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Dear friends and supporters

As in the case with many charities, 2020 has brought disruption and unexpected challenges for us and the partner organisations we support. The outbreak of covid-19 in Colombia in March meant we were forced to delay the start of our 18th, 19th, and 20th accountancy courses with our strategic partner FEDUT. Despite the huge challenges presented by the virus we have tried to be flexible and respond to the more immediate needs of our beneficiaries, where possible.

In response to pandemic in Cali, we provided emergency funding for 155 food hampers with staple foods to be delivered to families of ex-students of FEDUT. This massive effort was mobilised by the staff and volunteers who work for FEDUT. We congratulate them for their tireless efforts to make this happen!



Preparation and delivery of food hampers in response to the coronavirus outbreak

In the UK, despite the outbreak of coronavirus outbreak we have continued efforts to help young people locally in Surrey. As part of our support for the restorative youth justice scheme, in July we sponsored an outdoor educational programme in Surrey. The scheme engages the young people in activities, such as horticulture and joinery. All this was carried out during the summer, while respecting social distancing regulations.

In October we made a significant donation to the Hampshire based Faregos Home Examination Centre. This pioneering home education centre provides support to students with special educational needs from low income families in Surrey and Hampshire. Demand for such schooling has rapidly increased since the coronavirus outbreak.



Youngsters engaged in outdoor educational activities in Surrey

Finally, in October, we were able to restart our FEDUT accountancy courses in Colombia, after a six-month national quarantine. The new courses have smaller class sizes, and respect government guidelines for covid-19 social distancing regulations. Some of the course modules are now being run virtually.



FEDUT'S new socially distant classes

FEDUT's unique social educational training model of adopts a holistic approach to youth development, designed to prepare young people for life and not just the workplace. Each student undertakes their own unique career development plan under the guidance of a trained psychologist. The courses are government accredited and each successful student graduates with a nationally recognized certificate of technical training. Our hope is to place the graduates of this course in employment upon course completion, as the need will be even higher during the covid-19 pandemic.

On behalf of The Dan Eley Foundation trustees would like to thank you for your support to our charity over the last few years. It has made a significant, and in some cases, life changing impact, to the lives of young people in our programmes

I send my best wishes and warmest regards to you all, especially during these difficult times.

Dan Eley

Founder and Chief Executive Officer