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Editorial

I hope that this fills you up with energy to make you believe that in life nothing is impossible!



This month I wanted to share with you a poem from an Argentinean writer, Pedro Bonifacio Palacios, whose pen name was Almafuerite (Strong Soul in Spanish) and who writes about never giving up...

¡ AVANTI !

If you crumble ten times, you get up
Another ten, another hundred, another five hundred
They will not be your worst failures
Or even, by law, so many

¡ PIU AVANTI !

Do not give up, even defeated,
do not feel a slave, even enslaved;
trembling with fright, think yourself brave,
and assault fiercely, when badly hurt.

Have the tenacity of the rusted nail
that old and ruined, is nail again;
not the coward stupidity of the turkey
that shrinks its feathers at the first noise.

Do like God who never cries;
or like Lucifer, who never prays;
or like the oak grove, that in its greatness
needs water but does not plea...

May it bite and clamor vengeful,
rolling in the dust, your head!

“Don’t give up even if defeated” by Almafuerite

Guillermo Cogorno
Country Director

Argentina Inside & Out

The biggest football event in Latin América Copa America!



Staged since 1916, Copa América is the oldest competition of soccer teams in the world. In 2011, the tournament will take place in Argentina and will count with the presence of 12 (twelve) teams. Of these, seven were in the 2010 World Cup's last eight: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico, and Japan. The competition is equivalent to the UEFA European Football Championship, and is disputed in the same ways as the World Cup.

Since 1993, besides the ten South American countries, another two countries outside the continent have always from then on participated in the tournament as invitees. It is worth reminding that Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay take the scene of the world soccer, and altogether these three South American countries have won 9 (nine) World Cups.

The last edition of Copa América was realized in July 2007, in Venezuela. New soccer aces such as Robinho, for Brazil, and Lionel Messi, for Argentina, received warm applauses at the Venezuelan stadiums. Brazil was hailed as a champion for the second consecutive time when it beat Argentina in the final match.

In 2011, the event shall count with the biggest world soccer stars, such as: Robinho, Kaká and Júlio César (Brazil); Messi, Tevez and Mascherano (Argentina); Valdivia and Suazo (Chile); Claudio Pizarro (Peru); Roque Santa Cruz and Cardozo (Paraguay); Forlán and Cavani (Uruguay); Chicharito Hernandez (Mexico) and Honda (Japan).



Bienvenida Stephanie - The New Social Manager!



Hola! I'm Stephanie, the newest member of the Projects Abroad team in Córdoba, Argentina. I am happy to be back in Argentina and to be working with a great staff and meeting so many motivated volunteers. I am originally from Canada but have been living in the US for many years. I have worked in the field of cultural exchange for about five years and truly enjoy meeting people from all over the world and learning about different cultures. Before coming to Argentina I worked in New York with an international exchange organization that brought high school students to the US to study for a year of high school. The

opportunity to work with Projects Abroad has given me the chance to continue doing what I truly enjoy! I love to travel, meet people and discover new places. I enjoy taking pictures, spending time with friends and family, and relaxing when I can. I look forward to working with you in the months to come!

Private Donations... a gift from the heart!

BrieAnne Arduini raised 700 dollars with friends and family before she left the US and decided she wanted to buy something special for the kids at her placement – Eva Peron children's home. With Ines and Vanessa, our Volunteer Manager & Social Manager, she bought a whole list of articles. They went literally crazy when they saw what she had bought for them!

Her donation included toys, games, jumpers, football boots, art material, shelves, an electric heater and tv support.



Nicole Redsell from the UK who worked 2 months at Eva Peron in 2010 also raised with the help of her mum over 1320 pounds and financed different projects: the painting of Eva Peron orphanage and of Apadro home ; fixed swings a slide at Eva Peron & bought new chairs and table for Eva Peron.

Projects Abroad would like to thank other volunteers who through their own means, decide to do something for the kids at their placement. Many thanks to all of you who make a difference!

New Animal Care Placement - Primate Rehabilitation!



For over 20 years the centre has been working with the species *Alouatta Caraya* (howler monkey or caraya) a species which inhabits the forests, jungles of Northeast Argentina. The centre depends upon a Non-Government-Organisation, ACPM Zoo-Cba (Asociacion para la Conservacion, Proteccion y Mejoramiento del Jardin Zoologico de Cordoba), founded in 1985 and is recognized as such by the authorities but receives no financial support.

There are volunteers from the institution Guardazoo (many of them students of biology or veterinary medicine) who help the center, as well as independent enthusiasts. It is the first and only centre for rehabilitation of primates in Argentina and the only one, which works to rehabilitate the howler monkey.

The program of the centre consists of various stages of physical, psychological and social rehabilitation; that is, "we teach the monkeys to be monkeys again". In the centre we work with orphan animals and monkeys turned "mistakenly" into pets. All have been taken from their natural habitats to satisfy the pet trade and to be held as exhibits in zoos. All the monkeys have come from voluntary hand-ins, seizures by the government, zoo's etc from throughout the country. All have been pet monkeys. Unfortunately the pet trade still exists in South America and although it is a protected species in Argentina, enforcement of this status is not effective. It is now listed in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) Appendix 2, as 'vulnerable'. Continued hunting for the bush meat and pet trades and habitat destruction ensure that numbers in the wild are still declining rapidly.

The Refugio Del Caraya was the first place in Argentina where the Black Howler Monkeys bred successfully outside their native habitat. This species is considered worldwide "difficult to maintain in captivity" – generally it does not survive and/or reproduce in zoos. There are more than 100 monkeys, which live FREE in 9 sectors within the refuge. There are also a few monkeys that cannot live with other monkeys or prefer to be alone or with humans.

Web site

www.proyectocaraya.com.ar

www.volunteer-with-howler-monkeys.org



New Journalism Placement - Matices!

