dance routines, but on others they talk about girl stuff as a group or individually with maestra Iliana. They also learn about nutrition, sexual health and small business principles. All this is done in an effort to promote women empowerment and equality for them at an early age.

The icing on the cake was a presentation by the Salon de Aventuras kids who sang and danced to the tune of a book reading by maestra Iliana. There was also a presentation of poems, books the students had written and other literature work they had done in the Salon de Aventuras. It was a very good day for all of us. Our first ever presentation was better than we imagined and we thank everyone who played a part in organizing it and supporting it. We look forward to bigger and better presentations in the months and years ahead.



Sponsors for Music Program Needed

First the good news. Since the inception of Club Vallarta, we have envisioned offering multiple opportunities in music to the kids and teens we serve. One of those opportunities was to include a full wind instrument band. Thanks to a very generous donation of \$14,000 U.S. dollars from Heather and Dave Betters, a family from the state of Minnesota, we are now able to buy all the instruments (trumpets, clarinets, flutes, saxophones, trombones, etc.) needed to have a full band. Our music room is fully equipped and ready to go.

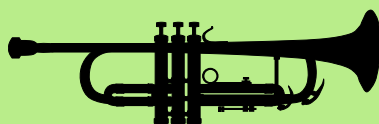
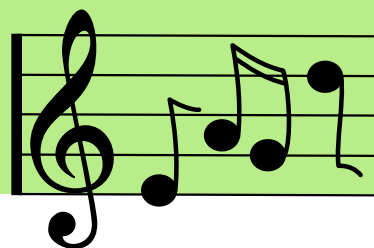
The only problem, and a fundamental one, is that we now need to find sponsors to help us pay the monthly salary of the music teachers who will be in charge of teaching the band. The Instituto de Artes Musicales (IAM) is a very well recognized music school here in Puerto Vallarta. They have a long history of working successfully with kids in their music programs and we have been in talks with them to have them run our band program. If contracted, they will come Club Vallarta four times a week, for two hours each session, to teach and work with our students. The cost of obtaining their service is approximately \$600 U.S. dollars a month, or \$7,200 U.S. dollars for an entire year.

As former director of another educational project, the Volcanes Kids Education Program, the author saw first hand the impact music had on the students enrolled in that band program. The self-esteem and confidence music gave to them; the way their grades increased at school after joining the music program; the discipline it developed within them and the way they bonded and learned to work together to play beautiful pieces.

The literature is full of positive examples of how music impacts the human brain. Figures show that students who study music are more successful on standardized tests and are also likely to achieve better grades in high-school. The benefits of music are endless. (<https://www.kumon.co.uk/blog/the-benefits-of-children-learning-music/>).

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring the salary of the music teachers who we want to run our band program, please contact us immediately or donate through our website as described in this newsletter. In the following weeks we will be purchasing the instruments and hope to have a sponsor or sponsors lined up to begin our band program. If you cannot afford to donate any amount, please pass this article on to your friends and tell them about our music program. Your help will benefit many kids and teens living in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Puerto Vallarta.

**Instituto de Artes Musicales -
IAMPV**



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BE A SPONSOR

Sponser a Teacher

Our teachers in charge of academic classes are all college graduates and spend 24 hours per week in our classrooms. Their students attend elementary school either in the morning or in the afternoon and come to Club Vallarta before or after school. Almost all these kids function far below their grade level. The goal of this academic program is to provide instruction that supplements the public school curriculum and will result in higher levels of academic functioning.

Our teachers are compensated \$300 U.S per month.

Your donation of \$3,600 U.S. would pay a teacher salary for a year.

Your donation of \$1,800 U.S. would pay a teacher salary for 6 months.

Your donation of \$900 U.S. would pay a teacher salary for 3 months.

Sponser a Coach

Our coaches are compensated on average \$120 U.S. per month.

Your donation of \$1440 U.S. would pay a coach's salary for a year

Your donation of \$720 U.S. would pay a coach's salary for 6 months

Your donation of \$360 U.S. would pay a coach's salary for 3 months.

Sponser Sports/Recreation Equipment

Equipment is essential for any sports or recreation program. On an as-needed basis, we purchase basketballs, basketball or soccer nets, soccer balls, volleyballs, volleyball nets, dodgeballs, crossfit equipment, swim caps and goggles, swim kickboards, etc.

On average, our monthly sports/recreation equipment budget is about \$200 U.S.

Your donation of \$2,400 U.S. would pay for equipment for a year.

Your donation of \$1,200 U.S would pay for equipment for 6 months.

Your donation of \$600 U.S. would pay for equipment for 3 months.

Sponser School Supplies

We provide all the school materials our students will need in our classrooms

On average, our monthly school supplies budget is \$100 U.S per month.

Your donation of \$1200 U.S. would pay for schools supplies for a year.

Your donation of \$600 U.S. would pay for school supplies for 6 months.

Your donation of \$300 U.S would pay for school supplies for 3 months.





HOW TO DONATE



The easiest way to donate is through our website at www.clubvallarta.org using our paypal link.

If you are a U.S. citizen and want a tax-deductible receipt, you can give through our IRS-Recognized 501(c)(3) partner organization:

Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation
P.O Box 3135
Montrose, Colorado 81402
Phone: (503) 389-5430
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<https://cshf-us.org/senderos/>

If donating through Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation, please add a note that the donation is for Club Vallarta. Thank you.



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