#### CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND NEWSLETTER

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#### Helping young Mexicans get a quality education and lead productive lives

#### **Your Donations at Work**

With your help, we provide Hogares Providencia with quarterly gifts to supplement the diets of the children who live there. Araceli, one of the organization's administrators, recently wrote, "on behalf of all the members of the Hogares Providencia family, we are grateful to everyone who makes it possible for our girls, boys, and teens to have better nutrition. Thanks to your donations, we have purchased fruits, vegetables, fish, chicken, and meat."

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of all the young people we support in Mexico. In addition to meals, we pay educational costs so that our beneficiaries can complete high school and university programs.

Please make a secure, on-line donation using PayPal or your credit card on our website: *centralmexicoyouthfund.org* or send a check to:

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### **Our Partners in Mexico**

**Hogares Providencia** operates three residences in Querétaro in which they care for boys and girls who come from families that live in extreme poverty or have experienced abandonment or abuse. It offers them a chance to grow up in a supportive environment and obtain an education to prepare them for a better life.

**Niños y Niñas** delivers pre-school tutoring programs to children from indigenous communities who otherwise would be selling candy in the streets. It provides them two healthy meals each day and its skilled teachers assist the children with their homework and social development.

**El Puente de Esperanza** offers a residence in Querétaro and pays the high school fees, university tuition, and living expenses for academically promising young students. These youth come from families who can not afford to help them further their education. Most of the students grew up in indigenous communities.

Cadena de Ayuda provides a residence and living expenses to young men from rural areas who have received university scholarships to study in Querétaro, and also offers help with tuition expenses and access to computer equipment and Internet services to young women and men who live with their families or friends in the city.

## A Garden for El Puente

Andrés is a Mexican-American Eagle Scout who lives in Querétaro with his family. He developed a service project as part of his scouting activities to create a vegetable garden in the courtyard of our partner El Puente's new house. He solicited contributions for the project from family and friends in the United States, which the Central Mexico Youth Fund collected on his behalf.

Andrés worked with the kids of El Puente to convert an empty section of the patio into a planting bed that is 42 feet x 4 feet x 15 inches and filled with rich soil and organic fertilizer. It will be planted with a variety of seeds, such as cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, peppers, etc., to provide fresh vegetables for the students.

Congratulations to all participants in this project! The Central Mexico Youth Fund is pleased to have played a role in this effort and thanks the contributors who helped make it possible.





# **Environmental Education** at Niños y Niñas

Kalyn is a Peace Corps volunteer in Querétaro who performed her community service at our partner organization Niños y Niñas. She wrote that "with the assistance of Niños y Niñas teachers, we have been able to bring two groups of children out to El Cimatario National Park to engage in environmental educational activities, visit with native animals, and explore the natural space. Several of the children would not otherwise have the opportunity to partake in outings and visit local tourist sites, but thanks to the incredible staff at Niños y Niñas we were able to make that a reality. It has been very evident to me over the past two years that Niños y Niñas provides a very important resource to families in need and critical tools to children in their prime years

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to support the efforts of teachers at Niños y Niñas who offer this and similar activities to children who otherwise would be in the streets of Querétaro selling chewing gum.

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