Since its launch, Editorial LA MATRIZ S.R.L has expanded to a monthly magazine MATICES. It is the most read magazine in the Northwest and the most important service catalogue in its sector. MATICES is developed by a team of professionals with specialised training in web publishing, marketing, culture, tourism & business. This enables them to give the best response to the current market.

Every month over 32 000 copies are distributed and with Maticesweb.com the coverage has been extended to the whole of the city.

New Care Placement - Felisa Soaje!

This placement is ideal for volunteers who are willing to work hard and who have the skill and patience to help care for children. This is a place for homeless and/or orphaned girls aged 13 to 18 to receive love and care. It mostly deals with girls that have had family issues (abuse, violence) and expects volunteers to be patient, proactive and creative enough to come up with ideas which can enrich the girls' lives.



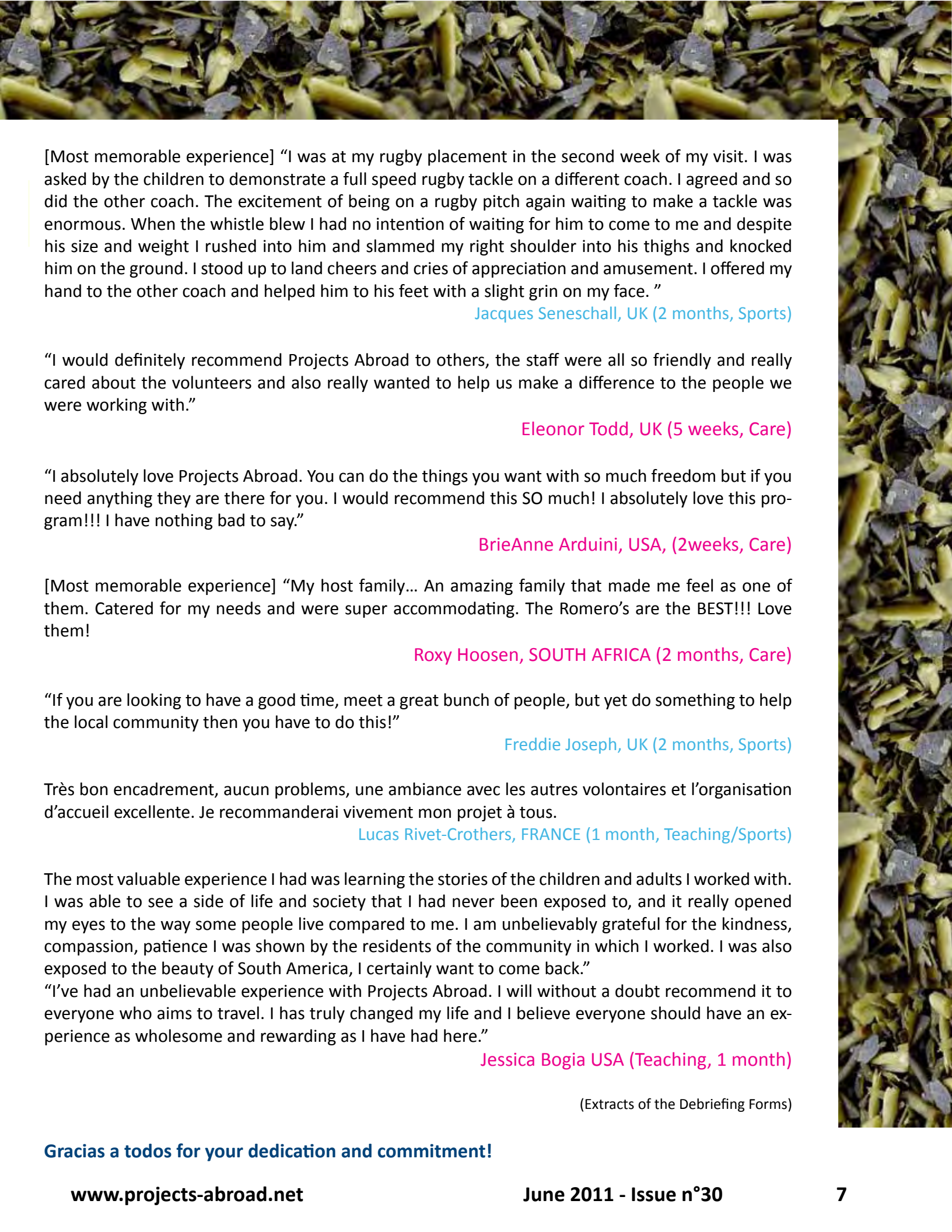
The staff at Felisa Soaje work alongside social workers and psychologists that treat and accompany the girls while they are growing up and overcoming their problems. If you work at this placement, you will be expected to organise educational activities as well as helping with the day to day lives of the children. Recreational activities such as games, painting, sports, etc. will be gratefully welcomed. On our care placements it is important that you show the initiative and enthusiasm to immerse yourself into the job and spend your time productively. Your role is essentially as an extra pair of hands, and where children are involved, the more help that is available the better! It is also a goal in this institution to provide the children with an education; if volunteers feel that they are capable of helping with this, it will be more than welcomed.

As well as helping with the day-to-day running of the Center, you will also have the freedom to come up with games and activities to keep the children amused and occupied. We recommend that you come prepared with ideas and materials. You could even teach some basic English and maths, if you feel this would be useful to the children. Art, music, drama and sport are always popular!

Testimonials!

"Projects Abroad is a well structured company that sets up placements and projects for volunteers which not only enables them to gain valuable experience but also to help others. Staff were always helpful and kind. I will be back!!"

Zubair Shehraz, UK (2 months, Sports & Teaching)



[Most memorable experience] “I was at my rugby placement in the second week of my visit. I was asked by the children to demonstrate a full speed rugby tackle on a different coach. I agreed and so did the other coach. The excitement of being on a rugby pitch again waiting to make a tackle was enormous. When the whistle blew I had no intention of waiting for him to come to me and despite his size and weight I rushed into him and slammed my right shoulder into his thighs and knocked him on the ground. I stood up to land cheers and cries of appreciation and amusement. I offered my hand to the other coach and helped him to his feet with a slight grin on my face. ”

Jacques Seneschall, UK (2 months, Sports)

“I would definitely recommend Projects Abroad to others, the staff were all so friendly and really cared about the volunteers and also really wanted to help us make a difference to the people we were working with.”

