

## Fifteen courses imparted at FEDES were certified in January



The skills that were certified were: Manicure and Pedicure. Massage, Office, Business Management, Pastry and Bakery, Dressmaking, Integral Aesthetics, Computer and Telecommunications. The courses are conducted under the SENCE (National Training and Employment Service) programs "Skills Training" and "Company and business bonus."



Steven Colon, President of FEDES Foundation, along with SENCE representatives, presented certificates to participants in the course.



## New container with clinical inputs from Direct Relief arrived at the San Bernardo community

Thanks to the donation from **Direct Relief International**, medical aid has been distributed to clinics Raul Caves, Carol Urzua, John Paul II, Confraternidad, El Manzano, Raúl Branez and Joan Alsina. The donated inputs were orthopedic items to support the clinics' programs for bed-ridden and incapacitated patients. (Some photographs of the distribution with the directors or managers of the respective Health Centers.)

### DISTRIBUTION of Clinical INPUTS To Doctors Office



## Two containers arrived with clinical beds and gurneys, electrical lifts for patients and clinical equipment donated by "Charity Vision"



Following up on the collaboration agreement with the Community of San Bernardo, two more containers were received this year containing a variety of clinical supplies, electric clinical beds, gurneys, electric lifts for patients, intended for the benefit of public consultation offices and the neediest individuals in the Community.

# The President of Family Care Foundation Visits Chile



Grant Grant Montgomery, President of Family Care Foundation, visited FEDES Foundation. Family Care Foundation has partnered with FEDES since its inception. Since our beginnings, they have collaborated with valuable training and shared networks and opportunities. They were very important in the reconstruction of the Skills Training Center that we have at present, collaborating with a generous donation for its reconstruction, and they have continued supporting the vocational training school, thus giving an opportunity to the most disadvantaged. This was his fourth visit to the country during the 15 years of working together.

This time we visited some of the clinics we have been working with for more than 6 years. He was received by the Director and Sub Director of the Health and Education Corporation of San Bernardo.



*Photo:1 Grace Martin, Co-founder of FEDES Foundation; Grant Montgomery, President Family Care Foundation; Sofía Varela, Director FEDES Foundation photo 2: Grant Montgomery, Deputy Director of Corporacion Salud, María Paz and Health Director of the IM Corporation. San Bernardo, Ruben Vazquez, Steven Colon and Grace Martin*

## Visit of Metropolitan Regional Counselor to FEDES



With the aim of analyzing possible joint work agreements, especially in the area of health, to bring equipment and clinical supplies for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Communities of the Metropolitan Region in the Public Health network, we were visited by Counselors from several Communities, the Metropolitan Regional Counselor and the Director of Mayors of the Regional Government.



Foto 1 Photo 1: Paolo Sotelo Nuñez (Lo Espejo Alderman); Manuel Aguilar Gálvez (Pedro Aguirre Cerda Alderman); Miguel Angel Garrido (Metropolitan Regional Counselor); Julio Ibarra Maldonado (Former Governor Cardenal Caro);Virginia Berrios Ramirez (Councilor to Alderman, Sotelo);  
Photo 2: Dr. Roberto Sepulveda Hermosillo (Director of Health for the Metropolitan Regional Government); Miguel Angel Garrido (Metropolitan Regional Counselor); Paolo Sotelo Nuñez (Lo Espejo Alderman):

# BEGINNING OF 4 SKILLS TRAINING COURSES



Installation and repair of telecommunications systems in the practice laboratory.



Students in the Bakery and Pastry course



Students in the Patient Care course



Students in the Dressmaking course

## Dinka Tomicic Bobadilla, SENCE (National Training and Employment Service) Metropolitan Regional Director visits the FEDES Foundation.

With the aim of getting to know the participants in the Bakery and Pastry, Integral Aesthetics, Dressmaking, Patient Care and Telecommunications courses, the SENCE Metropolitan Regional Director visited our Foundation today, touring all the classrooms. She talked with the participants, explained the vision of the training program and answered their questions. Finally, she encouraged them to make the most of their time and training offered for free by the government, praised the good work and dedication of all the FEDES Foundation staff and the quality of their facilities and equipment.



## Visits to FEDES



Consuelo Gutiérrez, Sociologist and Community Territorial Manager of the Hogar de Cristo, visited us to learn about our projects. She was very interested in the training and education projects carried out by FEDES. It was a very constructive visit and we will be staying in touch in order to be able to help in any way we can



Representatives of the Chilean Organization for Labor Integration (Organización Chilena de Integración Laboral--OCIL), Alain Inostroza, Fabian Perez and Constanza Concha, visited FEDES. The vision of their NGO is to be able to include the largest percentage possible of unemployed foreigners in Chile, and to improve the quality of social integration of these very vulnerable foreign families.

