

EDITORIAL

2005 has already proven to be a year of many accomplishments for the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation. We are proud to announce that our Cigar Family Health Clinic has begun to operate. In January, the clinic already treated over 700 people for parasites, including more than 300 children and their family members.

In addition to the opening of our Cigar Family Health Clinic, the construction of additional community projects are well underway. We have broken ground on the development of a new high school and a second bridge to the complex. Furthermore, the construction of a baseball field and basketball/volleyball courts are near completion. The water supply system and project cistern are also reaching the final stages of construction.

As you will also read, we are preparing ourselves for the seventh annual Cigar Family Celebration 2005 to be hosted in New Orleans on April 15th. It promises to be a



fun-filled and informative weekend, where Cigar Family members will get the latest news on the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation.

Thanks again for your support. Together we can make a difference.

- Carlos Fuente Jr. and Eric Newman

IN THE NEWS

The Cigar Family Charitable Foundation's efforts have gained much recognition among two very distinguished publications. Both **Cigar Aficionado** and **Dominican Times** have featured full length articles on the work being completed in the Dominican Republic.



The **Dominican Times**, in the January/February 2005 issue, featured an in-depth interview with Carlos Fuente, Jr., Eric Newman, and David Luther of IDDI about the foundation's efforts to develop a community complex to benefit the communities in the province of Bonao. The article also talks

about the background of both families and what motivated them to embark on the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation.

Cigar Aficionado's editor, David Savona, wrote a very personal account of his recent trip to the town of Caribe. He explained the positive effect Cigar Family Charitable Foundation is having on the people's lives in Caribe. He also elaborated on the various current projects being developed, including the Cigar Family Educational Center and the development of the water stations in the communities.

BECOME A MEMBER

Tell your friends and family about the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation, and how they can make a difference in the lives of the Dominican people. We need all the help we can get to finish construction of our community complex, and ultimately, make it fully operational.

Remind them that 100% of the net membership dollars collected goes directly to the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation. All administrative, legal, accounting, office, website and general marketing costs are totally underwritten by the Fuente and Newman families.

Potential members can pick up a membership form at a participating smokeshop, or go online at www.cf-cf.org to enroll. Thank you for your help.

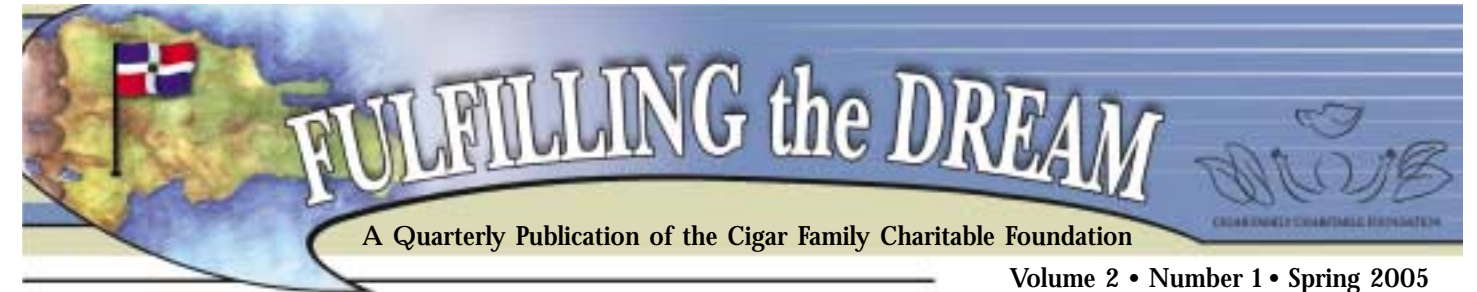


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CIGAR FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC OPENS FOR BUSINESS!

The Cigar Family Charitable Foundation has reached another pinnacle as it opened the anticipated Cigar Family Health Clinic doors this past January. It is a giant step forward for the people of Caribe and adjacent villages given the lack of dependable and accessible health care available to these communities.



