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Editorial

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



My teacher brought each one of us a plastic bag and a large bag of potatoes. For each person that we did not want to forgive in our lives, we had to choose a potato, write the name of the person and the day, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of those bags, as you can imagine, became very full and heavy.

Then he asked us to carry this bag with us anywhere we went for one week, keep it at the side of our bed when sleeping, on the seat next to us when driving, and close to our desk when working.

The hassle of carrying that bag with us everywhere clearly showed us the weight that we carry spiritually, and how we have to pay attention all the time so as not to forget it or leave it in embarrassing places.

Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated until it became something nauseating. This was a great metaphor of the price we pay to maintain our pain and strong negativity.

Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to another person, and although it may be true, it is clearly a gift to ourselves!

So the next time that you decide that you don't want to forgive someone, ask yourself, isn't my bag already heavy enough? Forgiveness heals.

Un abrazo a todos los voluntarios en Argentina!

Guillermo Cogorno
Country Director

Argentina Inside & Out

Tren a las Nubes!



The Tren a las Nubes, (Train to the Clouds) is an experience not to be missed when visiting Argentina. Located in the northeast of Argentina, the full-day trip will take you on one of the highest railway tracks in the world and will give you one of the most amazing journeys, transporting you directly to the clouds to 4200 meters above sea level.

The train makes weekly trips leaving from the General Belgrano train station in the city of Salta. The 217km journey takes passengers across the

high peaks of the Andes, passing through three distinct climate zones: the mountainous subtropical, semi-desert, and desert regions. Traveling through 19 tunnels, passing over 29 bridges, 13 viaducts, and two loops formed by the railway, you get to view the truly beautiful works of nature that surround you.

The train's first stops at Campo Quijano, 1500 meters above sea level. The journey quickly moves higher and higher into the mountains, passing through stations at El Alisal, Corrillos, Ingeniero Mauri and Gobernador Sola. As you ascend it is easy to feel that you are above the clouds, all while winding through the colorful terrain tinted by iron, copper, sulfur and lime deposits.

The train makes two stops at San Antonio de los Cobres and the second, and final, at La Polvorilla viaduct. Here travelers are able to get off the train and are greeted by native vendors, offering ponchos, marmelades and handmade crafts. The picturesque view at the viaduct is a famous postcard picture of the Tren a las Nubes.

The railway was designed by American engineer Richard Fontaine Maury at the turn of the 20th century. Construction began in 1921 as a way to connect the North of Argentina with Chile across the Andes as well as to serve the borax mines of the area. The complete railway was inaugurated in February 1948, but it was not until the late 1970s that it started being visited by tourists. The train runs on a single diesel engine, pulling



10 cars and carrying up to 520 passengers. Each car is furnished and carries passengers comfortably in cars equipped with first-class features and a restaurant, bar and information center.

The name “Tren de las Nubes” comes from a color movie filmed by two cameramen from Tucuman, Argentina. They were students of the National University who, in the early 60s, took this trip by train. The two cameramen convinced the conductor to make the engine discharge steam when the train reached the La Polvorilla viaduct so that they could film it from the car windows. The conductor did so, and due to the low temperature, the steam discharged by the train did not dissipate rapidly and remained floating a few minutes in the sky, making it feel like you are in the clouds. The men used this scene in their documentary film, naming it “Tren a las Nubes” and later selling the use of the name to the private owners of the train today.

An average of 30,000 tourists take the train ride each year. The train also serves as the only form of public transport for some of the small towns that the train passes through, thus many of the local inhabitants of the area use the Tren a las Nubes as their main form of transportation. The train runs from April to November and leaves early in the morning, returning to Salta around midnight.



News & Updates!

NOVEDADES! NEWS!

La Casa de Ronald McDonald Annual Fundraiser!

