



WELCOME TO A SPECIAL EDITION OF

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Summer Fun

During their mid-year break, our children enjoyed an unforgettable Summer Camp filled with adventure, creativity, and fun. They participated in games, team challenges, art activities, and group experiences that strengthened their social skills and teamwork.

They also enjoyed outings to the movies and interactive parks, making their vacation a time to learn, explore, and create lasting memories.



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Learning to Care

Amazon's volunteers spent a meaningful day with FANA's children, teaching them about caring for the environment and the importance of taking care of their shoes.

Through fun, hands-on activities, the children discovered how small everyday actions can make a positive difference for themselves, the people around them, and the world they live in. Thank you, Amazon, for sharing your time, knowledge, and enthusiasm while inspiring our children to build lifelong responsible habits.



A World of Color

Together with our wonderful volunteers, FANA's Toodles enjoyed a colorful sensory painting experience. Through textures, vibrant colors, and creative exploration, they stimulated their senses, expressed themselves freely, and strengthened their imagination while sharing joyful moments of discovery.



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A World Cup Celebration

With the support of HOLT International, children in our nursery school enjoyed a fun-filled World Cup celebration packed with sports, creativity, and excitement. Face painting, games, and athletic challenges allowed them to experience the spirit of soccer while building teamwork, respect, and fair play.



Enjoying the World Cup Together

FANA's children joined in the excitement of the World Cup by celebrating the tournament's opening and watching matches together.

Beyond the excitement of soccer, the experience encouraged teamwork, respect, friendship, and joyful moments shared as a community.

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Caring with Love

Families in our Foster Home Program participated in their monthly workshop, where they learned strategies to support children through transitions and explored how to create home gardens to encourage healthy eating and vegetable consumption.

At the same time, the children participated in a workshop focused on emotions and self-esteem, strengthening self-love, recognizing their own strengths, and developing a positive sense of self. These experiences help build social-emotional skills that support their well-being and foster healthy relationships with others.



Stronger Families, Stronger Children

This month, FANA's biological families participated in two educational workshops. The first focused on suicide prevention and strengthening protective factors that support mental health. The second introduced practical, play-based strategies that families can use at home to encourage continuous learning while strengthening attention, memory, concentration, and critical thinking through everyday activities and meaningful family interaction.

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Protecting Children's Rights

Families from our nursery school participated in a workshop on how to respond when children's rights may be at risk.

They learned to recognize warning signs and gained valuable guidance on the appropriate steps to help ensure every child's safety, protection, and well-being.



Ready to Respond

In June, FANA conducted its first emergency evacuation drill based on a simulated fire scenario. The unannounced exercise helped evaluate our emergency response procedures and strengthen our culture of preparedness.

Thanks to the commitment of our staff, children, and visitors, the entire facility was safely evacuated in just 3 minutes and 20 seconds, reinforcing our commitment to everyone's safety.



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A Day at the Beach

Our nursery school enjoyed a special "Different Day" with a beach theme. Through sand play, music, and sensory activities, the children explored, imagined, and learned while enjoying a fun-filled day of movement, creativity, and discovery.



Learning and Growing Together

Students from "Colegio Campestre de Lourdes" visited our nursery school to spend a joyful day with the children through games, recreational activities, and shared experiences.

Their visit encouraged friendship, teamwork, and meaningful connections while creating a fun and engaging environment for everyone. We are grateful for their kindness, enthusiasm, and the special moments they shared with our children.



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Guardians of the Galaxy

Our nursery school came alive as our little Guardians of the Galaxy embarked on an exciting space adventure. The children decorated their own galaxy helmets, explored the universe, and enjoyed a sensory area filled with textures that sparked their curiosity, imagination, and senses through play.



Music That Brings Hope

As the culminating event of the Solidarity Sounds project, we gratefully received a donation for our children, made possible through a benefit concert organized by María Camila Reyes Rodríguez and Sara Agudelo Bernal.