Since FEDES Foundation has a technical vocational training school where approximately one thousand people a year are certified, this project was shared with them in detail, so they can refer foreign people who are residing in Chile to training so they can get a decent job. It was also possible for these families to take advantage of the technical aid and orthopedic tools programs that the FEDES Foundation offers to people with limited resources. The energy and desire to change the world these young people displayed amazed and encouraged us.

# ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE INDEPENDENT CATEGORY COURSES (ENTREPRENEURS)

Every year the Foundation hosts sales activities of services or products that the participants of the courses are involved with. The students of integral aesthetics and pastry participated this time and it was a great success with very good sales. These activities help them a lot in the exercise of entrepreneurship.

They offered services in: Keratin hair straightening, Pedicure, Manicure, Body Massages for Relaxation and Reduction and Facial Cleaning. In pastry they offered pizzas, a variety of empanadas, all kinds of tarts, cakes and cupcakes.

They gave a sample of all the skills and abilities learned during the time they have been taking the course, where they also used their service tickets.



New Administrative Assistant courses with recognition by SAP

# Certification of 5 courses



In June several training courses were certified: in the fields of telecommunications, computer support, dressmaking and telecommunications logistics.

The students were very happy to receive their certificates, and they thanked the Foundation and SENCE for the tools they were given, which enabled them to get a better job and have a better quality of life.



Group of students who received their certification and very enthusiastically told us that they were all working with good salaries. All of them, without exception, were grateful for the training given at FEDES, not only in the area of their trade, which was excellent, but also in the classes on soft skills such as teamwork, crisis management, performance, presentation and project management, etc.

*Photo 1: Computer Support course students, happy to be FEDES students.*

*Photo 2: In the center, Carmen Martin, social work and tutor, with two students from the Administration in Telecommunications course who already have a work contract.*

# During the month of May we started two telecommunications courses and one course in hair-removal

The courses, funded by SENCE, are taught through the Mas Capaz training program (<http://www.sence.cl/portal/Perfil/Personas/Jovenes/Oportunidades/Capacitacion/+Capaz/>).

The aim of the telecommunications skill is that the participants might achieve formal employment. It lasts 3 months, then an internship is carried out in a company, and finally students get a work contract.

In the area of telecommunications, we have been working for several years with Telefónica SA MOVISTAR and its Collaborating Companies, which allows all students who wish to work to have a job at the end of their practice, and this year they have already gone on with a special MOVISTAR certification, enabled by the COBRA Company.

The hair removal course has a similar objective: that the students become independent, exercising their skill in the field and increasing their income by working at home or in an established shop. This course lasts for a month and a half.

## Students in the course on Installation and Repair of Telecommunications System



## Students in Hair-removal classes





# Invitation from the Municipal Council of San Bernardo

In the municipal council of the Illustrious Municipality of San Bernardo, FEDES Foundation presented the advances and the joint work carried out with the aim of improving the health conditions of the community.

On this occasion, Rodrigo Quevedo, a man from San Bernardo who is involved in robotics work, was also invited. He presented the «Over Mind», a wheelchair that will allow people with motor problems, reduced or assisted mobility, to move again through their brain signals.

Like the Municipality, FEDES promised to present its project to the international networks it has, in order to deliver this innovative chair to people of limited resources who have reduced mobility.



## Donation of medical supplies in the fire emergency Region of Maule, Population of Santa Olga.



FEDES delivered a donation of clinical supplies in support of those affected by the fires in southern Chile.

Edith put us in communication with her brother, an officer of the Carabineros (Policemen) in Santa Olga, so that we could take this donation in support of those affected by the fires.

Our thanks to the Police Department in Villa Santa Olga, who helped to mobilize and deliver the donation, distributed it to the Red Cross, firefighters and the volunteers who were helping and other organizations in the community. The donation included items such as gloves, special masks, alcohol gel, gauze, hypoallergenic tapes, wheelchairs, blankets, brushes, antibacterial gauzes, pillows and other similar items.

Grace M. director of the humanitarian aid program, with Edith and Marcos Espinoza. Edith works as a volunteer helping the most vulnerable bedridden patients in the Lo Espejo Community, a volunteer who has been working for more than 20 years. FEDES Foundation supports her in her volunteer work.

# Emergency Donation from **Direct Relief International** of 22 pallets with supplies, equipment and clinical instruments for the Atacama Region



The donation from **Direct Relief International** was immediately transferred from the Santiago airport to a winery owned by Rotarians in Copiapó, and from that winery the donation was distributed to the communities most affected by the landslides and floods. Photos: Loading the trucks for distribution to the consultation offices (primary care) in Copiapó. Supplies were also delivered to other communities and towns that were affected by the landslide. All transport was donated by the Rotary Club of the City of Copiapó and we made all the distributions with the Club members.



