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Dear all,

The school holiday season is almost over. A wonderful period in which we could take a step back and take time to reflect. Feeling grateful that we can give new meaning to situations that are difficult and complex, together with families in both Nepal and Ecuador. Feeling amazed about the fact that there is always hope, even in very sad situations. Every day, whatever happens, we get the special and beautiful responsibility not to condemn others, but to listen to the people around us and find openings that bring us closer and enrich us all. For now, enjoy reading about our activities in both Nepal and Ecuador.

Warmest regards,  
Nicoline, Alex, Barbara & Helma – Board of Daniëlle Children's Fund

### **CHILD 'N FAMILY CENTER IN NEPAL**

**Child 'N Family  
center  
Kathmandu**

#### **Floods:**

In Nepal, there is a lot of concern about the floods in the south of the country. Our team is in contact with various affected families and, as far as possible, provides practical support through family members in Kathmandu.

#### **Activities CARE:**

'CARE'-children: The 100 children who form part of our educational program took their first 'exams' early July. They have done very well and started the second semester after a one-week holiday break. The new school clubs we introduced have been received with lots of enthusiasm. These clubs provide all kinds of activities for the children. For example, they are making their own newsletters. Also, they provide a great opportunity to talk to the children about topics such as children's rights, hygiene, difficult situations and so on. The children are participating actively in the discussions and developing their own ideas and plans.

Family support: Our technical team (Chooda, Rajan and Chabi) pays regular home visits to the families. One of the current challenges is that many families still do not have direct access to purified water. A lot of attention is paid to this in order to prevent children's health problems. In the meantime, the training program for the parents has started. In cooperation with the local community, they have the opportunity to learn and receive vocational training. Currently there are parents that gain experience in cooking, sewing, administrative work and wood crafting. In order to promote economic self-sufficiency, a savings scheme has been started with the participation of several mothers. Our local organization doubles the amount saved by the participants. In this way, they are able to save money in order to start their own little shop for example, in the future.

Workshops for teachers: Finally there were also workshops for the teachers of the children. It is beautiful to exchange ideas and knowledge with the teachers. One of the themes we worked on was the better guidance of children in the school system.

**Volunteer:** In July/August a volunteer, Etienne from France, visited our projects for one month. Chooda and his team welcomed him and got to know him as an inspiring person that literally never sits still! Etienne, thank you for the beautiful time you gave to the children!

For more information on [CNF Nepal](#) please go to **Projects** on our website.



## CHILD 'N FAMILY CENTER IN ECUADOR

### Child 'N Family Center Quito / Ambato



Currently one of our main activities in Ecuador is the technical support to other foundations that take care of children. We do this in cooperation with UNICEF, aiming to avoid institutional care and the return of children to their own family and community as quickly and effectively as possible.

Our team currently supports two organizations: Hogar Santa Marianita, in Ambato, which we have previously informed you about. Since May this year, we have been working together with the colleagues of Pueblito de la Ternura in the northern part of Quito. Pueblito de la Ternura is a religious organization led by nuns.

Our cooperation involves the joint analysis of the organization and the improvement of their internal processes. We pay close attention to their vision and strategies. In addition, our therapists / psychologists Marco, Diego and Belen work together with the team providing therapy to families. Often in co-therapy, which helps to learn from each other's experiences.

The team of Pueblito de la Ternura also participates in our training program on family reunification, where more than 16 organizations are participating, with a total of 45 to 50 participants during 2017 so far.

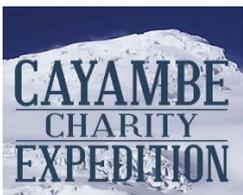
In general, the summer period in Ecuador is busy because judges decide to reunite children with their own family during this period. One important reason is that children's judges take into account that children complete the school period before returning home. During this period, several children returned home with great joy. Among them, a group of 3 children: brothers of ages nine, eight and six years old. The mother currently has a job as a concierge within DCF and with this we have a new colleague!

*For more background information on [CNF Ecuador](#) have a look at [Projects](#) on the website.*

## IN MEMORIAM

The 23rd of July, Sjaan van der Hoeven (1948 - 2017) passed away. She was the caring and loving mother of Daniëlle (1973 - 1984), whom our foundation is named after. The thoughts of our teams in the Netherlands, Ecuador and Nepal go out to her husband and her children. May she rest in peace.

## THANK YOU



Especially now that in many parts of the world children return to school after their summer holidays, we would like to ask for your help with school clothes and supplies for the children in Nepal. Each year this is always a considerable cost. It would be very helpful if you would like to contribute. Also for 15 euros a month, you could support a child in Nepal enabling him or her to go to school with a full stomach!

In addition, the funding activities for the Cayambe Charity are in full swing. Would you like to climb in November and / or want to know more about this expedition? Please visit [www.cayambe-charity.eu](http://www.cayambe-charity.eu).

Finally, a festive fact: DCF is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! Unique and beautiful! Our gratitude goes to all the children and families that provide us the chance to learn from them. Together we were able to create new hope together. In the next newsletter you will hear more.

*For more background information please go to our [website](#) and go to the [Donations](#) page.*

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