

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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Helping young Mexicans get a quality education and lead productive lives

Our Partners Flourish with Your Support

Board members Juliet and Charles recently made their annual visit to meet with our Mexican partners. As you'll see in this newsletter, these groups continue to thrive as institutions and to provide better services to the young people in their care. One of them, El Puente de Esperanza, was recognized by the Mexican Center for Philanthropy for their professional management and transparency. We are proud of them and all of our partners for the efforts they make to improve their operations.

You can make a secure, on-line donation using PayPal or your credit card on the "donate" page of our website at centralmexicoyouthfund.org or you can send a check to:

Central Mexico Youth Fund
 3062 Summit Sky Blvd
 Eugene, OR 97405

We are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Lunch with Young Friends

Our partner Hogares Providencia operates three residences in Querétero for boys and girls who have been removed from their family homes due to neglect or poverty. These vulnerable children now live in a supportive environment and have the opportunity to grow and develop in a healthy way.

During their recent visit, Juliet and Charles met with the staff of the organization and enjoyed lunch with some of the younger boys, ages 10-12. They are a lively group and, at least to visitors, there are no outward signs of the troubles these kids have experienced. The boys share a large room with their beds neatly arranged in rows and seem to thrive in the care of their tíos and tías (uncles and aunts) who serve as their counselors and mentors.

Charles had the rare opportunity of joining about eight of these boys in the minivan that takes them to school. Although nearby, it's located on a busy street that makes it unsafe for them to walk there. The kids peppered Charles with questions, which he did his best to answer. We are grateful to our donors who make it possible for these children to reach their potential.





Fresh Space for Growth

Our partner Niños y Niñas provides preschool programs and other educational assistance to more than 80 children and adolescents who come from indigenous families that have moved to Querétaro from their home communities. As Juliet and Charles approached the facilities of Niños y Niñas on their recent trip, they noticed that the outside walls had been attractively redecorated. This reaction was reinforced when they got inside and saw fresh paint on the walls. Several rooms had been remodeled, including the library (shown below), to make them a more inviting place for the kids to learn.

The professional teachers of our partner organization help the kids with their homework and also to adjust to life in a big city. We are honored that our donors have made it possible for us to pay the salary of one of the teachers who works with the kids most in need. Your donations allow us to continue our support for Niños y Niñas and we are grateful to you.



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Honoring Their Founder and Mentor

David Peterson, founder and director of our partner Cadena de Ayuda, recently celebrated his 75th birthday surrounded by friends, neighbors, and many of the young men he has helped over the past 15 years. Cadena provides a home in Querétaro and support for about 20 young men who attend local universities. David also provides scholarship assistance to young women and men who come from rural areas or live in town with family members while attending university. He said that the past 15 years have been the most rewarding of his life. He has no plans to retire and will operate Cadena de Ayuda for the foreseeable future. “This is my family now,” he remarked, and judging by the outpouring of appreciation he got on his birthday, it is a large family indeed!

Eduardo, a student of nanotechnology, is one of the young men living at Cadena de Ayuda. He expressed the feeling of all the beneficiaries when he wrote that “this organization offered me a golden opportunity to focus on my studies. I would like to express my gratitude to David. This has been a remarkable and memorable experience.” We are pleased to support David’s activities and will continue to do so with the help of our donors.

