

## **OSSO'S PRIORITIES**

OSSO's first priority is the safety of the volunteers, and we expect everyone to abide by a strict Code of Conduct for their own safety as well as the integrity of OSSO's program. We constantly monitor safety conditions and keep informed by the information the U.S. Department of State sends us. The U.S. Embassy in Quito is aware of our program in both cities, and we are on their contact list in the event of something happening.

OSSO's second priority is to provide the best possible care for the children in the orphanages in which we serve. Participating with OSSO isn't for everyone. We want volunteers who are willing to sacrifice in order to serve these children, and we expect dedication and commitment from each volunteer—treating their service time as they would responsibly treat a job back home. Over and over again we've found that the volunteers who focus outside of themselves and work hard and sacrifice to serve the children and other volunteers are the ones who gain more personally and have a better experience than if they'd focused on themselves.

In addition to safety and service, we provide a fun, educational and culturally rich experience for our volunteers.