

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND

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Showing Their Stuff

Board members and friends visited our partners in Querétaro in February. Some of the young women and girls living at Hogares Providencia welcomed us by performing a lively group dance. These kids, who have been removed from their family homes because of extreme poverty, neglect, or abuse, are now thriving thanks to the support and attention they receive.



Your donations to the Central Mexico Youth Fund make it possible for our partners in Mexico to transform the lives of the young people like these. There are several ways to donate:

- Go to centralmexicyouthfund.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 centralmexicyouthfund@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.

In His Own Words

Our partner 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. Luis David is one of the beneficiaries. He is studying Network Engineering and Cybersecurity at the Technological University of Querétaro. Here is a profile he recently wrote.

I recently had the privilege of discovering El Puente de Esperanza, a program that has significantly enriched my professional perspective. For me being here represents the opportunity to reach a very important goal; that is, getting a degree in engineering. This place is more than a space to study. It has become a welcoming refuge where I've found the support necessary to advance both my personal and academic development.

Leaving home always implies challenges, but El Puente de Esperanza has become a second home for me. Here we form values that are fundamental for your whole life. I'm sure that this experience will be crucial in my personal and professional growth. I'll always be grateful for this opportunity.



Thank you for making it possible to support the goals of Luis David and the other young people at El Puente.

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25 Years of Care

Our partner Niños y Niñas celebrates the 25th anniversary of its creation this year. It all began on a street corner in downtown Querétaro when its founder Susana Vargas (shown in the center of the photo accompanied by Byron, Charles, Juliet and Margarita) provided instruction to migrant children under a large umbrella to block the sun.



The group now has a welcoming facility in town where it offers a preschool program, assistance with homework and a nutritious meal to 76 children and adolescents who come from indigenous families that have moved to Querétaro from their home communities throughout Mexico.



Welcome to Our Newest Partner!

We are proud to announce that we have begun a partnership with La Cima (Spanish for "the summit"), a nonprofit organization in Querétaro that provides scholarships, a safe home, and personal development programs for young women attending universities in the city.



These young women are dedicated and serious students. Last year, they participated in more than 1,500 hours of human development workshops, received more than 2,300 hours of individual academic advice, and attended more than 20,000 hours of university classes and 1,000 hours of English instruction.

Two recent examples of success are Mayra and Lupita. Mayra graduated from a local technical school with a specialization in environmental engineering and now has found an excellent job in that field. Lupita completed with honors a Bachelor of Music degree with a specialty in piano, won a Young Piano Virtuoso competition, and now shares her skills and passion as a piano teacher.

Your gifts make it possible for us to help these young women succeed in life and contribute to their families and their communities. 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.