Eleonor Todd, UK (5 weeks, Care)

“I absolutely love Projects Abroad. You can do the things you want with so much freedom but if you need anything they are there for you. I would recommend this SO much! I absolutely love this program!!! I have nothing bad to say.”

BrieAnne Arduini, USA, (2weeks, Care)

[Most memorable experience] “My host family... An amazing family that made me feel as one of them. Catered for my needs and were super accommodating. The Romero’s are the BEST!!! Love them!

Roxy Hoosen, SOUTH AFRICA (2 months, Care)

“If you are looking to have a good time, meet a great bunch of people, but yet do something to help the local community then you have to do this!”

Freddie Joseph, UK (2 months, Sports)

Très bon encadrement, aucun problèmes, une ambiance avec les autres volontaires et l’organisation d’accueil excellente. Je recommanderai vivement mon projet à tous.

Lucas Rivet-Crothers, FRANCE (1 month, Teaching/Sports)

The most valuable experience I had was learning the stories of the children and adults I worked with. I was able to see a side of life and society that I had never been exposed to, and it really opened my eyes to the way some people live compared to me. I am unbelievably grateful for the kindness, compassion, patience I was shown by the residents of the community in which I worked. I was also exposed to the beauty of South America, I certainly want to come back.”

“I’ve had an unbelievable experience with Projects Abroad. I will without a doubt recommend it to everyone who aims to travel. I has truly changed my life and I believe everyone should have an experience as wholesome and rewarding as I have had here.”

Jessica Bogia USA (Teaching, 1 month)

(Extracts of the Debriefing Forms)

Gracias a todos for your dedication and commitment!

Birthdays!



And this time the greetings go to: SALize Smith, William Underwood, Albert Nguyen, Jared Berg, Anab Lehr, Kathleen Storegraven, Julia Biehler, Constantin Greinacher, Maria Seravalli, Elisabeth Gaydon, Adrien Pinteaux, Andrew Friedenber, Jing Wang, Shannon Good, Marie Jagu, Silja Signer, Benedicte Meyer, Marisa Pizzi, Alda Piantoni, Nicoletta Martini, Christel Mattsson, Damien Montvernay, Johan Pfeifer, Axel van der Straten Ponthoz, Elizabeth Deschner, Tess Botsford, Benjamin Fry, Lousie Spratt, Laura Adam, Dana Rockstroh, Scott Roberts, William Roxburgh, Karen Carr, Charles Pitts, Clare Joy, Carole Gedenberg, Megan

Donnelley, Hayley Potts, Vera Van de Bult, Natalie Escobar, Janina Weber, Marie Serup, Travis Vandewater, David Dillon, Louise Kristensen, Michaela Cameron, Charlotte Dewdney, Kaitlyn Burgess, Amandine Corro, Savannah Ross, Anthony Woodward, Sofie Kestens, Trine Jensen, Irene Van Son, Andrew Fischer, Pernille Folman, Michaela Cammeron, Charlotte Dewdney, Emily Fitzpatrick, & Alec Higgins!

Feliz cuple to all of you!

Project Articles

The following articles are contributed by volunteers sharing their experience in Argentina.



Continuity!

Jacinta Cox, AUSTRALIA
(Care & Equinetherapy, 4 months)

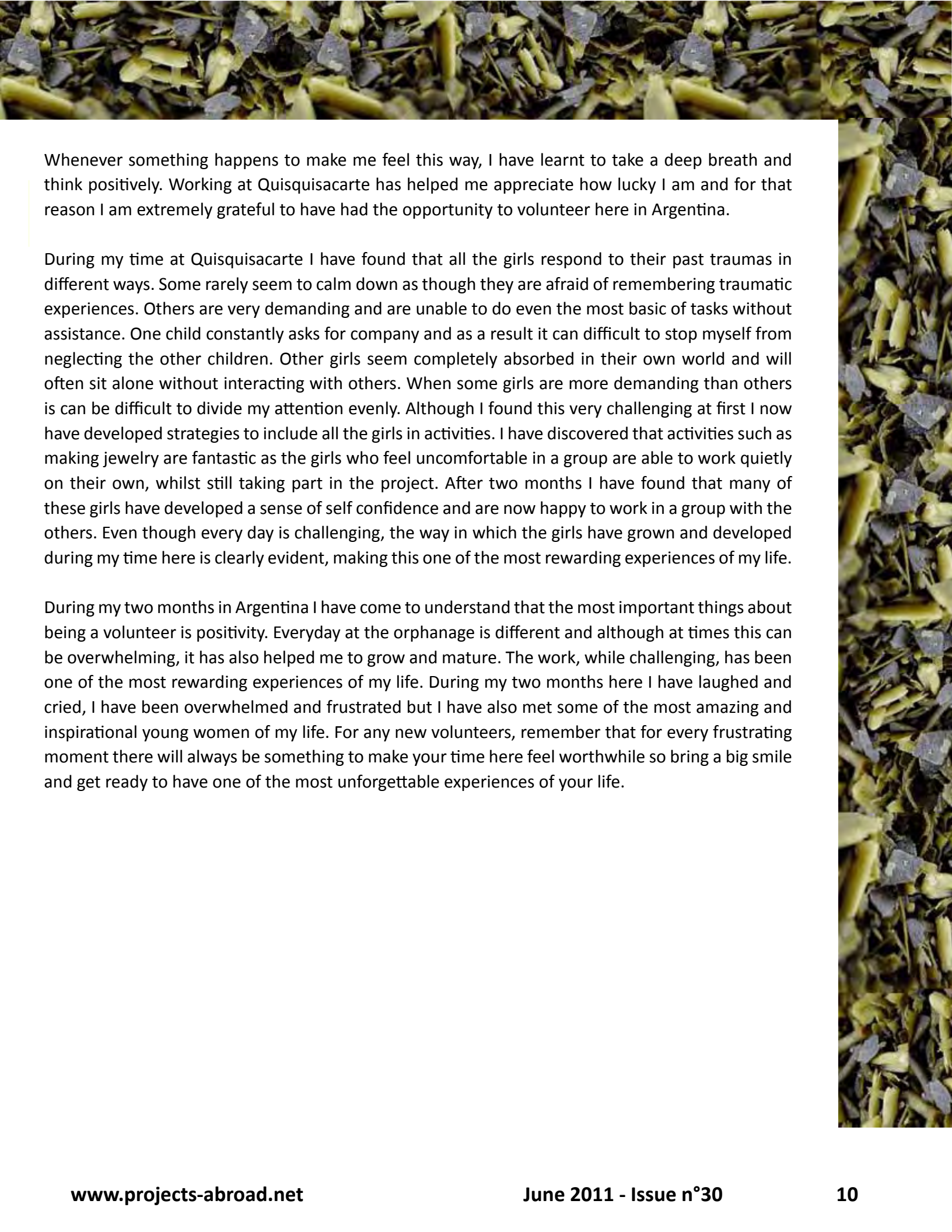
Hola from Argentina!

