

Greater Plains 3rd Graders partner with Roberto's Kids to collect school supplies to donate to Fundacion HHS.

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Fundacion HHS, associated with the Department of Public Information (DPI-NGO) to the United Nations, collects and donates equipment and supplies in the areas of Health, Education and Sports in the Dominican Republic. Helping children realize their dreams is their focus.

Héctor Hipólito Algarroba, President and Founder of [Fundacion HHS](#) contacted Steve Pindar, Founder of Roberto's Kids, asking for support to establish new collection opportunities with communities near their Program Headquarters in New York.

Steve Pindar reached out to friends in the community, Bill and Adele Youngs. Bill is a leader in the [business community](#) and Adele is committed to excellence in education as a 3rd Grade teacher with the [Oneonta City School District](#).

The Youngs stepped up to Pindar's plea for support. Adele collaborated with Marissa Gallusser another 3rd Grade Teacher at Greater Plains and together they kicked off their joint project – **Kids Helping Kids**.



Lisa and Steve Pindar visited the school, sharing photos of children living and learning in the Dominican Republic so the students would have the opportunity to learn about the children who will be benefiting from their school community project.

“I was touched by the sense of sharing and giving the children shared the day we visited their classroom,” shared Pindar.

“Children were listing left and right the school supplies they had at home they would willingly do without and give away.”

Roberto's Kids develops and nurtures social and community responsibility internationally. Over and over, we hear glowing accounts of the positive impact that Roberto's Kids has had on individuals and families in 3rd World communities. At the same time, the experience has had a PROFOUND EFFECT on individuals, students and their families, and groups and organizations who are helping us, in whatever capacity, to make our vision come to life each year.

These 3rd Graders demonstrating their commitment to Community and Social Responsibility, through education and their project, is by far one of the most outstanding ways for students and their families to help others.

The classrooms have created posters and are encouraging participation from the entire Greater Plains student body. “I think Mrs. Youngs may have a Community Service and

Social Responsibility Pilot Project through education on her hands,” shared Pindar. It is my hope that others will lead by her example.

Fundacion HHS accepts new and used school supplies that are directed into educational institutions where low funds or no funds create barriers for children to learn. You can't practice writing without a pencil or a notebook. Carrying books to school in a back pack is a luxury item that many students never have.

Roberto's Kids is proud to have partnered with Mrs. Youngs' and Mrs. Gallusser's 3rd Grade Classrooms. Each and every one of the student's in their classrooms is a leader and they are making a difference in the lives of other students in the Dominican Republic.

For more information on how you can start a Kids Helping Kids project in your local community contact Steve Pindar at (607) 432-7440 EST, or steve.pindar@robertos-kids.org. Visit us on the web at: <http://www.robertos-kids.org>