

Income Generation

With the purpose of developing income generation skills in the most vulnerable population, we support programs that promote employability and entrepreneurial skills as well as technical training, administrative and financial consultation, access to seed capital and micro-credit.

Rumbo Joven

One Hundreds & Twenty Three youths graduate from the "Rumbo Joven" Employability Program



On November 16th one hundred and twenty-three youths, residents of the Potrero Grande, Siloé and Altos de Menga low income neighborhoods, graduated from the employability program "Rumbo Joven" and are in the process of joining the work force.

We expect that more than 70% of them will find a permanent job with the help of the program's business network. We trust that the skills they developed during their training with "Rumbo Joven" will allow them to find jobs on their own merits, thus contributing to the peacebuilding efforts of their city.

We would like to point out that from March of 2014 to date, 679 young men and women between the ages of 18 and 30 years have graduated from this program.

The organizations that are underwriting this project are: *USAID, ACIDI/VOCA, Tinker Foundation, Limmat Stiftung, EMpower, the Office of the Mayor of Cali through the Secretariat of Economic Development, the Cali Mayor's office of the program called "Territories of Inclusion & Opportunities" (TIO's), the Corona Foundation and the Alvaralice Foundation.* The implementation of this program has been possible through partnerships with the *Technocenter Somos Pacífico, the Center for Community Development San Francisco de Asís of the San Buenaventura University in Cali, Comfandi and the CreeSer, SIDOC and Colombia Women's World Bank (WWB) Foundations.*

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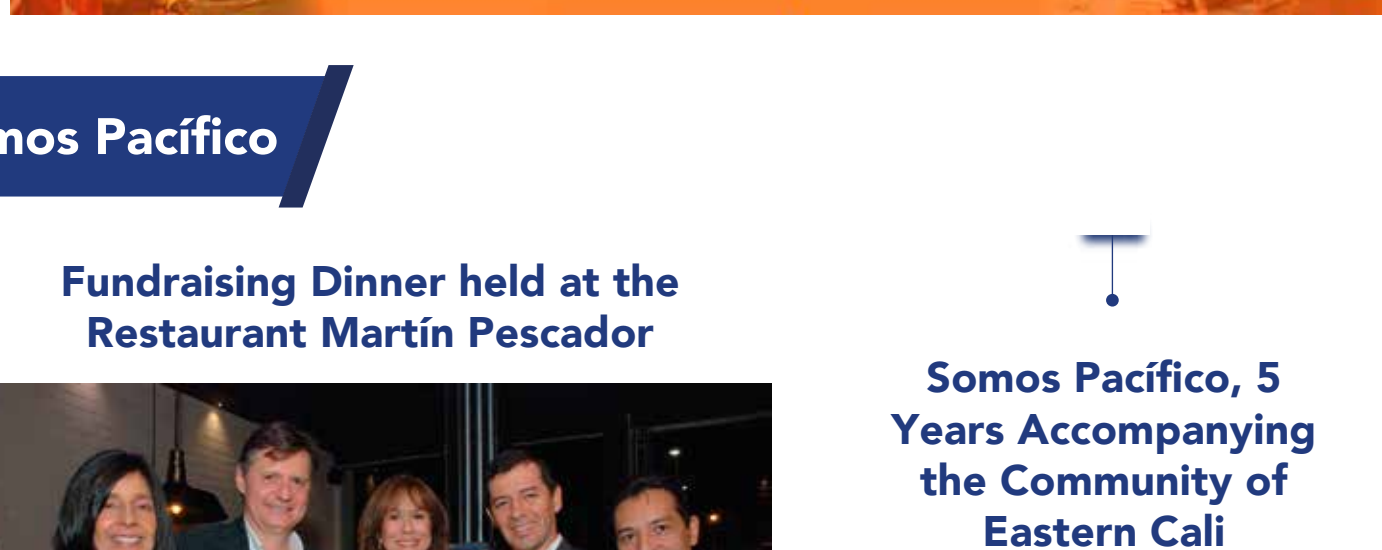
We support non-formal education programs for vulnerable and at-risk populations designed to improve their opportunities for employment, enhance their economic and social conditions, and develop their skills for peaceful co-existence.

Cultural Technocenter Somos Pacífico

Meet our beneficiaries



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Somos Pacífico

Fundraising Dinner held at the Restaurant Martin Pescador



On December 5th, the Martin Pescador restaurant generously hosted a dinner to benefit the Technocenter Somos Pacífico.

Approximately 100 guests enjoyed the typical cuisine of Colombia's Pacific coast in the sold-out event. Entertainment was provided by a percussion quintet and the children's folkloric choir of the Technocenter. Ten paintings created by students of the Technocenter's art program were successfully auctioned off.

At the end of the event, several guests volunteered to join the "Somos Pacífico Friends Club" committing to either a one-time or a monthly contribution, helping this way to ensure the sustainability of this institution.

The Technocenter Somos Pacífico Celebrated its 5th Anniversary at Cali's Municipal Theatre

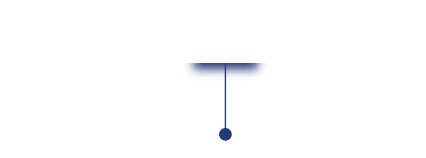


The closing ceremony for year-end activities was held at the Municipal Theatre on November 14th. At this time, the Technocenter also commemorated 5 years of operation with a fabulous musical production entitled "Pescadores de Sueños" (or Dream's Catchers).

150 children and youths delighted the audience with their harmonious movements and perfect synchronization. They truly showcased the achievements of the "Somos Pacífico" center since its journey in the eastern region of Cali.

This event was possible thanks to the public-private alliances that help support the Technocenter since its inception, offering previously unheard-of opportunities to 1,200 hundred youths and children per year through access to the programs offered at "Somos Pacífico".

Somos Pacífico, 5 Years Accompanying the Community of Eastern Cali



¿Cali How Are We Doing?

The "Cali How Are We Doing" program presented the main results for the "2018 Citizens Perception Survey" on December 11.



On Tuesday, December 11th, the "Cali Como Vamos" program presented the results of the 2018 Citizens Perception Survey. This survey reflects the opinion of the inhabitants of Cali on subjects such as the economy, poverty, equality, education, health, public services, the environment and public spaces, among others.

The presentation took place in the music room of the Bank of the Republic with ninety-six attendees. We would like to highlight the attendance of the Office of the Mayor of Cali, represented by the Mayor himself, Maurice Armitage, and several of his Secretariats. Also, in attendance were members of the press, the business sector, higher educational institutions and the general public.

Among the most important results of the survey was the fact that 40% of the citizens of Cali consider that things are on the right path, a significant improvement from last year's result. In addition, 56% take pride in their city and 64% consider it a good place to live. These percentages were also higher than last year's.

Joint Holiday Concert: Ensemble of the Colombo Británico School & the Somos Pacífico Orchestral Center



An unforgettable musical performance, a harmonic ensemble and the beginning of a merger of 60 young talents was experienced by the audience on Friday, December 7th at Cali's Colombo Británico School's auditorium, when the Orchestral Center of the Technocenter Somos Pacífico (string instruments)joined the Symphonic Orchestra of the Colegio Colombo Británico(percussion instruments) for a musical celebration of the beginning of the holiday season with a very special music program which combined classical pieces, popular Christmas carols and typical Colombian musical pieces from the Pacific region.