For almost two months now I have been volunteering at Quisquisacarte, an institution for girls aged 6 to 14, who have been taken away from their families due to rape and other forms

of abuse which they have been subject to at home. As a result of their past experiences the girls have many behavioral issues and can be impatient, demanding of attention, as well as, at times, disrespectful. The work is challenging and emotional, however also extremely rewarding. Every day at Quisquisacarte makes me feel as though I am doing something worthwhile.

During my time at Quisquisacarte I have noticed that the girls do not seem to have a proper sense of belonging. Often girls will be moved to a new institution without warning and as a result it is very difficult for them to develop a sense of place. Most of the girls have been separated from their siblings, which is understandably upsetting for them. The children seem to be desperately searching for a sense of companionship which is evident as they often make cards and gifts for their family and friends. Due to my basic level of Spanish, I was initially unsure how to support the children and provide them with a sense of friendship. Two months later I now feel as though I have connected with the girls which truly is an incredible feeling. I have found that games involving music are an excellent way to make the girls laugh if they appear upset as they love to dance. One activity that the girls really enjoyed involved cutting images from magazines and creating posters of their interests. We then used these to decorate the girls rooms which I feel really helped them to develop a sense of belonging at the orphanage.



Due to their own experiences at home many of the girls have a tendency to act unpredictably. There have been times when a girl will lash out towards one of the other children without warning or reason. Some of the girls have quite extreme mood swings where they become unwilling to interact with others or take part in activities. Initially I found this behavior very overwhelming and had to consciously stop myself from becoming frustrated with the children. Every now and then I try to step back and attempt to understand what past experiences have caused the girls to become unpredictable. I have come to accept that there are times when I will become overwhelmed at work.



Whenever something happens to make me feel this way, I have learnt to take a deep breath and think positively. Working at Quisquisacarte has helped me appreciate how lucky I am and for that reason I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to volunteer here in Argentina.

During my time at Quisquisacarte I have found that all the girls respond to their past traumas in different ways. Some rarely seem to calm down as though they are afraid of remembering traumatic experiences. Others are very demanding and are unable to do even the most basic of tasks without assistance. One child constantly asks for company and as a result it can be difficult to stop myself from neglecting the other children. Other girls seem completely absorbed in their own world and will often sit alone without interacting with others. When some girls are more demanding than others it can be difficult to divide my attention evenly. Although I found this very challenging at first I now have developed strategies to include all the girls in activities. I have discovered that activities such as making jewelry are fantastic as the girls who feel uncomfortable in a group are able to work quietly on their own, whilst still taking part in the project. After two months I have found that many of these girls have developed a sense of self confidence and are now happy to work in a group with the others. Even though every day is challenging, the way in which the girls have grown and developed during my time here is clearly evident, making this one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

During my two months in Argentina I have come to understand that the most important things about being a volunteer is positivity. Everyday at the orphanage is different and although at times this can be overwhelming, it has also helped me to grow and mature. The work, while challenging, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. During my two months here I have laughed and cried, I have been overwhelmed and frustrated but I have also met some of the most amazing and inspirational young women of my life. For any new volunteers, remember that for every frustrating moment there will always be something to make your time here feel worthwhile so bring a big smile and get ready to have one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life.



Continuity: Why it is Important!
Shelby Coulter, CANADA
(Care, 3 months)

Continuity is a very important thing in anybody's life. Even though surprises are great it is also nice to know that some things in life are stable and will not change. Unfortunately children living in orphanages do not get to feel the reassurance that

