

## Friends of White Dove Santa Clara,

This is an urgent message to all who may be able to help White Dove School remain financially healthy this year. Recent news has created a crisis that must be addressed.



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## United Way Cuts Funding



2013 White Dove  
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As most of you know, White Dove School charges student tuition but requires supplemental outside funding for operation. Because of the typical level of income in this area of Honduras, the tuition affordable by students' families can't provide enough funds to cover expenses for teacher pay, food, books, and other operating expenses of the school.

One of the major supporters in recent years has been United Way of Honduras, who provided funds contributed largely by Disagro, an agricultural chemicals company in Honduras. Last year that support was about \$30,000. When the White Dove Advisory Group met with the school administrators this past mid-March to agree on a funding plan for 2014, we were assured that United Way was expected to match last year's amount this year. At that time it appeared that other supporters, primarily from North America, would probably be able to provide donations to cover the remaining gap in funding through the end of this school year, which would be about \$25,000.

United Way announced last month that their support for White Dove School in 2014 will be reduced, amounting to something between \$7,000 and \$10,500. More recently they confirmed a figure of only \$7,000 for the year. And the most recent update we're received from Arturo tells us that UW has not yet sent money for April or May. As a result, White Dove is faced with a much larger funding gap than anticipated--at least another \$23,000, in fact. Without substantial infusion of financial support to help fill this gap, the situation is bleak.

If you are able to donate to help meet the need, this is a great time to respond. See the block on the right for how you can help.

## Financial Status Review

Peter Borg, who has been the primary interface this year between the White Dove Advisory Group and White Dove School administration, will visit Santa Clara the week of June 23. One purpose of his trip is to discuss the White Dove financial situation with Arturo and Suyapa. This will provide the best assessment of whether we've been successful in setting up a financial accounting system and proposed budget guidance for White Dove financial management. They will also discuss possible cost reduction initiatives in light of the funding gap described above.

If you believe something good is going on in Santa Clara White Dove, and if you would like to provide financial support to help it continue, contact Allen Blancett or send a check to Honduras Agape Foundation, P.O. Box 6315, Aiken, SC 29804-6315. On your check, designate the donation as "Support for White Dove Santa Clara" and every cent will be forwarded to the school.

For more information on White Dove Santa Clara, you can call either Suyapa Perdomo at the school in Honduras [011-504-2625-1300], or Allen Blancett [803-295-7395]. If you prefer, contact us by email at [whitedovesantaclara@yahoo.com](mailto:whitedovesantaclara@yahoo.com) or [WDFriends@gforcecable.com](mailto:WDFriends@gforcecable.com)

**Sincerely,**

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