



June 8, 2022

Greetings!

According to the staff and families of Project Chacocente, “the heart of Chacocente” is the well that daily blesses their lives with fresh, clean water. That is understandable when we consider that:

- The original families (and now their children and grandchildren) can drink fresh water daily, shower, clean their homes and clothing and more.
- The students of Chacocente Christian School can brush their teeth (done daily to promote dental hygiene), wash their hands, get a drink at a water fountain during gym class, and use flush toilets.
- The volunteers of the school can wash the fruits and vegetables, pots and pans and countertops used while preparing the daily lunches.
- The staff of the school, along with parent volunteers, can water the plants and trees growing on the school grounds, including those grown by the Orchard School that provide produce for the school lunches.
- Classrooms can be cleaned often, especially during the dry season when dust accumulates on desktops, walls, and books.

While the families are not charged for their water, they are responsible for guarding the well during the night—not because we fear anyone stealing water (we readily share our water when needed), but because the equipment needed to run the well is costly. Juan Carlos, whom many of you know, is responsible for turning the pump on daily to fill the four tanks with fresh water. Unfortunately, the tanks and connecting pipes have deteriorated and need to be replaced. We are leaking precious water!

A generous supporter has offered \$5000 in matching funds for this purpose, and **our hope is to raise the \$5000 needed to meet the match.** This will cover the cost of new tanks and conduits, and the monthly bills for the electricity that powers the pump. Any surplus (may it be so!) will support ongoing expenses at Chacocente Christian School.

Please consider donating to help us meet the match. You may donate at our Friends of Project Chacocente Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1041078580166151/5001827763219846/> or at our website at www.outofthedump.org or you may send a check to Project Chacocente, PO Box 128, Lexington, MA, 02420 (please write “Match” in the memo.) Feel free to email us at projectchacocente@gmail.com with questions.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Project Chacocente