On Friday, September 23rd, members of the Projects Abroad Argentina staff attended a musical gala held at the Teatro del Libertador General San Martín theatre in Córdoba. The evening featured the music of the Symphonic Orchestra of Cordoba under the direction of Pedro Ignacio Calderón, of the National Symphonic Orchestra of the Colon Theater in Buenos Aires. The event was organized by Casa de Ronald McDonald, one of the Care placements that we work with, which shelters ill children and their relatives who come into the city to get long term, complex medical treatment and who cannot afford to stay in the city. The show was

totally for the benefit of La Casa de Ronald and Projects Abroad Argentina was proud to be one of its sponsors. The event brought together music and culture with the community of Córdoba, all for a great cause and was a big success!



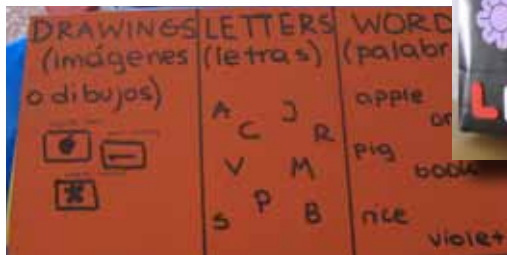
Donations!

Every month many donations are made by Projects Abroad to many of placements we work with here in Cordoba province. This month, amongst others, we bought a new refrigerator for the Illia Hospital in La Calera, a town located close to Cordoba and purchased musical instruments for the care placement, Un Lugar en el Mundo in Villa Allende. We also bought tables and chairs for the dining area at the Copa de Leche, as well as the monthly rations of milk, sugar and oil which will be used to prepare a snack for local kids who come from the surrounding low-income neighborhood.

So far in the year 2011 Projects Abroad Argentina has given AR\$69,506.78 in donations to the various placements that we work with! We would also like to thank our 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 Materials for our Teaching placements!

In August, the Academia Argüello school, a private school in Cordoba, contacted our office asking how they can help Projects Abroad. They recently held a successful fundraiser which helped benefit the Copa de Leche care placement, but they wanted to continue to help in any way they can. So, the students learning English at the school put their creativity together and created 10 games and materials to be used as tools for our volunteers teaching English at our various teaching placements. The creativity was amazing! The many games allow for students to learn English by listening, reading, writing and speaking - but all in a fun way! Our volunteers have put the games to use in their classrooms and they have all been a big success! Muchas Gracias to the Academia Argüello!



New Care Placement! Comedor Infantil Belen



Our newest care placement is at the Comedor Infantil Belen, located in the Las Violetas neighborhood of Cordoba. The center provides childcare services to low-income families who bring their children here while they are working. It also provides meals - breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack to the children. The center is open Monday to Saturday and receives an average of 15-20 children daily, ranging in ages 1-3 ½ years old.

Volunteers will work either in the morning or afternoon, and will do a variety of activities - from helping to prepare the meals to organizing games and activities for the kids both inside and outside. Volunteers are encouraged to be creative in the activities they organize for the kids!

The center is looking forward to receiving our volunteers and we look forward to working with them in the months to come!

October Birthdays!



And this time the greetings go to: Marie Purton, Emma Hershey, Rosemary Rees Jones, Rosalind Walker, Rebecca Fine, Allison Haidostian, Vivien Chang, Luca Baitieri, Oleg Karpov, Lies Mesens, Jared Silber, Johannes Rogge-Balleer, Inara Morrison, Axelle de Preaudeau, Lauren Cornwall, Adele Rutherford, Lucia Vettori, Cara Schmitz, ElineKartvedt Kauge, Victoria Brown, Sandra Klocke, Claire Masade, Shawn Kim, Claudia Kaiser, Leah Shorb, Paul Venhaus, Ziad Simon Fawaz, Kelsey Kehlbeck,

Mette Mølback & Garazi Zubikaraz

Feliz cuple to all of you!

Testimonials!

[Most memorable experience] “working with the children at the Copa de Leche was amazing and it was so great to know that the little things we did meant a lot to them. Our host family took us to see and experience Cordoba as much as possible. The whole experience was memorable, including the food collection and induction!”

