



WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE:

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# Matter Of Facts

The last four months have proved both need and willingness to help the communities in Roatan of the families who have children with disabilities.

We see more than ever now how important is the work that we do and even more the work that is needed to add to the quality of life for people who have a disability. Even more rewarding, during a recent visit to homes of families we discovered how content and giving these families are. In the majority they are willing to do whatever it takes to have their young adults be involved in helping with programs that offer activities to improve their livelihood.



More about this will follow in or next newsletter as Mrs. Shelly Trevino concludes her proposal to offer opportunities never seen before in Roatan. And as Mr. Roger and Angela prepare their article in sharing this experience after our visit to homes of families with a member with a disability.

For now, we acknowledge and want to share our gratitude to some of you who help support CATTLEYA as we grow and build more programs to help those in need.

1. John Morris for your monetary donation in support to sponsor children.
2. Kara and Richard Rigby for your monetary donations which will help to complete 2022 year-end expenses and to hire an assistant to the Board of Directors.
3. Deborah Booher whose visit in May 2022 reassured her plans to donate years of collected materials and resources for the development of speech and language skills. SPL materials and resources.
4. Lorenda Adams, SPL (Speech and Language Pathologist) whose missionary work allows her time to work with assisting volunteers, teachers and parents.
5. Allison Baucome, Behavior Analyst / University of Houston TX - for your visit and time during vacation to offer evaluations.
6. Kerry Ticchi, SPL (Speech and Language Pathologist) who was able to visit again to offer continued assistance and materials for teacher enrichment.
7. Shelly Trevino, Director/Supervisor of (Respite Services and Day Programs), from Pensacola, Florida, whose 2ond visit in July 2022 "confirmed her desire to move to Roatan". She would like to offer her skills as a professional to help train parents, caregivers and teachers in serving people with disabilities and implementing programs that promote more independent living and respite services.
8. Marion Seaman, who made Roatan her home and believes in community outreach, has reached out to Mike and Tracy, who are planning on making our roof replacement a reality by doing the labor free of charge.
9. Kaylene and Doug Waltz for your offer of \$5000 toward the costs of roof materials, a project which is urgently needed.
10. Angela and Roger BJORoy-Karlsen are diligently working on articles to socialize and share information about CATTLEYA and its Mission and Vision.
11. Rotary for always opening the opportunity of presentations to share new projects and development.
12. Professor Jhon Manzanares and Info Insular for Media coverage for help to share the good news.
13. Serrano Industrial for monetary support.
14. Jackson Family, who provide facilities for CEDICA (CATTLEYA Learning Center) to serve children with disabilities.
15. Past and Present Sponsors (anonymous) who help us to overcome obstacles in order for us to work with children whose parents cannot afford our services.
16. Social Media followers 1.who support and share information making contributions in ways not always known.
17. RTN (Dean Milverton) for managing our website.
18. Elias Scott for donating the web page, ([www.cattleyaroatan.org](http://www.cattleyaroatan.org)).
19. Cynthia Parchment for her creative artwork of CATTLEYA Logo.
20. Mr. Peder Jacobson for donated property for the possibility to build a school.
21. Vessels of Mercy for donating space to teach during 2013-2015

CATTLEYA was legally established in 2014, but began reaching out since 2010. What is today has been accomplished due to parents who understand our Mission and Vision and desire more for their children and others with disabilities.

We invite those who want to learn more or contribute in some way to visit our website or contact us:

Website: [www.cattleyaroatan.org](http://www.cattleyaroatan.org)

Email: [cattleyaroatan@gmail.com](mailto:cattleyaroatan@gmail.com)

The needs are many, the mission is great! With everyone doing a part, each step we can take!

2023 Will be election of New Board of Directors! We welcome your advice and we thank you for your support!

#### Needs

1. Monetary donation to ship speech and language materials and resources (approximately \$1,500.00)
2. Financial support for Shelly Trevino to establish training programs (approximately \$4000.00 monthly).
3. Monetary donation to ship adaptability equipment (depends of dimensions)
4. Hire an assistant director for Board (\$1,000.00 monthly).

We Thank Mr. Jorge Caffoll, president of the Board of Directors 2021-2023 for diligently working with founding members and teachers to re-establish classes post-pandemic

Most Sincerely,

Connie Silvestri

Founding Member

Association CATTLEYA

“Con Amor, Trabajo y Terapia Logramos Educar y Advocar”



# Testimonials

I am happy to see so much going on and really hope that I can assist with progress in Roatan with late teens and adults moving forward. I am developing my strategy to raise funds in the states in order to secure a building, supplies, pay at least one assistant to start, transportation (think big) and supports needed to provide an appropriate learning environment, vocational training and job placement. If you of you want to contribute in any way with your thoughts, advice, or financial support, please reach out. Cattleya has such an opportunity to expand its supports; it takes a village to do so! Thank you for all of your support. Whether a parent and/or professional, we all need each other.

Shelly Trevino

I know that you have been working hard at bringing in consultants to assist with teacher skill development as well as having parents learn more about helping their children. Additionally, I was thrilled that you now have an on-site speech/language clinician (or therapist or pathologist...pick your title...we answer to any of them). I was highly impressed by Lorenda's dearth of knowledge as well as her enthusiasm.

With that in mind, the only suggestion I can make is to consider having some specialists like occupational therapists, physical therapists, educational psychologists, special ed teachers, counselors, reading specialists, and any others that have experience with your population as regular consultants for periodic gatherings that could be available for Zoom meetings (or on-site??). I suppose that could take some juggling. I know you are familiar to the U.S. IEP system. Maybe you could use a model like that but much simpler, tailored to your student/teacher/family needs. Basically, a "let's put our heads together" meeting.

Deb Booher

# Testimonials

My name is Mary Jones I have an 11 year old daughter Nathalie that was born with Down Syndrome. The news of having a child with special needs was very confusing. Not knowing how to care for your child scary, and thinking on their future was overwhelming. Having Ms Connie and Don Romeo come visit us when my daughter was days old and offer their support as parents with a son with special need that once were in the same situation as I was, was of great help. We weren't alone anymore, and as time passed by we met more families looking for support and education for their children with special needs. Today CATTLEYA has been more than a blessing for our children and families. And thanks to the support of the families, businesses and organizations that have chosen us and Donated, Volunteered and promoted our once Dream have made and kept CATTLEYA a reality. I can assure you my daughter Nathalie's life and our lives have changed for the better because of CATTLEYA, and today the future doesn't look so overwhelming. I ask you to please continue supporting this program and the many more to come, as our once little kids have grown-up to young adults and now there is a program being prepared for them and needs of all the support it can get.

As a mother I want to say Thank you and may God multiply all you have given and supported this great cause.

Mary Jones



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