

MURIALDINE ACTIVITIES FOR POOR BOYS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

MENDOZA JOSEPHAN COMMUNITY

MISSION, OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The Congregation of Saint Joseph – *Josephites of Murialdo* - whose founder is St. Leonard Murialdo lives the charisma of “**attention to the poor, abandoned and mainly needy of aid and Christian education young people**”.

The Murialdine charisma embraces a vast field of action: Community centres, schools, social and formation centres for young people of the working class areas, offering an adequate field of service in favour of the more vulnerable young people.

The congregation is present in Mendoza from 1939, in the community of Our Lady of Sorrows, situated in the Sixth Sector. From those days they carry out pastoral activities with the community; then they opened homes for boys sent by the Tribunal because of different family situations, forbidding them to live with their parents. From 1989 a Community and Educational Centre begins to function, for the children and their families. It is situated in the Flores Sur area of Capital. Later on, in 1996 another Community Centre for children opens at Colonia Molina - Guaymallén (rural zone), and a Centre for teenagers in the Flores Sur area of Capital. In 2004 a Community Centre for boys and young people begins at Los Corralitos - Guaymallén. Moreover, in this same year the field of action in the Flores Sur area is extended, caring for children and boys who find surviving ways on the street. All these activities are giving an answer to the necessities felt in the community, supported by the interest of the public institutions for promoting the healthy growth of children and teenagers together with their families.

In every one of its activities the Congregation wishes to offer an adequate and integral service of development for the children, teenagers, young people and families, which are involved in it. The Congregation promotes their active participation in order to favour significant changes in their life that will affect the community's development.

The working methodology with the children, teenagers and young people is personalized and it is founded on the evangelical values that promote life in its full meaning. The educative staff takes its task with responsibility and has also its formation times, so that each educator is able to perform his task, warranting a positive impact in the community where s/he works. That is why we recognize ourselves within the net work methodology, in order to enhance our answer to the educative challenge in a communitarian and highly effective way, sharing the drafting of strategies with the various actor involved in each case. This methodology is implemented both in the work with the specific community with which we act, and with the society in general terms, having a great interest for an active participation in the planning and carrying out of the social policies that will give an answer to the various existing needs.

Below we present an outline of the several Community Centres of the Congregation, which are aimed at the educational-social work.

CONGREGATION OF SAINT JOSEPH (Josephites of Murialdo)

San José Community and Educative Centre	San Cayetano Community and Educative Centre	San José Children and TeenagersCentre	Murialdo Children and TeenagersCentre	Rights Promotion Centre	San José Little Bank
<p>-Beneficiaries: 120 children (6 - 12 years old) About 70 families.</p> <p>-Work done: School support Food Integration Art workshops Formation to values Scholarships Psycho-pedagogical care Hygiene Medical care Registration of pers. data Parents Formation Camps</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Director 10 Teachers 1 Social Worker 2 Cooks 2 Auxiliaries Volunteers</p>	<p>- Beneficiaries: 120 children (6 – years old) 65 adolescents (13-20 y. o.) About 80 families</p> <p>-Work done: School support Food Integration Art workshops Formation to values Hygiene Medical care Sport Computer science workshops Mechanics workshops Garden Popular Library Registration of pers. data Parents Formation Camps</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Director 11 Teachers 2 Cooks 2 Auxiliaries Volunteers</p>	<p>- Beneficiaries: 70 children (6 - 12 years old) 120 adolescents (13-20 y. o.) About 90 families</p> <p>-Work done: School support Food Integration Art workshops Formation to values Scholarships Sport Formation to work Hygiene Medical care Registration of pers. data Parents Formation Camps</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Coordinator 6 Teachers 1 Administrative clerk 1 Social Worker 3 Operators, 2 Animators 4 Phys. Tr. Teachers, 2 Cooks 2 Auxiliaries Volunteers</p>	<p>- Beneficiaries: 65 children (6 - 12 y. o.) 70 adolescents (13 -20 y. o.) About 70 families</p> <p>-Work done: School support Food Integration Art workshops Formation to values Scholarships Sport Formation to work Hygiene Medical care Registration of pers. data Parents Formation Camps</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Coordinator 6 Teachers 2 Operators, 1 Social Worker 2 Animators 2 Phys. Tr. Teachers, 1 Cook 1Auxiliary Volunteers</p>	<p>- Beneficiaries: 120 children (6 - 12 y. o.) 47 adolescents(13 - 22 y. o.) About 85 families</p> <p>-Work done: Planning of the personalized strategies keeping in consideration the personal, familiar and social history of the boy-girl. Activation of the existing networks to contact the young people. Therapies with the participation of professionals. School reintegration Formation to work Leisure and sport Registration of pers. data</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Social Worker 1 Social Psychologist 2 Educational Psychologist 2 Technicians 4 Teachers</p>	<p>- Beneficiaries: About 60 families</p> <p>-Work done: - Formation for the groups (12 groups of 5 persons) to get loans with a solidal warranty in order to develop small productive businesses, personally or as a group, for the economic development of each family - Accounting courses - Formation for various projects (hygiene norms, how to handle food...) - Community meetings to share their experiences and strengthen the confidence of each group's members.</p> <p>-In charge personnel: 1 Coordinator 5 Community Operators</p>