Distribution of supplies donated by **Direct Relief** in Clinics in the City of Copiapo, here in the Cesfam (Family Health Care Center) with Juan Martinez.



**Visit by Aaron Lock, Director of Operations for Charity Vision International—an American Foundation—has been helping Chile through the FEDES Foundation with millions of dollars in supplies and clinical equipment. Charity Vision and USAID—an International Development Agency for the Government of the United States—work together to send all these donations providing humanitarian assistance.**



From right to left, Director of Charity Vision International, Aaron Lock; US Ambassador Carol Z. Perez; president and vice president FEDES Foundation, Steven Colon and Grace Martin; Economic Officer US Embassy Santiago Chile, Emily Ruppel.

**Charity Vision and USAID**, represented in Chile by the US Embassy; in the past few months they have sent wheelchairs, equipment and high quality clinical supplies to Chile, electric clinical beds and gurneys, orthopedic devices and much more.

We thank The US Ambassador Carol Z. Perez, who received us in her office to discuss issues related to this aid.



## **Recognition of Charity Vision International, represented by Mr. Lock, by the Senate of the Republic of Chile**

We thank Senator Francisco Chahuan, President of the Commission of Foreign Relations of the Senate, who received Mr. Aaron Lock and awarded him a medal in appreciation for all his help and collaboration with Chile. Charity Vision has donated millions of dollars in clinical help to Chile through the FEDES Foundation.

After this, Senator Francisco Chahuan invited us to visit the offices of the Senate and the Congress.



# Visit to the San Bernardo Community



A special thanks to the Mayoress of San Bernardo, Nora Cuevas, who received us along with the director and assistant director of Health of the Health and Education Corporation of San Bernardo, to thank Charity Vision and USAID for all the help received by their Community: more than 3 million dollars of aid in supplies and clinical equipment. Mayoress Nora Cuevas gave a book from the San Bernardo Community to Mr. Lock so he could get to know it better.



Mr. Aaron Lock was able to visit consultation offices, individuals in their homes, as well as patients in camps and neighborhoods who have benefited from these donations. He was surprised by the great need for help in Chile so that people can be helped in a dignified way, and he committed himself, together with USAID, to send more help.



The nurses commented: The inputs received are a great help, and their good quality contributes greatly to faster recovery for patients.

We accompanied the team of nurses and health personnel in their visits to care for bed-ridden patients. On this occasion we were accompanied by Betty Carmona, Director of El Manzano Clinic. We visited Mr. Camilo Morales, 58. He suffered a vascular accident and hemiplegia. He has many sores on his body. He was given an electric bed and a wheelchair so that his wife and son can take him out for a walk. His wife sleeps beside him on a mattress on the floor. Now she can sleep in the bed her husband had.

## Visit to the San Martin Hospital in Quillota - 5th Region



Mr. Lock was also invited to visit the San Martin Hospital in Quillota (5th Region), which has many clinical needs. The Director Mr. Ramon Galleguillos with his team gave us a tour of all the dependencies of the hospital. That same day a collaboration agreement was signed between the Hospital and FEDES Foundation to be able to bring donations in supplies and equipment. The arrival was also organized of one 40-foot container feet with clinical supplies that will reach Chile the following month.

President of FEDES Foundation, Steven Colon, and director of San Martin Hospital, Ramon Galleguillos, in the signing of the collaboration agreement between the Hospital and the Foundation.



## FORMAEMPLEAN

The President of FEDES Foundation visited Spain to enter into possible agreements with Spanish Institutions, for the improvement of technologies, work methodologies, curricular plans and other topics, in order to continue modernizing and improving the services of our Skills Training School in Chile.

We were welcomed by Maria Sanchez, founder of the FORMAEMPLEAN Skills Training school, a very well equipped professional center with a high standard. They give all the courses that FEDES Foundation gives, as well as others. She shared her vision, experiences and lessons learned to reach the standard she has now.

They have agreements with the most important Spanish companies for students to carry out their work internships and get jobs.

They have also built a modern kitchen where they give private lessons to small groups who want to learn to cook avant-garde meals of modern cuisine. These classes help them with part of the school's funding. You can see their dedication and affection in offering good training and giving students the tools they need.

The courses last between 3 to 6 months and one year.

The center is authorized and recognized by the government to perform exams and give graduation certificates.



