

## **Los Toros Foundation Presentation Supplement**

*(See full presentation - attached)*

- The Los Toros Foundation has been doing community building work in Los Toros since 1988 and began the water project in 2006
- Los Toros has its own Water Committee which distributes filters and educates the public about water use and maintenance
- Los Toros has an aqueduct that supplies water to the village, but is in need of many repairs to improve water delivery and quality; nobody in the village can afford to pay for water service
- The Los Toros Foundation has collaborated with Marquette University's Engineers Without Borders on water testing and aqueduct surveys
- People get their water in Los Toros in four ways:
  - Purified, bottled water
  - Water from taps or waterways treated by two-stage bucket filters
  - Water from taps or waterways treated by silver-impregnated ceramic filters
  - Untreated water from local waterways or village taps
- The Los Toros Foundation's short-term solution to water quality deficits is to use Potters for Peace ceramic filters for filtering water on a home by home basis
- Residents of Los Toros receive these filters at a subsidized rate; they pay RD\$ 200 of the RD\$ 700 cost of the filters
- Short-term goals include:
  - Procure more ceramic filters
  - Procure filter replacement parts for both ceramic and bucket filters
  - Educate people on proper filter usage and on the importance of safe water, hygiene, and sanitation
  - Fix broken water taps; educate on water misuse
- Long-term goals include:
  - Make needed repairs to aqueduct and water delivery infrastructure
  - Improve water pressure throughout village
  - Improve human waste and trash disposal
  - Reduce death and illness related to poor water
- The Los Toros Foundation needs:
  - Technical assistance and surveying
  - Funding for more ceramic filters—US \$2,000
  - Funding for water committee to procure filter, educate, keep in contact with US arm of Los Toros Foundation—US \$500
  - Funding to improve sanitation practices via technical surveys—US \$2,500

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