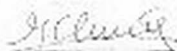


Liebe Paten:

Sie haben Englisch als Korrespondenzsprache angegeben. Aus diesem Grunde erlauben wir uns den diesjährigen Entwicklungsbericht Ihres Patenkindes in dieser Sprache zu schicken.

Sollten Sie aber damit Probleme haben, zweifeln Sie bitte nicht, es uns mitzuteilen. Wir werden Ihnen denselben Bericht dann gern in Ihre Muttersprache übersetzen.

Mit Dank für Ihr Verständnis im Voraus und mit freundlichen Grüßen.



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## Aldeas Infantiles SOS Chile

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Dear sponsor GutGünstig Versichert,

Once again we want to inform you about the progress and daily life of you sponsored child **Estefany Machuca** in the SOS Children's Village Quilpué.

Estefany is a cheerful, friendly and active girl who turned 11 years old in July. She is in good health and from early in March is attending the 5<sup>th</sup> grade of Primary School. Last year she obtained good marks after having studied hard. At the moment she presents some trouble with mathematics and Spanish language, but is taking extra lessons to get better. Her favorite subjects are society and nature. When she is attending school, gets up at 6:00 am, and generally goes to bed at 9:00 pm.

Most of our children are studying in a full-day class system. There are also different types of schools; private, shared financing and public, and to this last one, the great majority of our children attend. Generally, classes start at 8 am and finish at 4 pm, with one free afternoon a week. In Chile, children start with 2 years in Kindergarten, then 8 years in Primary School and finish with 4 years in High School. Each of these three stages is closed with a graduation ceremony!

During the weekend she likes to play with her siblings inventing situations like to sell, to be a mother or to work in an office. The rest of free time she also likes to run around the Village, jump the rope or watch TV. She enjoys watching her favorite series Hannah Montana and about music, she likes tropical sound and reggaeton, that famous Latin rhythm. Saturdays are mainly dedicated to cleaning and shopping; she cooperates with her mother and the rest of the family. They enjoy cooking and having lunch all together, long talks and visits of independent brothers or sisters and of course on Sundays, they sleep a little more!

From the middle of December to early in March; Children enjoyed hot summer vacations. Almost all families went out for a week or two to a lake, river or sea. They made different trips to national parks, farms and so on. Some children visited their biological families for a few days. Estefany went to the Village's summer camp in Quintero, where she enjoyed the beach, swam and played on the sand. Together with the rest of her SOS family made trips around the town, visiting handicrafts markets, the amusement park and the circus, where they laughed a lot.

Estefany celebrated last Christmas with her SOS family, this means; the mother and 9 brothers and sisters, men and women between 8 and 15 years old. Together, they decorated the house, and with great enthusiasm wrote letters to Santa Claus and dreamt about their presents. An important part of this activity are the cards they prepare for you; their sponsors.

Christmas celebration at her house consisted in a delicious dinner; turkey, salads, soft drinks and ice creams. After eating, they prayed wishing one each other peace, love and good health and later all together opened their presents. She was really happy with her presents; a doll, a swimming suit, a pair of sandals, a handbag and beach rackets.

Thank you again, we appreciate your generous support which allows your sponsored child to be able to grow up and develop in an affective, warm and safe environment.

Cordial wishes,

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