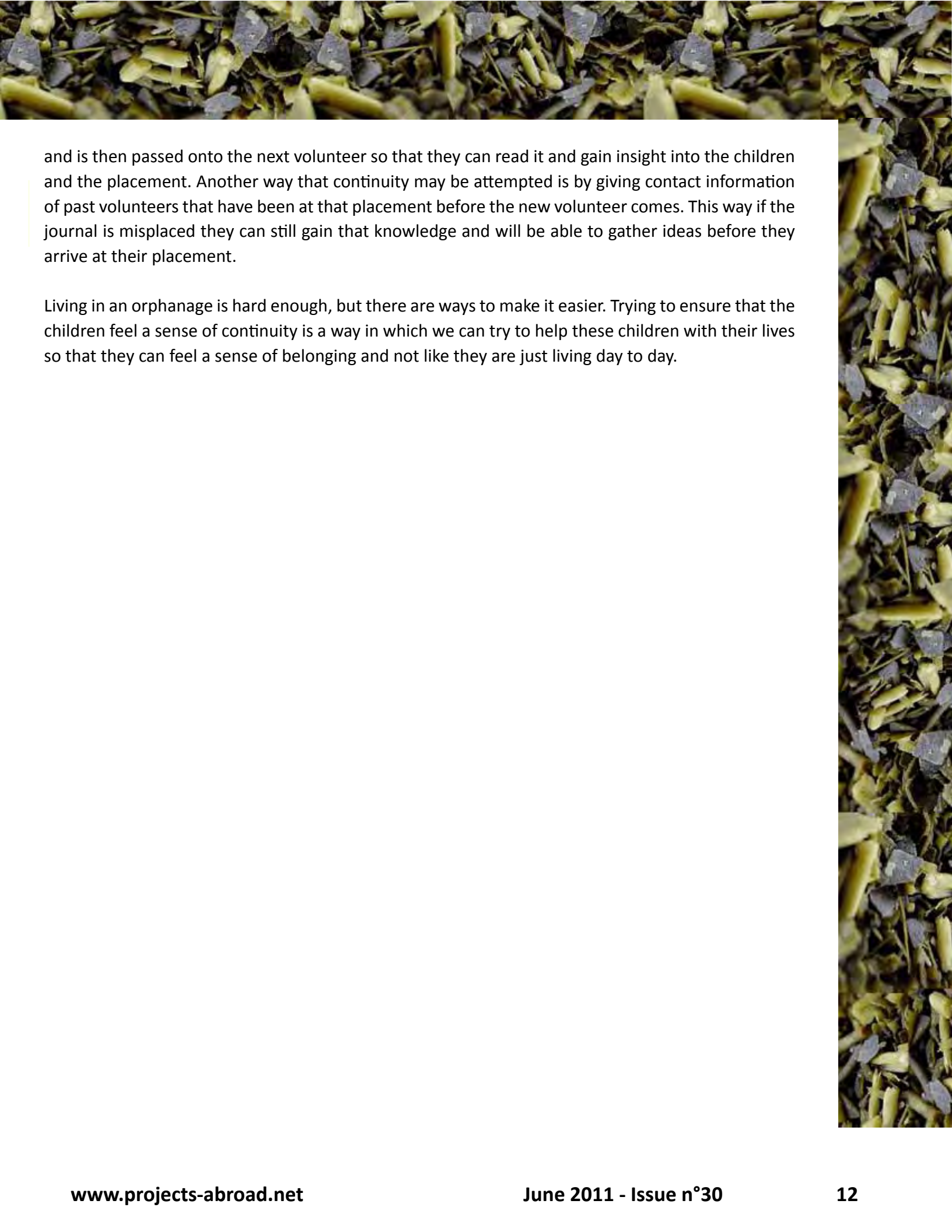
most people do about having continuity present in their lives. There is always something changing for them whether it is the people that work at the orphanage, the child at the orphanage, the volunteers spending time with them, or even whether they will be there for much longer or will be sent to live somewhere else. Continuity benefits many people but especially children placed in orphanage and care situations. It is important to the kids and if continuity is not maintained it can be difficult for not only the children but the volunteers as well.

A sense of continuity is important to a person so they can feel like their life is not just one big roller coaster of surprises. It is nice to know that even if some parts of your life are spiraling out of your control, others will always be there so that you do not feel overwhelmed. Children at orphanages need to feel that there is some continuity. They have already had so much happen in their lives and have gone through so much that they at least deserve that. This way they can feel like they at least have some control over their lives and are not just being pulled along in different directions.

It is difficult to maintain continuity in a care setting for many reasons. One of the main reasons is that the kids are always changing. Whether it is from the children running away, being taken back to their parents, or because they switched orphanages, the faces are always new. One day a child can arrive, and the next he will not be there. This is difficult not only for the child that is no longer at the institute, but also for the ones that are left behind because they are left wondering where that child went, what happened to him, and is that going to happen to them? It is also difficult because if a child is sent around from place to place they never get to feel a sense of belonging.

Another reason it is difficult to maintain continuity is because the volunteers are always changing. Volunteers can stay for lengths of time ranging from two weeks up to several months. During that time the children can develop a bond with the volunteer and it will become difficult when it is time for them to leave. It is hard to maintain continuity with the volunteers because they are all so different. Each person has their own unique personality so the children may really like one volunteer and enjoy the activities that they plan, but may dislike the next and not have a bond with them at all. This can also feel difficult to the volunteer as they may feel inferior to someone that they may have never met before. You never know how a child is going to react to a volunteer and how a volunteer is going to react with a child.

Continuity is never a sure thing, but there are ways in which to attempt to make it happen. One way that Projects Abroad has is by insuring that each placement has a journal that the volunteers write in



and is then passed onto the next volunteer so that they can read it and gain insight into the children and the placement. Another way that continuity may be attempted is by giving contact information of past volunteers that have been at that placement before the new volunteer comes. This way if the journal is misplaced they can still gain that knowledge and will be able to gather ideas before they arrive at their placement.

Living in an orphanage is hard enough, but there are ways to make it easier. Trying to ensure that the children feel a sense of continuity is a way in which we can try to help these children with their lives so that they can feel a sense of belonging and not like they are just living day to day.



Continuity!

*Leonie Vrugtman, NETHERLANDS
(Care & Journalism, 4 months)*

About ten years ago, Liliana, Blanca, Gladys and Silvia had the dream to create a place where the kids from the poor neighbourhood they lived in could play in a safe environment and where they could provide food for all kids of the poor families.

