

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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Your gifts allow our partners to succeed

Your donations to the Central Mexico Youth Fund allow us to support our network of vetted partners, three of which are discussed in this newsletter. They continue their work every day to provide educational opportunities and ongoing support for the young people and families in their care.

There are various ways to make a donation:

- 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.



We are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so a donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. GuideStar has awarded us a silver seal of approval in acknowledgement of our transparency.

Rave reviews for El Puente!

El Puente de Esperanza has been improving the lives of young women and men in Querétaro for more than 25 years. It provides a residence in that city and offers them the means to attend local universities and achieve their educational goals.

El Puente was recently evaluated by an independent third-party and it passed with flying colors! *Constuyendo Organizaciones Civiles Transparentes* (Building Transparent Civil Organizations), known as Confío, is a registered Mexican nonprofit organization whose mission is to generate confidence and trust in Mexican civil society by promoting transparency and increasing social collaboration. The Spanish word "confío" means trust.



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Confío thoroughly examined El Puente's management, operations, governance and finances. After an exhaustive review of these categories, the conclusion was that El Puente "has a high commitment for transparency and good practices."

We congratulate El Puente on its success as both a well-functioning organization and its devotion to the young people it serves.



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Ongoing activities at Hogares Providencia

Hogares Providencia operates three houses in Querétaro to care for children and adolescents who have been removed from their family homes because of extreme poverty, neglect or abuse.

The group's goal is to offer comprehensive care and act as a substitute family to guarantee the protection and development of its beneficiaries. Hogares Providencia currently serves a total of 41 kids. They are all enrolled in public school or vocational training programs at the appropriate level for their age.



The dedicated staff are called *tías* and *tíos* (aunts and uncles) to highlight the surrogate family relationship. They provide round the clock attention to these vulnerable children and strive to bring stability to these kids' lives by offering them activities and emotional support. Over the past few months, there have been celebrations of birthdays, graduations, and holidays, as well as trips to soccer games and equine therapy.

We appreciate your support that allows the caregivers of Hogares Providencia to continue their daily work for the young people they serve.

Educating the Children of Internal Migrants

Yo'on Ixim ("heart of corn" in the Mayan Tsostil language) is located in Puebla and operates a school there to serve the children of internal migrants who have moved to that city from their home communities in Chiapas to seek work.

These circumstances present a unique set of challenges. About 90% of these indigenous migrants communicate using their native Tsostil language and do not speak Spanish. This creates an obstacle to living in Puebla and particularly to getting children enrolled in public schools or succeeding at school. Many of them did not have access to education in Chiapas and there is little data about their educational experiences.

A primary goal of Yo'on Ixim is to see that the kids of the families living in Puebla have access to an intercultural education and reach the educational targets appropriate to their age. They achieve this by offering bilingual programs that teach them to read and write.



In addition to programs focused on children, Yo'on Ixim offers educational opportunities to older family members. Recent workshops helped them to deal with the challenges of living in Puebla and taught health and hygienic practices. Your donations help to make these efforts possible.