Nivedita Kalaiyalagan, UK (2 weeks, Care)

“I would recommend Projects Abroad to others. It’s a perfect way to learn a new culture and language. Especially in Argentina because there is so little English spoken amongst the locals so you have to throw yourself in there.”

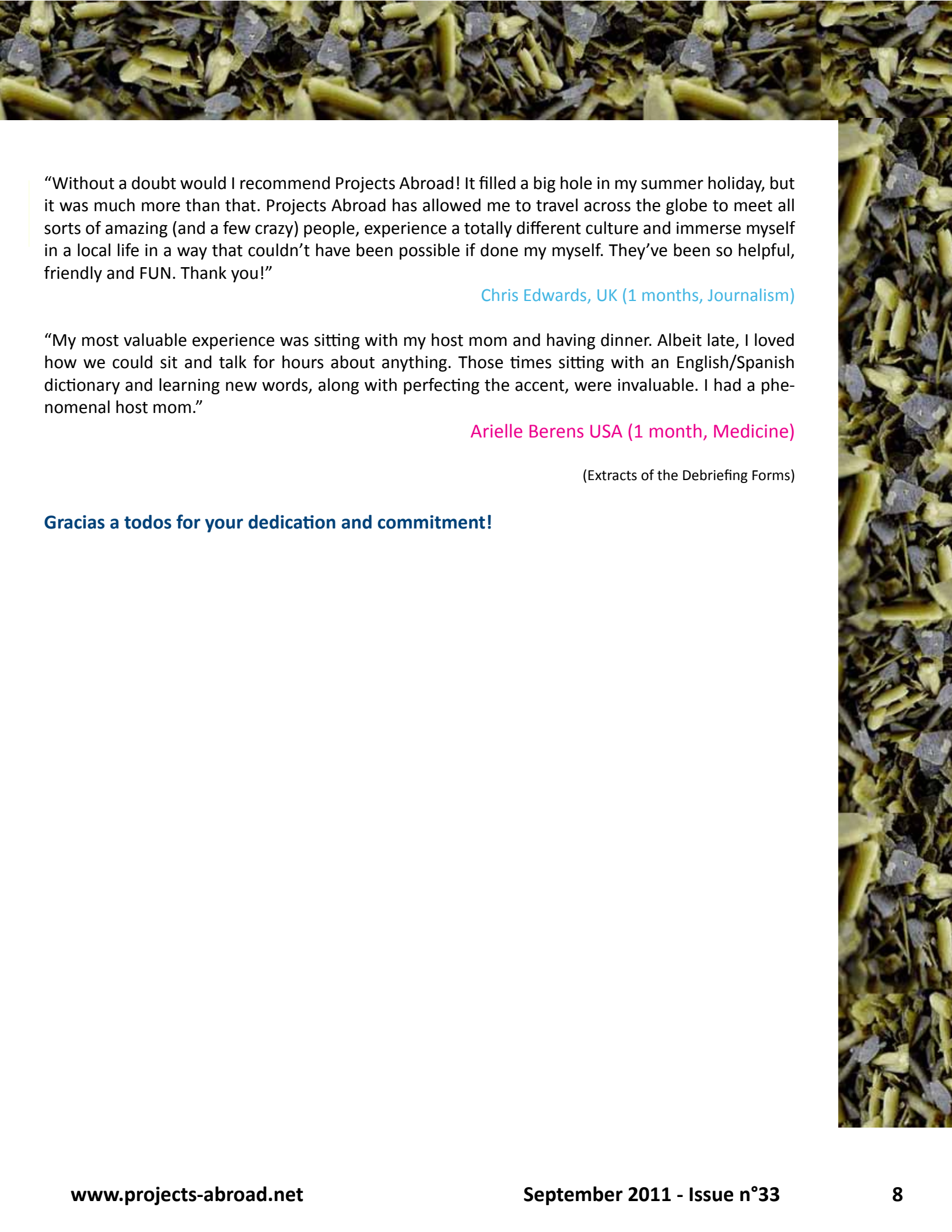
Olivia Perry, UK (1 month, Care)

“[Most memorable experience] “The overall experience was great. The Tizado family is great for any type of volunteer. They like to include you in al daily activities...The placment gave me the opportunity to experience something so special that only a few other people will ever have the chance to experience.”