Months before the opening, a series of detailed studies were conducted in Caribe, Los Jengibres, Rancho Arriba, Los Arroyos and El Verde, villages surrounding the Cigar Family Community Complex, in an effort to pinpoint the major health issues afflicting these communities. Some of these issues include limited access to health services and shortages in essential medical supplies and equipment.

The Cigar Family Health Clinic will focus on the overall improvement of such needs by providing services as pediatric care, emergency care, gynecology, dentistry, and dermatology, as well as programs in general medicine, nutrition, sex education and accident prevention.

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ORGANIC FARMING: RECYCLING LIFE

The Cigar Family Community complex has undertaken another ambitious and innovative project in organic farming, headed up by IDDI's agronomist, Rafael Lluberes. The vision that is being employed in this exciting project, is one that mimics life and the community complex's mission. Life, especially ecology, is an integral system with interdependent components, each feeding the other and then being mutually sustained. Similarly, the community complex has a variety of components, each supporting the other, and eventually creating a community that is self-sustaining.

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Rafael Lluberes IDDI's agronomist, shows beekeeping components of the organic farming project

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In January, the new health clinic sponsored its first assistance program, addressing the on-going health issue of parasites. These parasites are transmitted through dirty water and poor hygiene conditions often found in these rural communities. Consequently, parasites lead to gastro-intestinal diseases, diarrhea, malnutrition, skin problems and other illnesses. The program was a success as it treated 308 school children and 435 members of their families.

The foundation has been working with the Ministry of Public Health to appoint personnel. Currently, the health clinic is in semi-operation three days a week; Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday with a staff of one general doctor and a nurse and with minimal technical equipment. When fully staffed and equipped, hopefully by this summer, the Cigar Family Health

Clinic should have eight or nine employees, including physicians, nurses, technicians and staff working everyday with the latest laboratory equipment.

Carlos Fuente visits the pediatric room in the new Cigar Family Health Clinic.



CIGAR FAMILY CELEBRATION 2005 NEW ORLEANS

During the weekend of April 15-17, 2005, Cigar Family members will once again meet for the seventh annual Cigar Family Celebration. This year's festivities will be held for the first time in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans. More than one hundred and twenty participants are expected to attend. Many of the Cigar Family members attending are among the Cigar Family Charitable Foundation's biggest contributors.

The weekend's festivities will include great New Orleans cooking, cigars and more. The celebrations will be kicked off with a fantastic welcome reception at the Royal Sonesta Hotel's Mystick Den that will include Louisiana style fried catfish, oysters on the half shell, jumbo shrimp in calypso sauce and more.

On Saturday, our annual Cigar Discussion Panel will feature Carlos Fuente Jr., Eric Newman and David Luther, executive director of the Institute for Integral Dominican Development. Participants will be provided a detailed update on the current projects under development in the Cigar Family Community Complex.

Finally, the celebration will end with the annual Gala dinner at the historical Musee Wax Conti. During the cocktail participants will be able to take a tour of the wax museum and get an in-depth understanding of New Orleans history and culture. The 2005 Cigar Family Celebration is sure to be a very memorable event.



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Bobby Newman in front of the organic farmer project

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In effect, this cycle is present at the project. The agriculture will feed the children at the school, the school produces waste, organic and biological, that becomes compost which in return fertilizes the crops. The waste can also feed the fish and shrimp that are for human consumption. The left-overs from the agriculture (leaves) also go to the compost. The trees that we are planting for shade and for reforestation purposes also provide the flowers for the bees that produce honey that is consumed by the children.

The idea is so that nothing is lost, everything is used and recycled. This message is also then conveyed to the children and their families. A process of environmental education has been developed to teach about the need to nurture Mother Nature, and how the Earth provides with life's essentials.

PHOTO GALLERY



Physical Education class at the Cigar Family School



Carlos Fuente Jr., celebrating carnival in Caribe



Students enrolled in the English Class at the Cigar Family School



Key members of the Cigar Family School Staff