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Drug Prevention Groups Team Up to Counter Venezuela Drug Abuse

A fun-filled day of activities organized by the Scientology-supported Truth About Drugs initiative and the Vigia Anti-drug Foundation in Merida, Venezuela

Young athletes from local schools competed in an intramural soccer match in October in the state of Merida, Venezuela. The level of excitement of the players, their friends and families was a living demonstration that life is more fun when you don't use drugs.

The event was held to celebrate the anniversary of the Vigia Anti-drug Foundation and was organized by the Foundation and Merida area volunteers who participate in the drug education and prevention initiative supported by the Church of Scientology.

Local Truth About Drugs volunteers conduct drug education seminars in schools, prisons and civic clubs. They reach youth with factual information about what drugs are and what they do to help youth make informed decisions to live drug-free.

Scientists on five continents work in their communities throughout the year to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology supports The Truth About Drugs initiative, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns.

It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."



Fans and family members of those competing in the Intramural anti-drug soccer match in October, 2013, to celebrate the anniversary of the Vigia Anti-drug Foundation



Young ladies promote drug-free living at the intramural soccer match in October 2013 held to celebrate the anniversary of the Vigia Anti-drug Foundation.