Maria Sanchez and Steven Colon



Esthetics and Health Classroom



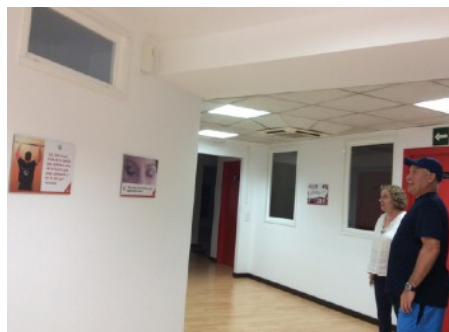
Pastry and Kitchen Classroom



Restaurant, Bar and Cafeteria Services Classroom



Special kitchen for private events



School areas



# ARANDA FORMACION Grup

F We were received by Maria Moya, Head of Training for Businesses.

She gave us a tour of all the facilities and took her time to explain the training programs and how they work, what their goals are, their achievements, their successes and lessons. Very open to receiving students from FEDES who want to go specialize in Spain or take courses with them via social media. She offered us the possibility of giving benefits and facilitating the stay of the students. She shared the materials used in her Institute with us: Curricular plans, work methodologies, avant-garde programs in Europe, etc.

We had work sessions in their gastronomy center, but we could work by looking at the material for all the skills that they teach in their other venues which helped us a lot since they cover all the skills that we teach in our school and much more.

They were very beneficial work days, where we could also share our experiences.



Maria Moya, responsible for training for companies and Steven Colón, president of FEDES Foundation.



Pastry and Kitchen Classroom



Computer classroom



Pastry samples made by students

# Donation of wheelchairs in Lo Espejo Community



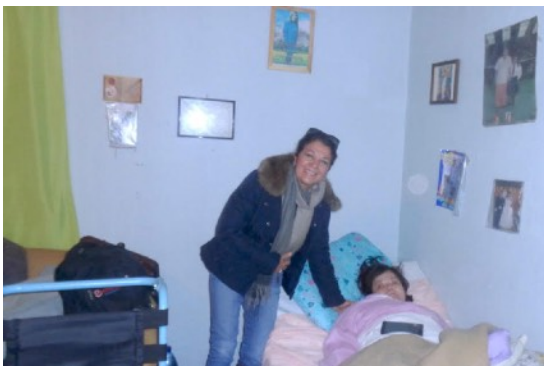
Together with Maria Susana Farías, director of DIDECO (Community Development Directorate) of Lo Espejo Community, we delivered 18 wheelchairs for people of limited resources in the Community. We went to their homes to give them the chairs personally. This visit was important for Susana as director of DIDECO since she was able to verify in the field many other needs that they had.



**Hector Alfonso Cáceres, age 63**, suffered a cerebral aneurysm and a vascular accident more than 3 years ago. As a result of the disease was paralyzed on the right side of the body. His vocal cords were also affected, so it is difficult for him to communicate clearly. He was very happy and grateful to receive the wheelchair. Hector has learned to mobilize himself to do his work and his daily duties. He is an example of overcoming. He told us that what most depressed him is not being able to express himself clearly. He thanked us for remembering him and for the gift of mobility that we brought him with the wheelchair.



**Irene Soto, age 52** - Rheumatoid arthritis, cannot walk due to the friction of the bones; she was very grateful because now she will be able to go for a walk with her son who takes care of her; they live alone.



**Maryorie de 36 años**, She suffered gangrene in both legs, and they were about to be amputated. They are dressing the wounds at home in order to save her legs. She did not know why that happened to her, she lived practically alone. Now she is in the care of her brothers, one of them thanked us for the gift of a wheelchair, they have to start taking her to the medical checkups and they did not have a way to take her. The chair arrived just at the right time. They will also be able to take her out for a walk and get air and sunshine so she can heal more quickly.





**Fabio Lucio Gonzalez**, age 48, came to FEDES with his friend.

Fabio suffers from diabetes, after suffering an infection in the right leg. They had to amputate the leg below the knee. He has a hard time moving long distances to do his "pololitos" (little odd jobs) as he says. I was delighted with the chair. We adjusted the feet supports so he could adapt to his situation and he said: "Here I go, sitting in the chair. I like it a lot, it's very comfortable. God bless you. Thank you very much!!"

**Raul Maturana**, age 58, A couple of years ago, his leg was amputated because of diabetes. When we gave him his chair he was very happy. We invited him to sit in it to adjust the feet and explain the operation. He was very happy with the gift of the chair, and he told us: "I have not been able to go anywhere for a long time, because I get very tired walking with my crutch. Now with my chair I want to go to church and to the fair ... I can move wherever I want. Thank you very much!! I'm going out on the street to practice ... "



**Erla** came to FEDES with her son **Jose Miguel** to look for a wheelchair. He told us that ten years ago when Miguel was on his way to work, they tried to steal his bicycle. When he defended himself, he was shot and disabled.

