

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND
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You Can Be One in a Million

Hogares Providencia recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of their founding. Over that time, they have transformed the lives of hundreds of vulnerable children and adolescents. These kids, who have been removed from their family homes because of extreme poverty, neglect, or abuse, are now thriving at Hogares Providencia thanks to the care and attention they receive.

The organization faces rising costs for such basics as groceries and utilities as well as the modest salaries paid to the children's caregivers. In response to these needs, Hogares Providencia has launched a fundraising campaign among their supporters in Mexico and the United States called "súmate al millón" or "be one in a million". The *million* refers to their goal of raising 1,000,000 pesos, or approximately \$50,000, during the campaign.

Your donations to the Central Mexico Youth Fund make it possible for Hogares Providencia and our other partners in Mexico to improve the lives of the young people and families they support. There are several ways to donate:

- Go to centralmexicoyouthfund.org and click "donate" to use PayPal or your credit card. If you wish to direct your donation to a specific partner, a drop-down menu allows you to indicate your choice.
- Send funds using Zelle from your online checking directly to our account at centralmexicoyouthfund@gmail.com.
- Mail a check to Central Mexico Youth Fund, 3062 Summit Sky Blvd, Eugene, OR 97405.
- If you wish to make a contribution from a retirement account as part of a required minimum distribution or make a gift of appreciated stock, please contact us for details.

¡Felicidades Isabel!

La Cima provides scholarships, a safe home, and personal development programs for young women attending universities in Querétaro. They help these talented young women complete their university studies and develop life skills that will benefit these young people, their families and their communities.

Isabel is one of the beneficiaries. She recently graduated from the University of Querétaro with a degree in Labor Psychology, the study of how psychological principles are applied to understand and improve the workplace. She recently reflected on her experience:



Looking back, my life before arriving at La Cima was very routine. I didn't allow much space either for myself or for others. For a long time, I

doubted whether the place I was in was the only path to achieving my dreams. Today I know that when you dare to let go and embrace change, everything begins to transform. What seemed dark and formless began to take on light and color with my arrival at La Cima. It came into my life at the perfect time. La Cima helped me finish my degree and take the next step toward working in the field I love. Today I can say that I am a more mature, empathetic, responsible person, and aware of the impact I can have on others.

¡Felicidades (congratulations) Isabel! Her success is due both to her own efforts and the help provided by the donors who support the work of La Cima. Thank you!

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Learning and Playing at Summer School

El Puente de Esperanza offers a program that provides educational and personal growth opportunities to young men and women who come from families with limited economic resources. Most come from rural and indigenous communities where there are no secondary schools or universities.

The students of El Puente, thankful for the generosity they have received, give back by sponsoring a summer school program for the children in one of their hometowns. In July of this year, the course will take place in San Ildefonso in southern Querétaro State with the theme of play-based learning. It will include classes in science, robotics, sports, dance, chess and ecology.



One noteworthy aspect of this year's course is that the director of the host school is a former beneficiary of El Puente! The community will provide a site for the event.

The contributions of our donors will allow us to pay the costs of program materials, transportation, and meals. We appreciate your support of this educational project for the kids in a rural town.

Storytime for Migrant Children

Yo'on Ixim ("heart of corn" in the Mayan Tsotsil language) is located in Puebla and operates a school there to serve the children of internal migrants who moved to that city from their home communities in Chiapas to seek work. About 90% of these indigenous migrants communicate using their native language and do not speak Spanish. A primary goal of the organization is to see that these kids have access to a bilingual and intercultural education and reach the academic targets appropriate for their age.



The Yo'on Ixim team developed Casa Lector (Reading House) in Tsotsil that uses puppet plays and storytelling to provide a

space for learning and creativity on the streets where the children live. This program takes place in three locations, including the children's hometown in Chiapas, allowing it to reach more kids. Yo'on Ixim's bilingual and multi-cultural publications are a cornerstone of this project. Because of this project's mobility, they can reach kids not currently enrolled in the Yo'on Ixim school. This effort also involves participation from Tsotsil community workers across the city of Puebla.

We are grateful for your contributions that allow us to support this program and related activities for these children and their families.