

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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Helping young Mexicans get a quality education and lead productive lives

El Puente Beneficiaries Pay It Forward

The beneficiaries of El Puente de Esperanza have benefited from your generosity and are eager to share their good fortunes with others. In January, they returned to the town of San Ildefonso to distribute toys and games to children who had participated in the summer school program they offered there last year. They students of El Puente organized recreational activities for the children and then let each of them choose gifts to take home.

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Cadena de Ayuda Students Celebrate Birthday of Founder and Mentor

Cadena de Ayuda supports the university tuition and expenses of more than 100 young men and women who come from rural areas to study in Querétaro. Its founder, David Peterson, is an American expatriate who also offers a residence in the city to about 20 young men while they are attending local universities. In February, current and former residents of that house organized a party in recognition of David's birthday. Juliet and Charles joined many friends, neighbors, and supporters to celebrate the event and congratulate him for his 13 years of service to these young people.

A few years ago, David was interviewed by a local reporter and asked if he was like a second father to these youth. He replied that sometimes he was, but mostly he was just "the grouch" who made sure they did their school assignments. But watching the way these young men honored David on his birthday, it was clear that he has earned a respected place in their lives.



Your Support of Hogares Providencia Makes a Difference in Young Lives

While Juliet and Charles were in Querétaro, we got together with some of the beneficiaries and staff of Hogares Providencia. Araceli Herrera, the woman responsible for fundraising, invited us along with some friends to have lunch at the house of the older boys. Our partner organization provides long-term group foster care to vulnerable boys and girls who come from families dealing with serious problems and who have been referred by the local family services agency.

We got the chance to chat with a few of the boys and were pleased to see, despite the challenges they face in their young lives, how they were thriving in the supportive environment provided by the counselors of Hogares Providencia. The Central Mexico Youth Fund is glad we can play a small part in their healthy development.



Niño y Niñas Saves Kids from Life in the Streets

Niños y Niñas provides a pre-school tutoring program to children from indigenous communities who otherwise would be selling candy in the streets. It makes sure they get a healthy meal before going to class and its skilled teachers assist the children with their homework and social development. The group used the grant funding we obtained last year from the Elmo Foundation to hire a speech therapist with the goal of improving the classroom participation of some kids who were lagging in their academic achievement because of poor verbal skills.

During our recent annual trip to Querétaro, Juliet and Charles visited its facilities and met with Susana Vargas, the Director of Niños y Niñas and a licensed psychologist, to review the group's efforts over the past year. Susana has been dedicated to serving the marginalized families of her community for 18 years. She focuses not



only on the kids enrolled in the program, but also works with their parents to help them resolve any problems that may affect the child's school performance. We are proud to support her work with your help.