Brian Ma, Canada (1 month, Care)

“I would definitely recommend Projects Abroad to friends. I had an amazing time here and I am very sad to go. The organization was very welcoming, professional and organized. I especially appreciated the various social events that were organized by Projects Abroad, knowing other volunteers here have really made a difference and made this feel like more of a temporary home than an extended vacation abroad.”

Elizabeth Monroe, USA (1 month, Spanish & Care)

A close-up photograph of loose-leaf tea, showing a mix of dark green and yellowish-green leaves and stems, filling the top and right sides of the page.

“Without a doubt would I recommend Projects Abroad! It filled a big hole in my summer holiday, but it was much more than that. Projects Abroad has allowed me to travel across the globe to meet all sorts of amazing (and a few crazy) people, experience a totally different culture and immerse myself in a local life in a way that couldn’t have been possible if done my myself. They’ve been so helpful, friendly and FUN. Thank you!”

Chris Edwards, UK (1 months, Journalism)

“My most valuable experience was sitting with my host mom and having dinner. Albeit late, I loved how we could sit and talk for hours about anything. Those times sitting with an English/Spanish dictionary and learning new words, along with perfecting the accent, were invaluable. I had a phenomenal host mom.”

Arielle Berens USA (1 month, Medicine)

(Extracts of the Debriefing Forms)

Gracias a todos for your dedication and commitment!

Project Articles

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

Ole Sandbu, ENGLAND *(Care, 1 month)*



Copa de Leche is a dining hall for kids aged 2-16 located next to a nunnery. The volunteers' main responsibility is to bake bread, which the kids have as a snack together with a hot beverage in the afternoon. There tend to be kids around who are more than happy to help, something which is especially important if there are only one or two volunteers there. The challenges include baking bread, organising the children, verbal communication and dealing with any bad behaviour.

We would arrive around 3pm, greet the nuns, clean the tables and baking trays, wash our hands, ask for warm water and start making the bread. The bread is prepared by hand and baked on a fire oven outside. In order to get wood for the oven we had to chop wood with rocks. It was occasionally difficult to bake bread inside the building whilst at the same time keeping the fire alive, but it generally becomes manageable if you ask one of the older kids to look after it. You should have the baking explained to you on your first day, but here is how we did it.

The kids are always around while you are baking, but depending on the number of other volunteers working there is usually some time for play and other activities. For instance, I taught some of them how to juggle and play cards. My Spanish was close to non-existent when I got there, but it is surprising how much you can do with a combination of Spanish words and hand gestures. Their English knowledge is very limited and should not be something you depend on (bring a dictionary!). Other activities which they do basically every day are playing football and jump rope. The younger kids also really enjoyed sitting on my shoulders.

The kids are from a very poor neighbourhood, and may act very differently from kids you are used to. This includes fighting, both verbally and physically, and swearing at each other and the nuns. However they generally love joking around, and would constantly, from day one, make fun of anything I did. I think the only way to deal with this is to smile and laugh along, and I think this has helped my overall confidence grow: Who cares what others think anyway?.

At 5.30pm the majority of the kids arrive. They are asked to line up outside the gate and are let inside one by one by the older kids who have a list of names from which they call each name. They are then

let into the main building where they are seated and then get served hot chocolate or tea. At this point your responsibility may be guarding the door, handing our bread or pouring drinks into plastic cups.

