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Sister Cindy Sullivan with shoeshine boy's sisters.

The 70's – Unbridled Development

During this decade Volunteers started their training in Ecuador and local staff was given responsibilities as Program Directors. The Directors during this period were Edmund DeJarnette, George Baldino and Phil Lopes.

During the seventies, Peace Corps had offices in some provinces, but at the end of this decade all the administrative tasks were performed from the main office in Quito, located in Avenues 6 de Diciembre and Colon. Asdela was the company in charge of hiring new staff.

Volunteers, change iniciators

Centro del Muchacho Trabajador (CMT)

Sister Cindy Sullivan, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, was one of the first to collaborate with CMT. Peace Corps also provided with technical instructors for areas such as mechanics, welding and carpentry.

"I started at CMT, running a snack bar for kids who worked on the streets polishing shoes, After that, we started working with the children's parents with developmental sessions. The program became the first family development program in Latin America..."



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First Special Olympics in Ecuador

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Mickey Fedor brought the Special Olympics to Ecuador and demonstrated that a physical disability is not necessarily an obstacle:

...but Mickey and Lourdes never lost hope. Lourdes recalls a phrase that Mickey used to say: "No, Lourdes, we can do this, and we are going to do it".

Read the full story [here](#)



Community Development & Agriculture continue to be Peace Corps Ecuador Programs during this decade.