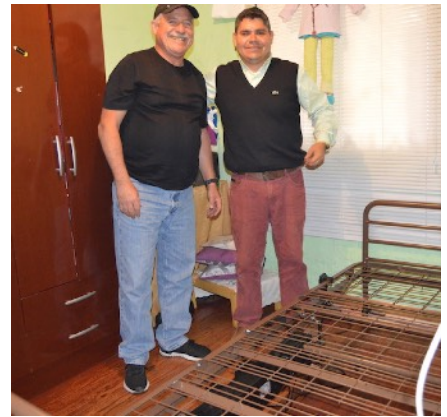
When Jose Miguel saw the chair, he began to cry with emotion, His eyes radiated joy; he was very happy. Now his dream can come true: "Go on a trip to the beach and enjoy a beautiful day of companionship with other people," something very important for mental and emotional health. Erla told us: "Being able to socialize with other people and being distracted will do a lot of good." He could not go to organized excursions because he didn't have a wheelchair to get around in. Now he can go out more often.

# Donation of clinical beds and wheelchairs in the districts of Viña del Mar and Valparaiso.

In October we made a donation of clinical beds and wheelchairs to people of limited resources and in situations of disability in the districts of Viña del Mar and Valparaiso.

An electric bed was donated to Yolanda Zambrano, who suffers from diabetes and other diseases, as a result of which she also became blind. She lives with her daughter who takes care of her with a lot of affection. They have wonderful neighbors who watch over them, like Pedro who very kindly and with great enthusiasm helped us put the bed together. They were very happy to have an electric bed. Now she will be able to get up and avoid bedsores and other ailments.

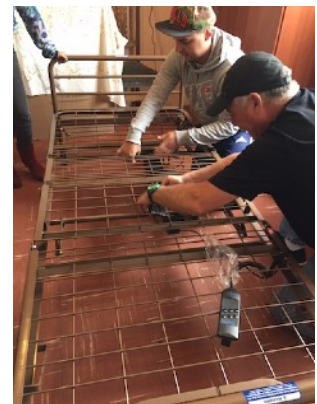
Another bed was for Maria Isabel Rojas, who lives under the care of her two granddaughters. She suffers from renal and pulmonary insufficiency. Miriam, one of the granddaughters who cares for her, is an angel. She cares for her grandmother and for her adolescent daughter who is also disabled. They told us that the bed is a wonderful gift. They had a bed on loan from a neighbor but it was too small because it was for children. She was very thankful to be able to change position and move around more, as she had developed some bedsores and was concerned because they were not healing and were extending to other areas of her body.



Steven and Pedro taking the clinical bed in and installing it in Mrs. Yolanda's room; in photo 3 we see Yolanda together with all her neighbors who came over to say hello. This group of neighbors take part in the neighborhood security committee. They help among themselves to have a happy community without delinquency. They told us that ever since the neighbors got together to help one another their neighborhood is safer.



Steven explaining to Miriam and her relatives how the bed works.





*Sofia taking the chair to Mr. Gustavo's house, a whole experience going down the hill ...*

Gustavo Antonio, who suffered a vascular accident 6 years ago at work, was really excited to have a new chair. His house is very far from health services, and to access it he has to negotiate several meters of very steep climbs and descents. His current wheelchair was about to break, and they had already lost the illusion of having a new chair, until we arrived at their home with the gift of mobility. He cried tears of happiness.

Gustavo Antonio, with his wife



One chair was for Nadia del Carmen who was very thankful, since she could not leave her house. Her greatest desire is to be able to go for a walk on the beach and breath the sea air. She has not been able to do so for years, since she had no way of moving. She lives with her husband, who takes care of her. She is fighting a cancer, suffers from hypertension, diabetes and osteoarthritis. She is a true example of overcoming and a positive attitude. She had a beautiful smile and a very grateful spirit the whole time. (In the photo, joking with Steven.)



Sara Margarita suffered the amputation of her leg 7 years ago, due to diabetes. Her husband is also bed-ridden. The two of them received us with their granddaughters, thanking us for the gift of the wheelchair, since the one she had was already broken. Sara told us: "I'm still paying rent for the chair and it's already broken." She was happy to have a good chair to be able to get out in.

# The first 2 containers with equipment and clinical supplies arrive at the San Martín de Quillota Hospital. Donation from Direct Relief International and Charity Vision.



Steven Colon, along with two directors of the FEDES Foundation, Grace Martin and Sofia Varela, visited the San Martín de Quillota Hospital to check on the arrival of the donation of clinical supplies that had been donated to the Hospital. We were received by the deputy director of finance, Mr. Roberto Diaz, and the deputy medical director, Dr. Letelier, on behalf of the hospital director Ramon Galleguillos, who was absent for work reasons.