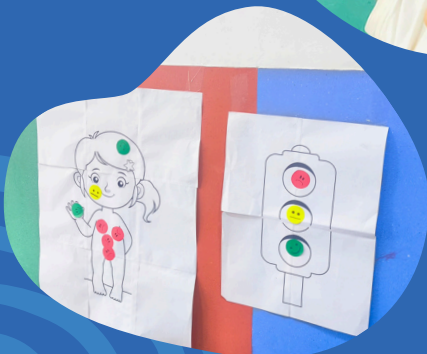
This meaningful initiative brought together music, generosity, and social commitment to create a positive impact in the lives of our children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to María Camila, Sara, and everyone who contributed to this special concert. Acts of kindness like these remind us that music has the power to bring people together, inspire hope, and transform lives.



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Seeds of Learning

After two months exploring the value of caring through our “Garden of Care” project, FANA’s children brought this first stage to a close and prepared to celebrate everything they had learned and cultivated along the way. This project will continue as part of our everyday work, including tools such as the “Respect Traffic Light,” which we revisit to strengthen care, respect, and positive relationships throughout FANA.



My Body, My Boundaries

Children at our nursery school participated in an activity using the “Body Traffic Light,” a tool that helps them recognize their personal boundaries, identify situations that make them feel comfortable or uncomfortable, and strengthen their self-care skills. Through playful activities, they learned that their bodies deserve respect and that they can always express how they feel.

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Celebrating Together

Our friends from Families of FANA WNY enjoyed a week filled with culture, tradition, and joy. Through the Colombian Cultural Camp Fest, families explored and celebrated different expressions of Colombian culture. The celebration continued with the traditional FANA Celebration and Family Picnic, creating opportunities to connect with family and friends, strengthen relationships, and celebrate the special community that brings us together.



Together for FANA

Friends of FANA Minnesota brought together families connected to FANA for a special gathering filled with meaningful conversations, shared experiences, and friendship. As part of the celebration, they also hosted a golf tournament that brought together friends and supporters committed to FANA's mission. These gatherings are a beautiful reminder that, even from afar, families and friends can stay connected and continue making a difference.

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Caring for Their Vision

Thanks to the support of Kryz Foundation, FANA's children participated in an optometry screening to monitor their visual health and identify any needs at an early stage. These screenings are part of our commitment to providing comprehensive care and supporting each child's health and well-being.



A Doggy Visit!

Our children at FANA and in the nursery school enjoyed a fun and heartwarming dog activity thanks to the support of our volunteers. It was a joyful experience filled with excitement, affection, and smiles, giving the children an opportunity to enjoy something different and create special memories together.

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Let's Talk Before We Hurt

FANA's children participated in a workshop focused on expressing emotions through language. They learned to put their feelings into words, communicate their needs, and find positive ways to manage anger and frustration instead of reacting physically. It was a meaningful opportunity to strengthen communication, emotional awareness, and positive relationships.



Creating Together

Volunteers from American World Adoption (AWA) shared a special day with FANA's children through creative and expressive activities. Art and play became tools for exploring emotions, sparking imagination, and creating meaningful moments of connection and joy.



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TBRI: Understanding Attachment

During this month's TBRI training, our staff explored the concept of attachment and how early experiences with caregivers can influence the way children build relationships. The session covered the four attachment patterns—secure, anxious-avoidant, anxious-ambivalent, and disorganized—helping our team better understand the stories behind children's behaviors and the importance of responding with connection, safety, and sensitive care.



Growing with Voice and Care

Children and families in our Foster Home Program participated in a learning session focused on understanding children's rights and responsibilities, while encouraging participation, growing independence, and age-appropriate decision-making in everyday life. Foster mothers also received guidance on recognizing warning signs related to suicidal behavior and learning the appropriate response and referral pathways, strengthening their ability to provide timely support and safe, protective environments for the children in their care.