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PROGRAMS UPDATE



Dear Friends,

We appreciate your commitment to the **Future Minds Foundation** and the vital work you are supporting in the Piñas Bay community.

Your donation has been critical to ensure the work of the Piñas Bay Conservancy can continue and thrive.

Our efforts have been quite fruitful!

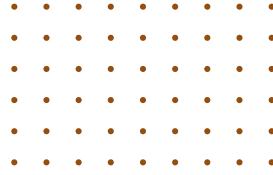
We are proud to share significant progress in our education, conservation and community programs. An integral part of this journey, are the people on the ground that make the magic happen. We're thrilled to introduce you to those making a difference day in and day out.

Piñas Bay is a small coastal community in the district of Chepigana in the province of Darien, Panama, with a population of 1,113. Located about 20 miles northwest of the border with Colombia.



MEET THE TEACHERS

Our teachers are the heart of Estrellitas Del Mar Preschool, guiding children ages three to five through an English-based curriculum that emphasizes play and critical thinking. They dedicate their energy to crafting engaging lessons and nurturing children for a brighter and more confident future. Exciting progress is underway as students flourish in their English proficiency. The program also prioritizes teacher development, with monthly consultant visits for ongoing education sessions with educators and parent meetings.



Argelis Álvarez

Argelis, originally from Piñas Bay, spent time in the United States before returning home to make a difference in her community by focusing on education for the youth. Her dedication to enhancing her village through education is invaluable, as she aims to impart essential values for future transformations. Since its establishment in 2022, Teacher Argelis has been an integral part of Estrellitas Del Mar.

Mary Carmen Álvarez

Mary Carmen is from Panama with roots in Piñas Bay. She became part of the Estrellitas Del Mar family for the 2024 school year due to philanthropic support of donors like you. She comes with full credentials and has brought critical knowledge to the team to ensure our education team are leading the community's children to a brighter future.





Celebrating learning!

The students, ages three to five are celebrating the end to their clothes module in true fashion - a fashion show. Building confidence while learning.



2022

Estrellitas Del Mar Preschool inauguration in January and opens for the community of Piñas Bay.

2023

Second year and the school has both grown in student body and the development of the children. They are problem solvers and demonstrating their English skills.

2024

Hired Teacher Mary Carmen, in process for MEDUCA certification, and investing in teacher education and training.

2025

MEDUCA certification completion, the governing education body in Panama. And the opening of a Kindergarten classroom!



Students finished their recycling module where they completed weekly art projects with common trash items they learned could be recycled into something beautiful.



Creative Curriculum

Encourage children to investigate and learn from everyday items.



Investing in Teaching Education

In 2024, the teachers have received monthly training from our Creative Curriculum and MEDUCA consultant as well as our international consultant. Thanks to you, Estrellitas Del Mar is investing in the continuing education of the educators. In return, investing in the future of Piñas Bay!

SOCIAL WORK

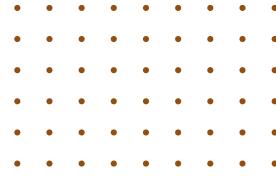


Social work plays a critical role in the success of Piñas Bay Conservancy's programmatic work. Britany Rios is the bridge between the administration and getting the job done. She is in charge of seeking out and finding ways to educate and update the community about the programs implemented by the Piñas Bay Conservancy.

Britany is instrumental in building relationships with the public school and other community officials to access key groups for educational classes. She conducts classes ranging from veterinary care, reforestation & conservation, and recycling classes.

Through her work, she has made key partnerships with NGOs within Panama that will lend us their know-how in order to execute complex projects that bleed into social issues such as our recycling program and conservation efforts.

A social worker is vital for the success of sustainable and complex programs and it's only because of your financial support that Pinas Bay Conservancy is able to employ this essential position.