Mr. Diaz gave us a tour of the hospital where the donations were sent and showed us the deposit where they were being stored while awaiting classification and distribution to the respective departments where they will be used. They told us about their experience and the immense help that the aid is for the hospital and its users.



*Photographic sequence of the arrival of one of the containers.*



Photo 1: Together with the Deputy Director of the Roberto Diaz Hospital, in the warehouse where the donation is being stored. Photo 2: Fabiola Riveros, supervising nurse, showed us through the hospital where the supplies, instruments and equipment were allocated. She said: "For us, this donation is a party. It contains very valuable, very good quality supplies, the kind only the private clinics have." In the photo next to the operating room nurse, she very happily shows us some of the boxes of a great variety of clinical supplies received.

Photo 3: Steven C., together with the nurse showing the sterilization boxes for instruments. They were very grateful for these valuable boxes and all the clinical instruments that were received, implements that they did not have and that are deeply appreciated by all the operating room staff.

# DISTRIBUTION OF DONATION OF CLINICAL SUPPLIES FOR THE NETWORK OF CONSULTANTS IN THE COMMUNITY OF SAN BERNARDO



Together with Vanesa Godoy, Community Health Promotion Officer, we visited all the Community's Offices to continue with the distribution of donations of clinical supplies in our collaboration agreement with the San Bernardo Community.

Some of the users who are treated in the Community's Public Healthcare Center commented that they are very grateful for all the donations received. They feel a great improvement in the care and in the facilitation of orthopedic technical implements that they did not previously have, such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, immobilizers, patient mobilizers and other equipment.

They were happy to pose for the photos and said: Please keep helping us; these aids are very valuable and much appreciated.



Andrea Moreno, in charge of the RBC room of the CESFAM at "El Manzano," commented: "All the supplies are of very good quality; special bandages for amputated limbs arrived, very precious articles for us, since we did not have them. Without these bandage, we could not work properly and effectively with the stumps of amputee patients. This donation fills us with satisfaction because we'll be able to do a good job for the benefit of our patients, especially those who lack a member or need rehabilitation and are very poor. Infinite thanks!"

We closed the year with the certification of 10 courses:  
4 Telecommunications courses, 2 in Administration with SAP recognition,  
2 in Hair Removal and 2 in Cosmetology.



The SENCE (National Training and Employment Service) was there for the certification, and we had the visit of Mr. Jorge Peña Zuñiga, support professional in the training unit for the Metropolitan Regional Directorate; representative of the COBRA company Luis Rojas; FEDES President, Steven Colon, participants and relatives.

The most rewarding was to participate in the joy and satisfaction of their certification and to see their efforts crowned with success.



Integral Aesthetics Course



Hair Removal Course



Telecommunications Course



Telecommunications



Administración and SAP

### Participants shared their experiences with everyone present.

*As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most important weapon for changing the world," and as a Training Foundation we believe it is the best investment for changing lives.*



Shirley Agurto,

**Shirley Susana Agurto Delgado, age 51**, has just finished the "Administrative Assistant with SAP recognition" course. In this photo we see her at the certification ceremony, where she addressed all those present. Shirley ended by thanking SENCE (National Training and Employment Service), FEDES Foundation and all its professors for being part of all her achievements. Visibly moved, she said: "... After being unemployed for 9 years, I took the course to try for better luck in the labor field. Soon my enthusiasm started to grow with every new thing I learned; the course gave me the motivation and the confidence to launch out into the job interview without fear, despite my "generous amount number of years" and the amount of competition ... when I went to my first interview with Falabella stores I was not taken, but when FEDES asked me if I wanted to try a second time, I did not hesitate and went again. In that interview I gained the confidence of the interviewer and stayed in the position, but only for the duration of the internship. I had two options: do my internship well or do it really well, no matter the result. I opted for the latter and in a few days I'll be signing a full-time work contract."



Manuel Riquelme

**Manuel Riquelme Alvarado, age 29**, receives his certificate in "INSTALLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITH CLASS B LICENSE." Here we see him giving thanks for the opportunity for training, because it has transformed his life and that of his family. He is working in the Cobra Chile company.

*These achievements are possible thanks to the collaboration of partner companies. We take this opportunity to thank the Cobra company that welcomes our students with the hope and promise that they might have a better future.*

# TRADITIONAL CHILEAN COOKING COURSE FOR HAITIAN WOMEN

The Typical Chilean Cuisine for Haitian Women" Course had as its objective that the participants learn how to prepare typical Chilean dishes, in order to make access to the world of work easier for them. This was an initiative of Fundación PRODEMU (Foundation for the Promotion and Development of Women) in conjunction with the Illustrious Municipality of San Bernardo, and FEDES Foundation executed the course.



