

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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Helping young Mexicans get a quality education and lead productive lives

Our Donors Make a Difference

Ayalah provides a monthly donation to sponsor one of the beneficiaries of El Puente de Esperanza. She recently wrote:

"I will support Gaby to receive the highest education possible for her abilities and motivation. I e-mail her in Spanish regularly and tell her that she can choose whatever profession she would like...hairstylist, tourist guide, cook...whatever. My appreciation to El Puente is the stability that they give to her life. I have never seen her laugh or smile before she came to El Puente. It is a gift to see her so happy."

Your gift also can make a difference in the lives of all the young people we support:

- \$25 pays the bus fare to allow children to attend pre-school programs.
- \$50 buys school supplies.
- \$100 provides meals to one student for a month.
- \$500 makes available a computer and internet services for a university student.
- \$3000 pays the fees and expenses for one student for six months.
- \$6000 supplements the diets of children with fruit, vegetables, and protein for a year.

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Working with Our Partner Organizations

Niños and Niñas delivers pre-school programs to children who otherwise would be working in the streets of Querétaro. Most of these children come from indigenous communities and all live in poverty. The Central Mexico Youth Fund is seeking funds from donors to expand our support for this organization. See the article on the next page for more information.

Cadena de Ayuda helps young men and women from rural areas to pursue their university studies in Querétaro by paying tuition and living expenses, and giving them access to computer equipment and internet services. The Central Mexico Youth Fund has provided funds to purchase computer monitors, kitchen items for the residence, tools, and driving lessons required by some employers.

El Puente de Esperanza offers a residence in Querétaro and pays the high school fees, university tuition, and living expenses for academically promising young students, most of whom grew up in indigenous communities. The Central Mexico Youth Fund makes a monthly contribution to partially cover these costs.





Helping the Street Children of Querétaro

Our partner organization *Niños y Niñas* is a legally recognized Mexican nonprofit that has operated for nearly twenty years to provide pre-school activities to children who otherwise would be working in the street engaged in moneymaking activities such as selling chewing gum and cleaning vehicle windshields.

They care for about 130 boys, girls and adolescents. About 90% of them are of indigenous origin and the rest are marginalized urban youth. All live in poverty. *Niños y Niñas* enrolls the children in an official educational program, ranging from kindergarten to college preparatory, and helps them meet their educational, nutritional and medical needs.

The Central Mexico Youth Fund has been asked to complement the daily meal provided to the children with fruit, vegetables and protein. If we can find additional resources, we would also support the cost of paying the tutors who assist these kids with their homework. With your donation, *Niños y Niñas* helps these children discover worlds of knowledge, abilities and potential.



Summer School Program

Your generous support allowed us to help the beneficiaries of El Puente de Esperanza offer a summer school program (*curso de verano* in Spanish) in July 2014 to the children of Concá, a town in the Sierra Gorda region of Querétaro State. We provided funds to pay for transportation, classroom materials, and meals, and the local community offered housing and a facility at no cost. There were science classes, chess instruction, educational games, cultural activities, and sports.

Ramona is one of the beneficiaries of El Puente and worked with the youngest kids at the summer school. She said, "I've always liked working with groups of younger children in the first or second grade, and for the first time I worked with preschool kids and with some who were going to enter preschool in the coming year. There were about 14 children, although



there seemed to be about 30 of them! Working with these children for a week was the best of all summers that I've had because I could experience the essence of summer. I had a positive influence on the children and I would have liked to have spent more time with them."

Ryan, a young American volunteer from Oswego, NY, wrote that "working at the *curso de verano* was one of the most incredible experiences of my life. I am so thankful for the opportunity and hope I am able to do it again sometime in the future." Ryan used paper airplanes to teach the kids about the basics of aerodynamics!