Fundación Fútbol con Corazón (FCC) is a non-profit organization in Barranquilla, Colombia, contributing to the lasting social transformation of the city’s communities.

Program
Children living in low-income neighborhoods of Barranquilla are constantly exposed to activities that negatively affect their development. Drugs, gangs, violence, sexual abuse, and prostitution, in combination with a lack of positive role models and an excess of free time, negatively impact their ability to improve their life situation. Fútbol con Corazón assists children, between the ages of 5-16 obtain a long-lasting and stable transformation in their behavior, attitude and quality of life. Using the Soccer for Peace methodology as a foundation, supported by an educational program, including workshops, nutritional supplements, tournaments, psychological guidance, parent schooling, and leadership programs, Fútbol con Corazón brings hope to the children and community as a whole.

Mission
Fútbol con Corazón will build safe and peaceful communities in Barranquilla, Colombia by employing its core values and using the “Soccer for Peace” methodology. Our programs will assist 12,500 unprivileged girls and boys, ages 5-16, and their parents, by 2014.

Core Values
Tolerance, Respect, Solidarity, and Honesty.

Methodology
The Soccer for Peace methodology was developed by Alejandro Arenas, and Agustín Ortiz in May of 1997 to alleviate the problem of violence in Medellín, Colombia. With a different set of rules than conventional soccer, the methodology teaches values, increases self-esteem, leadership, gender equality, and conflict resolution, among others, to have a positive and lasting impact on children’s lives.

How to Help
Fútbol con Corazón offers various opportunities to help the children in Barranquilla, and truly appreciates any type and size of contribution. For more information, please contact us at volantedepaz@futbolconcorazon.org.