

A Changed Life

Stories of Inspiring Hope from FundaVida

Opening Windows of Opportunity

Kimberly Wilson is a courageous 18 year-old student from the neighborhood of Linda Vista. Abandoned by her father eight years ago, Kimberly took on a protective role of her three younger siblings. FundaVida has been a part of her life for over five years, helping her through the tough times through the counseling program, the nutrition center, and the Interactive Computer Center. In Linda Vista where drug trafficking, prostitution and domestic abuse are common, FundaVida helps leaders like Kimberly become a positive role model.

After completing her high school degree last year, Kimberly earned a position as a legal intern at a local law firm, preparing her for her collegiate studies next year. In addition to her work schedule, Kimberly continues to be a positive role model in FundaVida's Interactive Computer Center and serves as a leader in the Teen Club. Kimberly has proven her ability to act responsibly and with integrity, and FundaVida is proud to play such a formative role in her development.

Earlier this year, Hewlett Packard selected FundaVida through the Omar Dengo proposal as one of ten organizations worldwide to win the 2010 EdTech Innovators grant. Recognized for premier innovation in the field of technological education, FundaVida received 20 new HP tablets.

This award enables a new series of projects such as Labor@, where teens create and run an imaginary business. As the president of the Computer Center's imaginary business, Kimberly conducts market research, directs board meetings, and manages finances on her way to becoming an entrepreneur.

In a recent forum, a teen in the project commented that, "Labor@ has been like an open window to our future... it has made us realize the importance of our studies and our own potential."

As a participant in FundaVida's award winning programs, Kimberly Wilson is one of nearly 450 students who see the world through the open window of opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support as FundaVida sparks curiosity, inspires hope, and opens windows to the future for at-risk youth in San Jose, Costa Rica.



Transforming Lives

FundaVida effectively breaks the cycle of poverty afflicting children and families in at-risk areas of Costa Rica by offering life-changing hope, instilling purpose and inspiring freedom.

We achieve this by promoting physical and emotional health, creating educational opportunity and developing character and strength of spirit.

We are committed to building long-term, caring relationships, empowering youth to discover and use their talents, and leveraging our resources for the greatest possible impact.

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"The destiny of a child is shaped not by peers but by a caring adult. At FundaVida we desire for every child to know that they are valuable, loved by God and that hope is within their reach."

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