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ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC

'Coca' Romero wins high honor for work with kids

Nogales, the clinic said.

After Romero's son Raymond was born with cerebral palsy, she found other mothers with disabled children in Nogales, Sonora to form a support group.

"From this small group of mothers, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic was formed over 35 years ago," the clinic's Vicki Fitzsimmons wrote in the news release. "When it outgrew space in homes and orphanages in Nogales, Sonora, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Ariz. opened its arms and the clinic has been there ever since."

Romero has served as the clinic's patient coordinator since its inception. Her job is to screen patients for admission, facilitate transportation of patients and family members, coordinate immigration documents, and interact with assisting doctors, health professionals and agencies.

"Her telephone rings day and night with calls from parents desperate to find health care for their children," Fitzsimmons wrote. "You mention her name in small towns in Sonora and faces light up. They know her work for the poor and disabled children of Mexico."