At 6.30pm the kids are meant to leave so that their parents don't get worried about them. Before you leave you are expected to do a few more things, like wash the cups, the tables, and lock up. If you are ever given the keys (I was once, but forgot to lock up and had to go back). Remember to lock up!

Overall, my experience at Copa de Leche was amazing. It was not really what I had expected, but it was great nonetheless. I created bonds with people without even being able to speak their language. If you want to learn the language it is absolutely essential that you learn a few new words/phrases each day and try to use them as often as possible. In one of the many letters I received, Mica wrote that I was the only person besides her mother that truly understood her (despite the fact that I did not understand half the things she told me), and that if I ever return to Argentina and am looking for a place to stay the doors of her house will always be open for me.



Elizabeth Shackleton-Swain, ENGLAND

(Medicine, 1 month)

What a month! There's so much to talk about the problem is where to begin! At the beginning I suppose. I arrived in Argentina extremely tired after over 24 hours of traveling. I was feeling nervous, and fairly worried but also completely excited about the month to come. To be honest I didn't have a clue what I'd let myself in for. The realization that I was on my own half way around the world not knowing on a soul and without my parents was fairly overwhelming. My worries feel silly now on reflection, as by the time I went to bed that night, I knew I was going to have an amazing experience. My host family was a lady called Marta and her extended family who all live in the one house, I also had another volunteer housemate called Taylor who was here with me for two weeks.



I had the amazing privilege to be given my placement at Vicente Aguero Hospital in Jesus Maria. I was worried about this to start off with, as it's an hour away from the main city where most of the other volunteers are but I soon realized that actually I was in the perfect place for me. I had no expectations really on my arrival, but if I did have any, the hospital was a million times better than I could have ever expected. Thankfully, my Spanish is decent so I could communicate fairly well with both the patients and doctors. The doctors were amazingly welcome to me and within days I felt completely like part of the team.

The hospital isn't small but its not exactly huge which at first (again), I wasn't sure about because I thought I'd get to see some more exciting stuff in the bigger hospitals. However after the month I spent there, I don't think I possibly could have see more. After meeting all the doctors they soon

organized to have me come to their ward and I spent everyday doing something completely different.

On my first day alone I saw an emergency cesarean, a completely severed lip, a strangulation case and a heart attack. As fantastic as this was, I thought have I peaked?, is this going to be the best day of the month, surely everyday cant be this interesting/fun. But honestly, every single day was an adventure and I learnt so much while having loads of fun. Throughout the month I built



up strong relationships with all of the doctors involved (especially the newly qualified junior doctors who had started in the hospital the same time as me) and so towards the end of the month I was allowed to help with more practical tasks – cleaning wounds, helping with stitching, being a scrub nurse in surgery etc.

The junior doctors really helped me, giving me Spanish Medicine lessons when we had any free time so I would understand all the complicated cases and they were always explaining simply to me the patient's treatments and basically just teaching me the ropes. Everyone has to start somewhere was their motto! We all became very good friends and even socialized a little outside of work on a few nights, they may work hard, but they definitely partied hard too!!



However, while working, the highlight of my trip had to be the autopsy I conducted with the hospital's amazing pathologist Dr. Camara. It was common knowledge to the entire hospital who I was by the time the third week arrived and I had definitely settled in. However I was still surprised when at around 3pm (I normally finished work at around 2 unless I was in the emergency department) I received a phone call asking if I could come back to work because there was going to be an autopsy. The doctor wanted me to assist if I was happy to!!! I practically sprinted into a taxi back to the hospital and ended up only arriving home around 9pm ish. Under the watchful supervision of Dr. Camara I conducted the autopsy. Dissecting the entire body and all the organs separately before Dr. Camara helped explain what we had found. The man had died from chronic pneumonia. This was one of the most incredible experiences of my life, it let me do loads practical work (as I had to then stitch the man back up) and also let me use some of that biology knowledge that I have. Somehow I think I've been spoiled by the hospital in general, especially being in the morgue. I'll



arrive at medical school having done it all already; nothing will be exciting (yeah, yeah, done that already. What next!!) My host family thought I was genuinely mad to do the autopsy but the doctors understood my excitement. I couldn't stop talking about it for days afterwards!!