Soon Comedor 'El Parque' was founded, but that

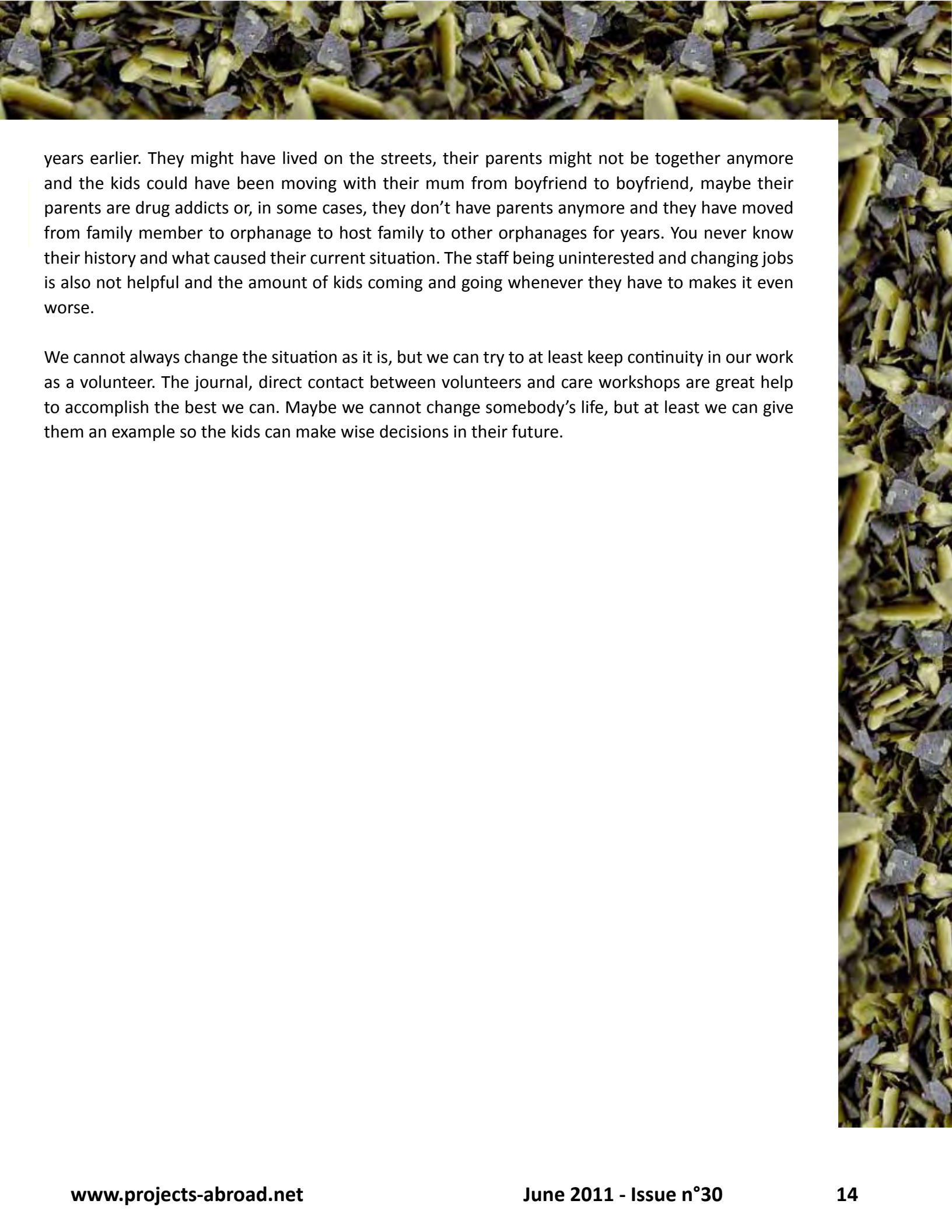
did not mean they would live happily ever after. Unfortunately, the Comedor does not receive enough money anymore to provide food for all the kids. Therefore their parents have to find other ways to get enough food for their kids. In most cases, this means the parents don't allow their kids to go to the Comedor all afternoon anymore. Because of this, kids lose their safe environment to play in for a few months and go back on the streets again.

Time without food is just one example out of many aspects that cause the little continuity in care placements. We volunteers try to help where we can but our help is only temporary. We can only stay a short time so the effect we have on the community will only be for a certain amount of time. This does not mean volunteering is useless, and it certainly does not mean we should stop volunteering. It only means that we have to find a way to create continuity in all the care placements!

To get a volunteer to start on the same place as where the other volunteer ended, communication between the volunteers, the placement and Projects Abroad are essential. That's why all of the care placements such as the Comedor started a journal: one of many easy solutions to create continuity. This journal does not only contain day-to-day activities (or week-to-week, depending on the placement), but holds an introduction to the placement, volunteer experiments and tips and tricks for future volunteers. For some placements it is also advisable to describe each kid separately by naming their character, hobbies and the family situation, so future volunteers can easily anticipate the atmosphere and possible complications in the placement.

Another way to create continuity is by direct contact between an old and new volunteer, working at the same placement. Unfortunately this is not always possible since some volunteers apply very close to their departure date, but in most cases the placement details are available a month before the departure of a volunteer to Argentina. In that case, the volunteer-to-be can contact the volunteer that is working at the placement, so he or she can take materials for games and activities the kids would like. This makes it easier for the volunteers to entertain the sometimes difficult kids in their future placement.

Of course, we should not forget that the little continuity is a problem that started in the kid's lives



years earlier. They might have lived on the streets, their parents might not be together anymore and the kids could have been moving with their mum from boyfriend to boyfriend, maybe their parents are drug addicts or, in some cases, they don't have parents anymore and they have moved from family member to orphanage to host family to other orphanages for years. You never know their history and what caused their current situation. The staff being uninterested and changing jobs is also not helpful and the amount of kids coming and going whenever they have to makes it even worse.

We cannot always change the situation as it is, but we can try to at least keep continuity in our work as a volunteer. The journal, direct contact between volunteers and care workshops are great help to accomplish the best we can. Maybe we cannot change somebody's life, but at least we can give them an example so the kids can make wise decisions in their future.