Patricia Turen, coordinating chef for the course, had a translator at all times who helped with the translation of the theoretical and practical classes.



Photographic sequences of some of the activities





## VISIT BY THE REGIONAL MINISTERIAL SECRETARY OF NATIONAL ASSETS



Steven Colon, president of FEDES Foundation, received Mr. Felipe Guerra Pérez, Metropolitan Regional Secretary of the Ministry of National Assets and his team at the FEDES Foundation.



Response to our invitation, the Ministerial Regional Secretary of National Assets, Mr. Felipe Guerra, visited the premises that Fundación FEDES received as gratuitous lease from National Assets five years ago.

He took advantage of this visit not only to see the property (where he could personally see the reconstruction and improvements made to the property and the social and humanitarian work being done), but also take advantage of his visit to personally deliver a document that grants us continued permission to use the property until the procedures for long-term extension are completed. He visited the classrooms and had the opportunity to greet a group of 20 Haitian emigrants, who are being trained in a "Chilean Cuisine" course. When he said goodbye, he said he was very happy and satisfied to see all the investment that has been made and the good use that is being made of the property.

## CERTIFICATION OF COOKING COURSE FOR HAITIAN WOMEN



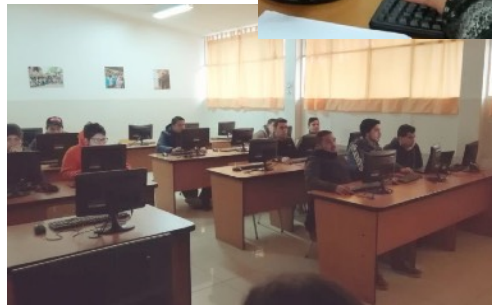
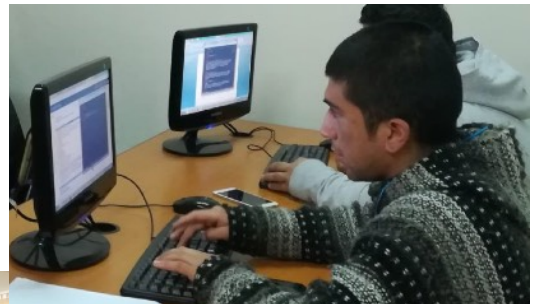
The Certification ceremony was held in the Illustrious Municipality of San Bernardo and was attended by the Mayoress Mrs. Nora Cuevas, Pamela Farías Antognini, National Executive Director of PRODEMU, and Práxedes Peña Reyes, Provincial Executive Director of Maipo, of the PRODEMU Foundation and the Facilitator of the course Miss. Patricia Turén Opazo.

# YouthSpark Program certifies more than 30 young people at the FEDES Foundation

From July 3 to 12, the YouthSpark Program was held on the premises of the FEDES Foundation, located in the district of Lo Espejo. **Microsoft YouthSpark** is a global initiative to increase the access of all young people to information technology, empowering them to achieve more for themselves, their families and their communities, and in the FEDES Foundation it brought together more than 30 young people from different situations and interests. Thanks to the team from CDI Chile, they learned to manage their time efficiently, to learn programming logic and to get an entry level first practical approach to the HTML language.

Isolina Contreras, Technical Secretary of the FEDES Foundation, followed the process closely. She told us that "the guys who signed up for the YouthSpark program were fascinated with the organization. They are hungry for knowledge, always looking for opportunities for training, and this was ideal for them, so they were very happy, even asking for the second part."

She also stressed the importance of programming in the working life of the participants, explaining that "for them it is super important to have participated in this program, because now they not only understand how the computer works, the hardware, but also the software, and much more."



## YouthSpark Program Certification

The CDI Chile team was on the FEDES Foundation premises to accompany the participants of the YouthSpark program in the last instance.

Those who were part of this technological awakening promoted by Microsoft could experience the development of a web page during this session, being part of a practical HTML programming class. They told the CDI Chile team how they wanted to be regarded and what their personal interests were through the global network.

After this activity, the students took part in a certificate delivery ceremony. We had the presence of the Academic Director of the FEDES Foundation, Patricia Ojeda Ravest, who was very happy for the completion of this process and the new opportunities that programming can offer her students.



