

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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Helping young Mexicans get a quality education and lead productive lives

Garage Sale Supports Kids in Mexico and Neighbors in Texas

The benefactors of Hogares Providencia in the Dallas-Fort Worth area dedicated their fall fundraiser to both children in Mexico and their fellow Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey. Their "Garage Sale 4A Cause" raised more than \$4,000, which will be equally divided between our organization on behalf of Hogares Providencia and the American Red Cross. We celebrate their success and commitment to helping all those in need.

Your donations allow us to help our partners pay the expenses of the young people in their care. 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.



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Summer School Program Combines Education and Respect

The students of El Puente, thankful for the generosity they have received, give back by sponsoring a summer school program (*curso de verano* in Spanish) for the children in one of their hometowns. In July 2017, 78 girls and boys attended this year's program in the indigenous community of El Bothé, which is located in southern Querétaro State. The town provided a site for the event and your contributions allowed us to pay the costs of course materials, transportation, and meals.

The young beneficiaries of El Puente organized and managed various activities such as science classes, chess workshops, educational games and puzzles, and physical education. A fundamental theme of all the events was teaching the children to get along with their friends in a peaceful and respectful way. There were also group discussions that encouraged the kids to practice forgiveness and reconciliation. El Puente's Director writes that "in the future, we will continue to develop and enhance this subject. We're grateful for the support you provide and your confidence in the work done by these young people with the children in their communities. It really makes a difference"



El Puente Enables University Student to Continue her Studies

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Rosaura is a new beneficiary of our partner El Puente de Esperanza and their support came just in time for her. "I was in my third semester of studying criminology," she writes, "and was at the point of abandoning my dreams of becoming a professional because I could no longer afford it. That's when I applied to El Puente. I was very pleased to learn at the end of August that I had been accepted there thanks to funding received from the Central Mexico Youth Fund that gave me the opportunity to continue my education."

"I'm grateful for not only the financial support," she continues, "but for the fact that I'm being sponsored by an organization that tries to provide a better future for students through comprehensive education. It encourages me to move ahead with my studies and to make a greater commitment to accomplishing my goals."

We are proud to play a part in the success of these young people and know that stories like Rosaura's are possible only because of your generous support. Thank you!



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Niños y Niñas Completes Speech Therapy Program



Our partner Niños y Niñas provides pre-school tutoring and social development programs to children from indigenous families who have moved to Querétaro. Last year, they used grant funds that we obtained from the Elmo Foundation to offer speech therapy to some of the kids who were lagging in their academic performance because of poor verbal skills.

Nineteen girls and boys participated over a period of 10 months and were evaluated at three points to measure their progress. They achieved most of the outcomes defined in the initial evaluations. There was improvement in verbal production of the children, as well as their ability to express themselves and collaborate with their peers. As the therapy continued, the increase in self-esteem of some the participants was significant. The evaluation also showed that some of the children suffered from malformations (such as tongue-tie and cleft palate) that caused their speech problems. These kids received medical treatment to alleviate their conditions.

We are grateful to the Elmo Foundation and all of our donors whose gifts allow us to support projects such as this by our partner organizations in Mexico.