Argentina as a place was also amazing and I met some amazing people along the way, both volunteers and Argentinians as well. At weekends I made the most of my time off and saw loads of Argentinian life. For example, climbing up Pan de Azucar Mountain and visiting Alta Gracia and also going to a chocolate fair for the day were some of the highlights along with being shown how the Argentinians

party in their boliches (definitely worth going to- just don't count on getting ANY sleep that night!!)

The medicine I've experienced has made me excited for my future (hopefully) as a doctor and it has further confirmed to me that this is exactly what I want to do, and I know no matter how hard it is to get there, this month will keep me motivated to keep going. The hard work will be definitely worth it. At the moment I feel completely captivated and fascinated by medicine and feel inspired about seeing what



difference I could make to medicine overall or even just patients lives at some point in the future.

Overall, Argentina has had a major impact on my life. Being only 17 I suppose before I arrived I was going through that awkward phase where you're not quite an adult, but your teenage years are almost over and you're ready for something to really impact you and help you shift into adulthood. Argentina was this for me. It helped me re-asses my future, my attitude to life and made me more mature. I have learnt some valuable lessons about how to conduct myself through life and my priorities have now shifted in the right direction. I believe the experience has changed me forever. I'll always cherish the time I had in Argentina, the people I've met and the values I've learnt. Overall I truly believe its helped shape who I will be throughout my life. It really was an incredible month. I thank everyone so much who made my experience this wonderful; I honestly will never forget it! I arrived back in England a different person.



Argentina in Two Weeks
Maria Seravalli, USA
(Spanish & Care, 2 Week Special)

Before leaving for Córdoba, I had no idea of what to expect from the trip. I knew I would be working and living in Argentina, and eventually I knew the name of my host family as well. Better that I hadn't formed any ideas before I left, however, because nothing I could have dreamed up would have done justice to the incredible experience awaiting me

Admittedly, the first two days after my arrival did not very well predict the rest of the trip. Wary of strangers welcoming me with kisses and a bit uneasy at the idea of living with them for the next two weeks, I was less than receptive. Now, I wish I could have those precious two days back, just to stay a bit longer in Córdoba. Not only the children at my placement, but also the Projects Abroad employees and the others in my two week special would turn out to be some of the most vibrant people I've yet to meet.

After the initial introductions were past us my group began what we had signed up for with Spanish lessons in the morning. I have never been in a class with teachers and peers who were as ready to discuss and learn as this one. My instructor, Gabriele, was involved in our class and willing to shape the discussion around the topics that most interested us all. If I had that kind of support in my classes at home, I think I'd be thinking in Castilian by now.

Even as much as I enjoyed my classes in the morning, nothing could top Copa de Leche, my placement. Before going to Copa on Tuesday, my group of three had been warned in induction that we were working at the "poorest, most difficult," location. I entered the neighborhood clutching my purse to myself to ward off juvenile muggers, but left considering these kids and teens my friends I could trust and talk to. Copa may not be the gentlest placement, but I quickly learned to forgo all personal space in favor of constant attention from the kids. Attention, which, came in a myriad of ways, including hugs and kisses, awkward questions, and frequent playful insults. Working with my incredibly creative supervisor, Agustín, my group and I played different games with the kids each day. One day we even put on a mini carnival, in which he proved to me it is possible to create games with strings, pennies, and pens.

One of the things I found most remarkable about Copa was how little these kids cared that I barely knew what they were saying. The language barrier I'd imagined did exist, but made little difference in how I connected with the kids. The things they argued over and talked about weren't much different than those that fourteen-year-old girls in Florida might be saying. We were able to learn

from each other as well- trading words, music, and dance moves. Though, honestly, any seven-year-old in Argentina can still beat me when it comes to reggaeton dancing.

