

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Disabled children and adults and elderly</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	
Year of foundation	1981	
Number of permanent employees:	329	
Project description:	<p>This is a humanitarian religious institution, offering social services to disabled, abandoned and elderly people, offering them a home and medical service. They have an average of 250-300 patients, divided in 9 areas, receiving specialized care, physical and psychological therapy. They also receive medication, clothes and meals, but above all, lots of love and care. There is also a special school for disabled children, and there is an external clinic for medical consultations for the population of limited resources. Also, medical missions are organized many times, where people from the area can benefit from. The institution belongs to the Franciscan Friars.</p>	
Description of volunteer tasks:	<p>This institution really has a lot of work, and volunteers need to know that this is not a light-hearted project. Besides the elderly, there is a really big part of the home with (heavily) disabled children, teenagers and adults (physically and mentally), which is not always easy to cope with. Volunteers who have the heart to give love and attention to these patients are more than welcome. Just to talk, play, help with meals, get dressed, and give some hugs, you make these people's day.</p>	
Opening hours:	Aprx. 8:30AM – 5:00PM	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	Basic
	Minimum time commitment:	1 week
	Work schedule:	Mornings, afternoons or both. Mornings are more productive.
	Others:	2 photos passport size, copy of passport, application form. Take the tour on Tuesday or Thursday at 3PM for orientation. Appropriate dress code. Volunteers receive a badge from the institution.
How to get to the project:	The institution is located only 2 blocks from the Parque Central in Antigua.	
Closing dates of the project:	From Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> until Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> (many patients go home for vacation)	
Lodging options:	Hotel, hostel or host family in Antigua. Prices can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	

Photo impressions