**The San Martín de Quillota Hospital has received one million dollars in supplies and clinical equipment thanks to an agreement with the FEDES Foundation. This donation has been possible thanks to USAID and CHARITY VISION.**



**In the photos: Visit of the USAID Assistant Director Mr. Chibale Wills, USAID (International Development Agency of the United States Government) Program Manager and Mr. Lock, Director of Charity Vision, also the Regional Director of Health Mr. Juan Jose Mendoza and Mr. Ramon Galleguillos and his team at the Hospital.**

In June of this year a fruitful alliance began to take shape for the San Martín Hospital, which today, less than 6 months after the signing of that agreement with the FEDES Foundation, has been able to receive supplies and clinical equipment in the amount of one million dollars, investing only five percent of said figure.

Thus, during this second semester of 2017, the care center has imported 3 containers from the FEDES headquarters in the United States, which has involved an investment in operational expenses and transportation of close to 35 million pesos for the establishment that in turn has resulted in the reception of important equipment and supplies for their clinical care work.

The Director of the San Martín Hospital, Ramón Galleguillos Olivares, said: "In terms of figures we appraise the value of the three containers at 500 million pesos, in both equipment and instruments, plus boxes of surgical instruments valued at another 150 million pesos. Thus, we have received, in both equipment and instruments, the amount of 600 or 650 million pesos, but the operational cost for us was only 35 million. We are very satisfied."



For his part, Steven Colon, representative of the FEDES Foundation in Chile, highlighted the order and work methodology of the San Martín Hospital, which has led to the rapid consolidation of this alliance. In his recent visit to the health care facility, Steven Colon was accompanied by Aaron Lock, of Charity Vision, an NGO that works with FEDES, and with Chibala Wills, Assistant Director of USAID, the United States government agency for international aid. All this help has been made thanks to USAID and Charity Vision.

When describing the alliance of FEDES with San Martín Hospital, Steven Colon pointed out: "I think San Martín Hospital is the star hospital of the program. his alliance between FEDES and the San Martín de Quillota Hospital has been effective to such an extent that the Viña del Mar Quillota Health

Service, as well as some other health services in the country, have also wanted to enter into this agreement. That is why, along with the visit of FEDES, the Director of the Viña del Mar Quillota Health Service, Dr. Juan José Mendoza Navarro, was present in the health care facility.

The doctor highlighted the virtues of this alliance, hoping to extend it to the vast network of hospitals and primary care centers that he directs (11 Hospitals). "We thank the FEDES Foundation for having accepted all the arrangements carried out by the Quillota management team; also that Ramón Galleguillos has been able to make this donation, and that results are being obtained so quickly. It seems very good and we will replicate it throughout the Viña del Mar Quillota Health Service region."

In this way, the San Martín Hospital, with impeccable management, not only lowers operational costs related to the acquisition of supplies and clinical equipment through this strategic alliance with the FEDES Foundation, but acts as the spearhead of this cooperation agreement so that more inhabitants of the area and users of the public health sector might benefit.

# VISIT TO THE SAN BERNARDO COMMUNITY



*Photos 1: Ruben Vasquez, Director of Health for the Corporation of the Municipality of San Bernardo, making the presentation. Photo 2: Alexis Becerra, Municipal Manager of San Bernardo, gave them a typical Chilean wine.*

USAID and Charity Vision, through FEDES Foundation have made several important donations to the San Bernardo Community. That is why Mayoress Nora Cuevas received them to thank them and show them the impact that these donations have had on the Community. The Director of Health, Ruben Vasquez, gave a power point presentation that showed how these donations have been a great help to the most vulnerable people in the community. He also presented the needs and problems in the health area and the development vision for the coming years in the Community.

In the photos are the Mayoress, Mrs. Nora Cuevas; Director of Health, Mr. Ruben Vasquez, and representatives of the administrative and health team; Mr. Chibale Wills, Program Manager of USAID, representative of the humanitarian aid of the government of the United States; Mr. Aaron Lock, Global Director of the Charity Vision Foundation, and Steven Colon, President of the FEDES Foundation.



# Field Visit



Photographic sequences of field visits by the USAID representative Mr. Chibale Wills and Mr. Aaron Lock of Charity Vision. (Photos above: visit to Paloma's house. Photos below: visit to Juan Pablo II Clinic)



Together with Betty Carmona, director of the "El Manzano" Clinic and a team of nurses, we visited Paloma, age 12. She received an electric clinical cot and a neurological wheelchair and other clinical supplies, a donation from USAID and Charity Vision. Paloma suffered meningitis at three months that left her with severe neurological and respiratory damage. Her older sister takes care of her while her mother goes to work, so they take turns in Paloma's care. They are a very hard-working family, worthy of admiration.



After some visits in different homes, we visited one of the 7 Clinics of the San Bernardo Community, "Juan Pablo II" where clinical supplies, gurneys and implements and supplies in the rehabilitation area were donated.