Agustín was always involved in anything we were doing at Copa, and put supreme amounts of energy into making ours the best placement- sometimes, by being indistinguishable from the teenagers and occasionally by putting everything back in its right order. Each day, after Copa de Leche, my roommates and I would trek the thirty minutes back to our host house, hands covered in dulce de leche and dirt, yet entirely satisfied.

One day after working at Copa, my host mother came into my room and found me singing to myself while my roommate and I were getting ready.

“Ella esta muy contenta, no?” she asked my roommate, pointing at me. Sophie laughed and said to me, “You’re always like this after Copa.”

And as for my host family, more hospitable people couldn’t be found. Sarah would not even let us clear our own plates after dinner. She constantly checked to see if we had everything we needed, yet went then beyond just the role of caretaker. She, her husband and son, often spent an hour talking to us after dinner or lunch. We told her about our families back home and about our day at Copa de Leche, while she talked to us about her college years and past volunteers.

And finally, as if I haven’t already effused enough, there was Córdoba itself. I absolutely loved being there. It was such a contrast from the usual stress of rushing to get things done, and yet I never felt idle. Everyone had something to contribute to any task or conversation. I was able to talk to the people I was with without double-checking everything I said. I felt so accepted that there was no need to impress. The projects staff, especially, made sure we were all propelled into Argentinean culture and left us no chance to be self-conscious. I loved every second of being with these people, including the well-traveled, diverse group that was in the same two-week program as me.



The incredible experience this program provided me with wasn’t the result of efficiency or immaculate organization-it truly was so much better than anything that could be scheduled. Rather, it was just a taste of what I want the rest of my life to be like. I’d like to feel like I am always at Copa de Leche-meeting and talking with incredible people and occasionally being challenged, yet enjoying myself immensely all the while. I would love to come back for a longer stay, but for now, I’ve got plenty of amazing memories to keep me dreaming.



Socials & Dirty Weekends

In September we had some great Social meetings. Amongst all these memorable moments with the volunteers we explored the town of La Cumbrecita, listened to live music at Maria Maria restaurant, welcomed the arrival of spring with a big fiesta at the Projects Abroad office, sang karaoke, went to see a performance of the music group Vinales and held a puppy donation at the local arts and crafts fair. 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!

La Cumbrecita!

Our first social in September turned out to be a beautiful day! We traveled to La Cumbrecita to explore the small town and do some hiking. We sat by the river and had lunch and then took a short walk through the town and visited some of the stores. Then, with a map in hand, we set out to explore the many beautiful waterfalls of the area and enjoy the beautiful weather. It was a great day!





Live music at Maria Maria!

We met at the local resto bar, Maria Maria to listen to live music and to get to know the many new volunteers that arrived at the beginning of the month!



Vinales Concert!

We went to see a concert of Vinales, a band that plays traditional Argentine folklore fused it with modern electronic music. The group presented their newest album, and put on a show that included dancing, drums and a great atmosphere!





Fiesta de la Primavera

Volunteers and staff said “adios” to winter and welcomed the arrival of spring with at our monthly social barbeque and karaoke at the Projects Abroad office. We all ate choripan (barbequed sausage served with bread) and chatted in the garden. Later volunteers (and staff) shared our vocal talents with karaoke! All volunteers sang - in large and small groups- at least one song, and many sang more! Everyone was dancing, singing and laughing. It was a great night and a great way to welcome spring!!



DIRTY DAY! Food Collection Campaign for Dining Halls!



Projects Abroad began a monthly food collection campaign in June to help the various dining halls that we work with. These dining halls help feed their local communities and give children a meal or snack in the afternoon as well as a safe place to play and spend time with our volunteers.

We continued the monthly food collection in September and gathered in the office on a Saturday morning and set out in the Cerro de las Rosas neighborhood.

