

## Our Mission:

To inspire hope in the lives of underprivileged children living in the Dominican Republic by providing them the resources necessary to enroll in school so that uncultivated potential becomes unleashed, and dreams of an education become a reality.

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The name Starfish Missions was inspired by the "starfish story". ...a story acknowledging that the sheer magnitude of need in the world can be overwhelming at times, and can lead us to despair...How can we possibly make a difference? But the story reminds us that if we can have a positive impact on the life of just one person...then it will make a difference...to that one! To read the starfish story, please go to our website - [www.starfishmissions.org](http://www.starfishmissions.org).

**Starfish Missions. Making a difference...one child at a time.**

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Inspiring hope in Dominican children...



...as dreams of an education become a reality



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"There is much potential in the uncultivated ground of the poor, but for lack of justice, there is waste."  
Proverbs 13:23



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We have had the privilege of going on several mission trips to the city of LaRomana. Through our visits there, we've learned that so many of the children in this community cannot afford basic school supplies necessary to attend public school. Some of the items required include:

- proper shoes
- a school uniform
- notebooks and pencils

Because many children cannot afford these items, they are not permitted to attend school, which unfortunately can lead to drugs and prostitution for many. In fact, it is believed that less than half of the children living in La Romana graduate from high school.

Starfish Missions will seek to provide these children with the resources and opportunities to stay in school, which will give them hope for better employment and, ultimately, a better quality of life.

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Throughout the year, Starfish Missions maintains ongoing communication with contacts we've established in LaRomana to identify the needful children who are not in school due to their inability to afford the necessities.

Then, annually (mid-August) we send a Starfish board member to LaRomana to utilize the support generated to provide for the childrens' needs so that they may attend school.

Additionally, Starfish is committed to providing detailed, personalized feedback from the families that are helped in LaRomana to the sponsoring families from the US so that a more personal connection can be fostered.

**\$10** will buy enough paper, pencils and notebooks to last a child the entire school year.

**\$30** can provide **two** children with the required school uniforms for the public school system.

**\$25** purchases an alternate outfit and tennis shoes that will allow a child to participate in PE activities.

**\$75** can provide one child with everything he/she needs to attend school for the year.

