



Rehabilitation Centre

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Republican Rehabilitation Center was founded in 1989 in Yerevan after the devastating earthquake. The founder of the Center signed 5-year project with Ministry of Health of Armenia to train local doctors, nurses, and prosthetics, to organize rehabilitation treatment clinics and to equip the artificial body parts laboratory. The German organization ADRA built the treatment building adjusted for wheelchair use. Republican Rehabilitation Center started to function in 1991. The Rehabilitation Center is giving rehabilitation treatment for underage patients with different chronic diseases and conditions of skeletal and neuromuscular system. During the year about 800 patients are getting treatments on inpatient and outpatient bases team approach. There are 3000 children under the Center supervision. The staff of the Centre are about 100 persons, including therapists, doctors, psychologists and technical staff. 30 of that staff people work directly with these children. Rehabilitation medicine is new in Armenia, it needs to develop involving general rehabilitation events that will contribute to the disabled children's physical and mental maximum development, will give them independence in their daily activities and will contribute to the integration into society. As one of the stages of the development of the rehabilitation medicine an Integration Kindergarten was opened in 2002 on the grounds of Republican Rehabilitation Centre.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

- 2





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The presence of an international volunteer gives the children the possibility to learn about the different cultures and society and teach them tolerance, will help them to integrate into the society in future. The volunteer will organize different interactive teaching lessons on geography, ecology etcetera.

The task for the volunteer will be all activities with children between 4 and 15: Organizing leisure time activities, sport activities, workshops on painting and sculpturing, teaching songs and dances, helping the children with homework, organizing workshops to promote the creative abilities of the children. The volunteer will learn about the limited perspective that these disadvantaged children have. The volunteer will be participating in the seminars which are organized for the staff on the work with disabled children, will learn methods of work etcetera. The volunteer will also be in communication with the parents of the children, will organize discussion meetings for them, help them in their work with children.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Ability and interest in working with children, organizing their free time activities, sport activities, organizing cultural evenings and workshops for them. Working language: English

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERS ARE SAYING...

"In the morning we work in the kindergarden. We play with kids, help during lunchtime to bring stuff and clean afterwards, we are watching the kids and helping with activities that take place or we help with the English lessons."

RAJA

"I also help with the horsetherapy, which helps children to get more confident, improves their balance and their mobility."

MATHILDE

