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A grant we received from the Elmo Foundation allowed us to fund the teaching salary of Alejandra, who helps the kids at Niños y Niñas with their class assignments and homework. Our partners make good use of your gifts for the benefit of the young people in their care.

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El Puente Students Succeed!

We are happy to celebrate the graduations and professional success of three students from El Puente de Esperanza. **Luis David**, who came to El Puente eight years ago, graduated from the Aeronautical University of Querétaro last fall with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He is the first member from his community of San José del Tepame to complete a university education. Luis David has found a job with Tremec, a manufacturing company in Querétaro, where he can use his engineering skills.



Mariela came to El Puente four years ago and now has completed her studies at the Law Faculty of the University of Querétaro. She is the oldest of eight children in her family and the first to graduate with a college degree. She considered El Puente her best opportunity to achieve her professional goals, aspire to a better future, and help her family and community. Mariela is now working in the Querétaro court system.



Alberto, another eight-year resident of El Puente, is completing his study of auto mechanics and has begun a professional internship at Mazda Motors in Guanajuato. He says that his success was only possible as a team effort, which required not only his own work, but the support of his immediate and extended family. "Today and always", he writes, "I consider you all my team and family. Thanks for all the support you have given me and continue to give me." Alberto plans to transition to full-time employment in the automotive industry after completing his internship.



A Safe Space for Vulnerable Children



Our New Partner in Puebla

We are proud to announce that we have established a partnership with Yo'on Ixim ("heart of corn" in a Mayan language), a nonprofit organization located in Puebla. This group supports 26 families who moved to that city from rural communities in southern Mexico.

Yo'on Ixim offers Spanish classes to women who speak only their indigenous language and operates a school for their children. The women are skilled weavers and Yo'on Ixim helps them market their products in Mexico and the United States.

Juliet and Charles recently met with the founder and director of this group and were impressed with both their commitment to the families and their management skills. CMYF looks forward to supporting their activities with the help of their benefactors.



Juliet and Charles recently visited all of our partners in Mexico and had lunch with some of the younger beneficiaries of Hogares Providencia. This organization manages three houses in Querétaro - one for young boys, another for teenage boys, and a third for girls. There are about 15 boys aged 8 to 12 who live together and share a large room with their beds neatly arranged in rows.

They have come to Hogares Providencia after being referred by the local family services agency because their home living conditions were unsafe due to poverty or neglect. To visitors such as us, there were no outward signs of the troubles these kids have experienced. Some were shy and some outgoing, as you might expect of boys that age, but all seemed to be thriving in the care of the tíos and tías (uncles and aunts) who serve as their counselors and mentors.

We are thankful to all our donors who make it possible for us to support Hogares Providencia and all of our partner organizations.