Britany Rios

Britany is a Forestry Engineer from Panama and brings forth a personable and bright perspective with her important work in the Piñas Bay community. She has a passion for enriching peoples' lives through teaching. Near and dear to her heart is protecting the environment and rehabilitating tropical forest regions from forest degradation.



MAKING RECYCLING ACCESSIBLE

The sanitation issue in the community is complex and will require a multi-step solution of the course of years to address the problem. Recycling will be our first step to combat the volume of trash. Our goal is to create a sustainable recycling center to reduce waste going to the landfill. We will set up recycling collection stations that will give the community an easy to understand solution for disposing waste. Making these points accessible will decrease litter in the community and allow easier management of waste.



At the Piñas River, a holding facility will be constructed where processed recycling will be stored until it's transported.

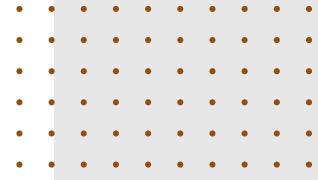
Pinas Bay Conservancy has purchased a house in the community to be the location of the processing center. It's waiting for us to get started converting her into a recycling center!



In February 2024, an **environmental consultant** surveyed and conducted a census, ensuring the implementation of a sustainable program for our unique Piñas Bay community.

In July 2024, **Leafsync** had their initial visit to begin their work with Piñas Bay Conservancy to build a sustainable sanitation program with education as its core.

CONSERVATION AND REFORESTATION



Reforestation

Three hectares of land was reforested with teak and native species filling land that was slashed and burned. A common and unfortunate practice Piñas Bay Conservancy is fighting to combat.

This reforested land is cared for by the Piñas Bay Conservancy and requires regular care and cleaning.



Environmental Education at the Heart

Social Worker, Britany, led a team of volunteers and scientists from **Adopta Bosque Association** to conduct impactful educational classes on caring for natural resources such as trees, animals, and best hunting practices. Education goes hand in hand with the physical work of replanting degraded forests.



VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM



January & April 2024 Visits

Dr. Jair leads a team of veterinary professionals who take time out of their practice to travel to Piñas Bay. With no veterinary care services of their own, this provides a critical resource for the village because animal health is crucial to public health. This marks the sixth visit and there is a visible improvement in the overall health and welfare of the animal population.

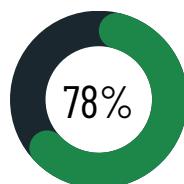
A Focus in Education

Each visit has a focus in education where Dr. Jair with the help of PBC's social worker integrate themselves with the community to provide educational talks to explain why animal health is critically important as well as population control.

1,122 Animals cared for since 2022

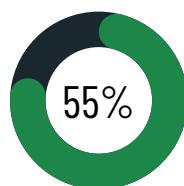
Working with Community Groups

Dr. Jair and his team work the local police force, Senafront, and the local Department of Justice to help facilitate visits and community involvement.



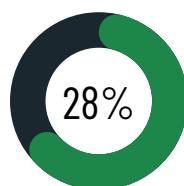
Vaccinations and Parasite Prevention Administered

in 2024 of the total pet population!



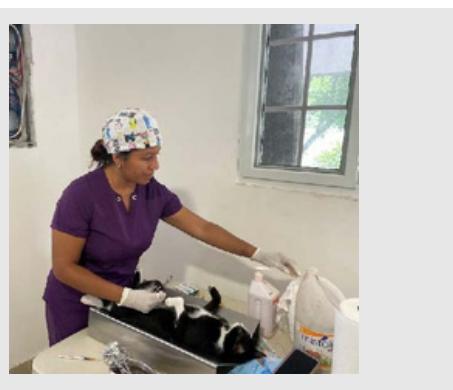
Total Sterilization

of male and female dogs and cats over the course of the program.



Growth

Due to education and social work. There's a uptick in pets visits to the clinic. This is a great indication that education is working!





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Creating a Brighter Future

Your support is essential to the continued success and growth of **Future Minds Foundation Panama**. Together, we can create a brighter future for the Piñas Bay community. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making a difference.



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