

**changing lives
through service
and example**



**building caring
communities**



HELP COPA TO DO EVEN MORE



Sponsoring

COPA is funded through a sponsorship scheme. For less than £1.50 a week (\$6 per calendar month) you can either sponsor a child or class at school. You will receive a photograph of your child(ren), plus letters, pictures or drawings and newsletters during the year. If you pay tax you can Gift Aid your contributions, COPA will then receive extra funds from the Government at no extra cost to you.

Donations

We are very grateful for 'one-off' donations that we receive. Such donations can help a particular aspect of COPA's work or can go towards the general funds to run the schools.

Volunteering

All vacancies are advertised on our website www.copa.org.uk. We are always keen to hear from people who are interested in working in the DR or joining the committee in the UK.

More information

Please check the website for the latest news stories and photographs of COPA's work in the Dominican Republic, as well as activities taking place in the UK.



COPA

COMMUNITY PARTNERS ASSOCIATION



**Bringing new hope
to needy communities
in the Dominican Republic**



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Registered Charity No. 1027117

Effective change where it's most needed



2008



1992



What is COPA?

After a visit to the Dominican Republic, Sebert and Doreen Lane founded Community Partners Association (COPA). The aim of COPA is to work alongside local professionals to provide education and healthcare. As a Christian charity, COPA seeks to share God's love and care for the communities in the Barahona district of the Dominican Republic.

COPA started by working with the community in the village of La Hoya in 1991. At that time only 40 children attended the village school. Today, La Hoya provides an education for over 400 children. The school building, equipment and resources have been provided by COPA funds and donations. The campus has 6 classrooms, an art room, library and computer room.

In the neighbouring village of Bombita, living conditions were a lot worse. In 1996 the Bombita COPA school opened and now 500 children attend. This campus now also contains training/trade rooms.

After attending the primary school in La Hoya or Bombita, the children graduate on to the local Catholic or state High schools, or attend the training/trade rooms in Bombita (a project assisted by COPA). A number of students have returned to work for COPA as qualified staff.

In 2007, COPA started work in other local schools under a partnership scheme. This involved COPA teachers and advisers helping staff at the nearby schools to consider various teaching methods and use of resources. Diversifying into partnership schools has enabled the COPA team to help more young people.



Health

COPA has provided a clinic in La Hoya and Bombita and the COPA Health Adviser works very closely with the local healthcare professionals to enhance the quality of care and to ensure relevant health education in the schools and in the village community.

Team Approach

Since the early 1990s COPA has grown through a working partnership between volunteers, supporters and committee members in the UK, Guernsey and the USA. Practical support and fundraising ensures the day to day running of the project. Volunteer work groups have visited La Hoya and Bombita since 1992 to undertake maintenance work and activities with the children. The COPA team in the DR is led by the Project Director. Most COPA volunteers undertake a 2 year contract, being paid a local wage to advise local teachers and health care workers. The team is assisted by gap year volunteers who undertake valuable work with the children in the schools.

COPA in the UK and USA is operated by unpaid volunteer committees, which allows all funds to go directly to the project.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete this form and send it to:
Mrs D Lane, Copper Beech, Bath Road, Cricklade, Wilts SN6 6AX

There are different ways to support COPA financially:

1a. Student Sponsorship

I/We would like to sponsor ___ child(ren) to attend a COPA School.

1b. Class Sponsorship

I/We would like to sponsor ___ class(es) in a COPA School or Partnership School.

For 1a and 1b please tick your preferred rate of payment:

£6 per month £18 per quarter £36 per half year £72 per year

2. Regular Donation

I/We would like to make a regular donation of £_____ per _____

Method of Payment Standing Order* Cash/Cheque CAF Cheque

*Standing Orders reduce administration. Cheques payable to COMMUNITY PARTNERS ASSOCIATION

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat

- The enclosed gift of £_____ as a Gift Aid donation; OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations; OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that COPA will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Please notify COPA if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your details will be kept on the COPA database for administration purposes and to keep you updated with news and events. On no account will your details be passed on to any other individual or organisation.

Instructions to your Bank/Building Society to pay by Standing Order

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager	Bank/Building Soc.
Address: _____	
Postcode: _____	

Name(s) of Account Holder(s) (Block capitals please) _____ Branch Sort Code _____

Bank/Building Society Account Number _____ Reference Number (To be completed by COPA) **C R N** _____

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society.

Please pay to COPA at Barclays Bank, Gloucester, Sort Code 20-33-83, for credit to Account number 20250236, the sum of	
£_____ each month / quarter / half year / year (delete the 3 inapplicable) until you receive further notice from me/us in writing and debit my/our account accordingly.	
Signature(s) _____	Date _____