Socials & Dirty Weekends

In June we had many Social meetings. Amongst all these wonderful moments with the volunteers we went Horseback riding, danced Tango, helped at a local clothes fair, ate Locro and gave a hand at the Adobe event, had a traditional meal all together & went trekking in the Sierras! Thanks to all of you who take the time and effort to attend our Socials as you make it possible to have a good time together!



Horseback riding, La Cumbre!

Beginning of June volunteers and myself headed north for an amazing day in La Cumbre, located in the summit of Punilla Valley. The kindness of the weather and exotic vegetation that combines local species, aromatic herbs, piquilines, small forests and hundreds of bushes, were perhaps the reasons for the English to decide to establish definitely in the paradise of Punilla many years ago. Known by locals as the destination for amazing horseback riding, we decided to give it a try. Thanks to the skills of our guide Carmelo, we headed all the way up the mountain behind the famous Christ that watches over Punilla valley. Amazing views mingled with peace and calmness made this afternoon promenade an unforgettable experience. Back in the ranch, a delicious asado was waiting for us before slowly heading back to Cordoba. Qué dia hermoso!





Locro Fundraising & Adobe Construction !

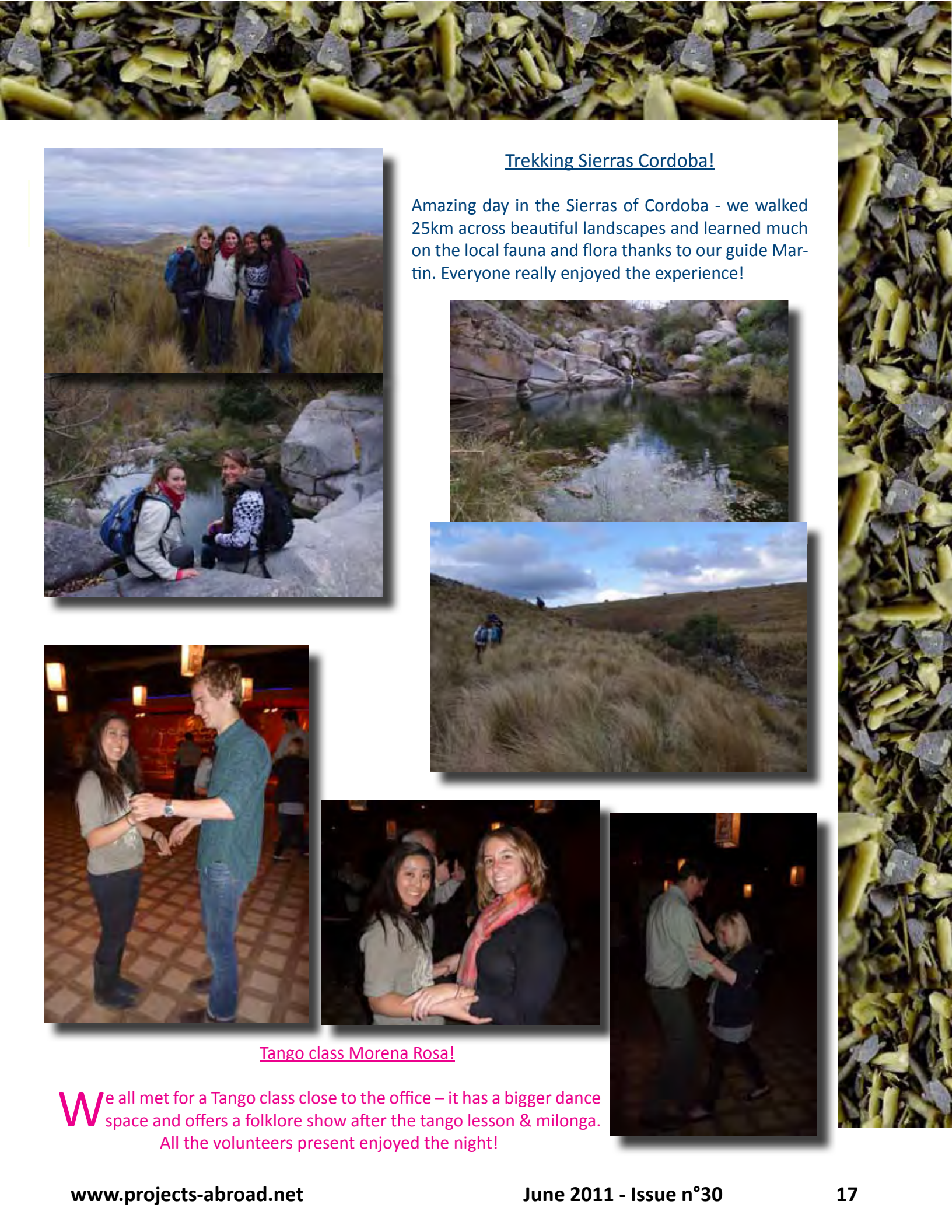
A local school in Rio Ceballos is building eight adobe classrooms as part of a project to build an environmental friendly school. With no support from the government they need as much help as possible. Everyone really enjoyed helping out and the people present were really nice as always. This day was also a celebration as they organised a giant LOCRO day to help raise money to finish the project. Locals from neighbouring villages contributed with 20 pesos per portion – over 400 portions were sold! Locro is a traditional vegetable stew with pieces of meat that is eaten during the wintertime. We all had a great time eating Locro and listening to traditional Folklore music!



Cerrillana restaurant!

Traditional dishes and delicious empanadas were tried out at June's Monthly Social! This was an opportunity for many to meet all the new volunteers!





Trekking Sierras Cordoba!

Amazing day in the Sierras of Cordoba - we walked 25km across beautiful landscapes and learned much on the local fauna and flora thanks to our guide Martin. Everyone really enjoyed the experience!



Tango class Morena Rosa!

We all met for a Tango class close to the office – it has a bigger dance space and offers a folklore show after the tango lesson & milonga. All the volunteers present enjoyed the night!

DIRTY DAY! Food Collection Campaign for Dining Halls!