Within 3 hours we collected another generous donation! We are so grateful and know that the dining halls will be too!

We collected: 6kg of sugar, 2.25kg of polenta, 4.5kg of white rice, 4.5kg of flour, 6.5kg of pasta, 8 cans of peas, 1 can of corn, 1 can of tuna, 2 cans of condensed milk, 3 cans of tomatoes, 1 box of tomato sauce, 500g of salt, 6 packets of crackers and 3 litres of milk. We hope you can join us at our next food collection in October! These goods were distributed to the care placement, La Asociacion Civil de los Boulevares! Muchas gracias to all of the volunteers who participated in this event and encourage many more to come in the following months!

DIRTY DAY! Puppy Donation!

July's dirty day puppy donation was such a success, we decided to repeat it in September! We held this dirty day on a Sunday afternoon at the end of the month. We took 10 puppies from the Revivir Refuge in Villa Allende and brought them to the very popular outdoor crafts fair held in the center of Cordoba every weekend. It was love at first sight for all volunteers, but everyone kept their mind on the goal of finding every puppy a new loving family! Within 4 hours we found caring families for 4 of the 10 puppies! It was a great feeling knowing they were going to be taken care of and given a new home! Gracias to all of the volunteers who participated that day and put all their heart into the task of finding a new home for these puppies! We will do it again soon!



Argentinean Cuisine

Tarta de Choclo!

'Choclo' is the indigenous Argentinean word for corn on the cob. It's also the main ingredient in tarta de choclo, a sweet and savory corn filling wrapped in a flaky pie-like crust. It's a very simple dish which can be a great starter or part of a simple dinner with a salad.

While making the tarta, why not put on a CD of Argentine tango and practice while you are waiting for it to finish cooking!



Ingredients

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| 1 tablespoon butter | 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese |
| 1 small onion, chopped | 2 tarta shells, store bought, or made from scratch |
| 2 eggs, hardboiled, peeled and chopped | pie crust |
| 5 ears of corn or 1 can of creamed sweet corn | 1 teaspoon sugar |
| 2 tablespoons milk | Salt, to taste |
| 1 tablespoon cornstarch | Pepper, to taste |

Preparation - Preheat oven to 375°F.

Heat the butter in a skillet over medium-high heat and saute the onions until translucent. If you are using corn on the cob, boil the cobs until tender then cool and grate the kernels using the coarse side of a cheese grater. Add the corn to the onion mixture. Add the milk and cornstarch and stir until thickened. Add the sugar, salt, and pepper to taste. Stir in the cheese. Heat through until the cheese is melted. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

Put 1 pie crust onto a round pan and put corn mixture onto the center of the pie crust. Sprinkle with chopped egg pieces. Cover with second pie crust round and seal the edges by twisting the dough or pressing with the tines of a fork so that none of the filling seeps out during baking.

Bake until crust is golden brown: about 35-40 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve hot, cold, or at room temperature.

¡Buen provecho!

What?	Where?	When?
Festival Internacional de Teatro Mercosur	Cordoba, Argentina	October 7-16th
This ten-day theater event presented by the countries of southern Latin America - Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, features various theatrical productions in various venues throughout the city. (http://bit.ly/nwCQIP)		
National Yerba Mate Festival	Aposteles, Misiones, Argentina	October 5-9th
With your gourd in hand, drink Argentina's favourite green liquid to your heart's content at the annual National Yerba Mate Festival. The Expo Yerba centre in Apóstoles hosts major stars at folkloric music concerts, the mate queen contest and other events.		
Fiesta Nacional del Alfajor Cordobes	La Falda, Cordoba province	October
This festival highlights the delicious sweet treat of Cordoba, the Alfajor. The festival includes the exhibits of handicrafts, folk dances and performances by folklore groups.		
Mother's Day	Argentina	3rd Sunday in October
Show appreciation to your mom and host mom on this special day - Mother's Day!		

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

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