Countless families around Cordoba can barely afford to feed themselves and many of them depend on the help of local dining halls. Projects Abroad currently works with the Copa de Leche in Argüello and el Comedor in Unquillo. These are two facilities where children can go for a snack/meal in the afternoon and stay to do their homework or play games with the volunteers for example.

On the first weekend of June Projects Abroad started a new project - a monthly Food Collection Campaign for Villa Libertador, Unquillo and Villa Hermana Sierra Dining Halls. Three of our Care placements where monthly

donations are already being done by Projects Abroad to help support these small facilities. However, we recently decided to take a step forward and organise a food collection every month, starting June. Many volunteers took part in this Food Collection and helped gather goods for these dining halls in downtown Cordoba and in the Cerro the Las Rosas neighbourhood where the Projects Abroad office is located.

We collected over 11kg de azucar, 11kg de harina, 9 paquetes de polenta, 2kg de sal, 1L de leche, 2L de leche de soja, 10 latas de salsa tomate, 3 paquetes de yerba, 9kg de arroz, 3 latas de atun, 2 latas de choclo, 2 latas de arveja, 3 cajas de mate cocido, 31 paquetes de fideos, 4 cajas de postre chocolate, 1 caja de gelatina, 8 paquetes de galletas de agua, 2 paquetes de lentejas, 2 paquetes de protos, 2 paquetes de maiz blanco, 2 sopa crema, 5L de aceite y 3 purée de tomate! These goods were distributed to the dining halls but also to a family who lives in a very poor neighbourhood of Cordoba.



We would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated in this event and encourage many more to come in the following months!



DIRTY DAY! Fundacion Querubines!

We met in town and took a bus together to go to la Fundacion Querrubines, a home for young children. Every month they organize a clothes fair to collect money and they asked Projects Abroad to give a hand. We helped tidy everything up, fold the clothes back in place for next day's fair. Good atmosphere once again, all went well.

Muchas gracias to Jill Keogan for helping out!

Argentinean Cuisine

Tarta de Zapallo!

Though American fast food chains such as McDonald's have taken root in Argentina, traditionally, an Argentine looking to grab a quick meal would order from a rotisería. These take-out/delivery joints specialize in simple, classic Argentine fare like empanadas, milanasas and different versions of a tarta. Like empanadas, tartas are quite versatile, and fillings can be adapted according to what's fresh and in season or what you happen to have on hand. Because really, whenever flaky crust meets flavorful filling, there's bound to be magic.



Ingredients

1 round of pie crust dough (use store-bought or your favorite recipe)
1 medium butternut squash
2 tsp. vegetable oil
3 tbsp. butter

3 stalks green onion, chopped
1 c. coarsely grated Gruyère cheese
1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese
3 eggs (2 whole eggs + 1 yolk)
1/2 c. heavy cream
1 1/4 tsp. chopped fresh sage
salt and pepper to taste

Preparation - Preheat oven to 375°F.

Cut the squash in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Lightly brush each cut side with about 1 teaspoon of oil, and roast the squash on a baking sheet with the cut sides down for 40 minutes or until soft. Remove the squash from the oven and scoop out the flesh, discarding the skin. Use a potato masher or a food processor to purée the squash.

Increase the oven temperature to 400°F. Transfer the dough to a 9-inch pie dish. Fold any excess dough under itself and crimp the edges decoratively. Prick the dough lightly with a fork all over. Bake the crust until the edges begin to brown, pressing the bottom and sides of the crust occasionally with the back of a fork, about 15 minutes. Cool slightly. Reduce the oven temperature to 325°F.

Over medium heat, melt the butter in a large skillet and lightly sauté the green onion. Add the squash purée. Season the mixture with salt and pepper to taste and remove from the heat. Add the cheeses, egg, cream, and sage. Mix thoroughly and adjust the seasoning, as needed. Pour the filling into the pre-baked shell, smoothing the top. Bake the tart in the middle of the oven for 40 minutes or until the filling is set. Allow the tart to rest for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Optional: Decorate the tart with some fresh or crispy, fried sage leaves.

The flavors of the sage and green onion complemented the butternut squash beautifully, and the texture of the filling was light and creamy. I would have liked to have shown you an individual slice, but there was no holding back the hungry hordes. Trust me, you'll know how they felt if you make this tart.

¡Buen provecho!

What?	Where?	When?
Copa América 2011	Argentina	July 1st - 24th
For the first time since Uruguay's 1993 triumph, Argentina hosts the Copa América. Matches take place in the Argentine cities of La Plata, Córdoba, Santa Fe, Jujuy and Salta. Japan and Mexico join the tournament's ten participating nations		
Buenos Aires Children's Book Fair	Buenos Aires Exhibition Centre	July 11th-30th
The Buenos Aires Children's Book Fair has little ones poring over books and entranced by storytelling in the Buenos Aires Exhibition Centre. There are also theatre and puppet shows, magic and circus acts to keep them entertained.		
La Falda National Tango & Milonga Festival	Carlos Gardel Municipal Amphitheatre, La Falda	July 14th-30th
Every year the town of La Falda sways to the melancholic yet passionate sounds of Argentina's trademark musical genres at the National Tango and Milonga Festival. Nationally renowned singers and dancers perform in the Carlos Gardel Municipal Amphitheatre.		

There are many things to see in Cordoba, here are a few places that are worth checking out!

Museo Municipal de Bellas Artes "Dr. Genaro Perez"

Founded in 1943, this museum has one of the most complete and best conserved Argentine art collections done by the precursors of the 19th and the 20th century art to our days.

Av. General Paz 33. Tel. 4285905

Entrance fee: Free

Feria Artesanal Paseo de las Artes

Achaval Rodriguez esq. Belgrano – Barrio Guemes

Hours: Saturdays & Sundays from 6 PM to 10 PM.

Tourist office: Casa Cabildo

Independencia 5

Tel: (0351) 4341200

Hours: Mondays to Sundays from 8 AM a 8 PM

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