

CENTRAL MEXICO YOUTH FUND

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Hogares Providencia Helps Kids Succeed

Our partner 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. Some of them arrive at a tender age and live there until young adulthood. The care and guidance they receive makes a huge difference in their lives. One group has now completed their high school education and will be attending universities in Querétaro to pursue careers in engineering, architecture, law and business administration.



Your donations to the Central Mexico Youth Fund make it possible for Hogares Providencia and our other partners in Mexico to transform 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.

Yo'on Ixim Offers Learning Centers to Children of Internal Migrants

Yo'on Ixim ("heart of corn" in the Mayan Tzotzil 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. About 90% of these indigenous migrants communicate using their native language and do not speak Spanish.

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 academic targets appropriate to their age. They have developed a project to create learning centers, sometimes called interest areas, to encourage the educational growth of the children in their program.



Most of these children have never attended school of any kind and this approach brings them into formal education. The learning centers arrange content and activities around a theme that has meaning for the children and motivates them to act. It's a method of teaching and learning where the content begins with interests arising from the students.

We are grateful for your support that makes these activities possible.

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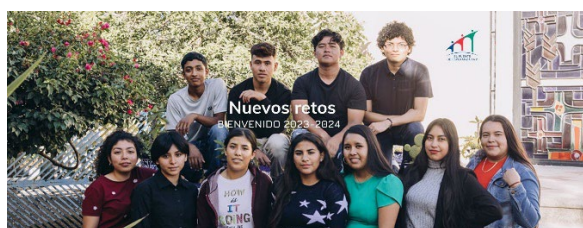
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El Puente Ready for a New Academic Year

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 schools and universities and achieve their educational goals.

Many of the beneficiaries have gone on to successful careers as teachers, nurses, engineers, and lawyers. In the most recent group, Alexis graduated as an Aeronautical Engineer and Cristina completed high school and is preparing for the admission exams at the University of Querétaro. The photo below shows some of the students currently living at El Puente.



Most of these students come from indigenous communities and families with limited resources. They often need additional support to realize their potential and thrive at school and at work. El Puente offers them the opportunity to cultivate skills that are essential for self-realization and resilience. For example, they are given training to create a "life plan", a document that helps them clarify personal goals and desired outcomes. They work on developing so-called "soft skills", like emotional intelligence, communication, active listening, negotiation and conflict management.

Your gifts make it possible for us to help these young women and men 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.

Celebrating at Niños y Niñas

Our partner Niños y Niñas offers a preschool program, assistance with homework and a nutritious meal to more than 80 children and adolescents who come from indigenous families that have moved to Querétaro from their home communities throughout Mexico.

The children often lack the prerequisites for the educational program at local schools and need extra instruction to keep up with their classmates. We have funded the salaries of math and science teachers at this organization to support this effort.



But Niños and Niñas offer these kids more than just academic skills. The teachers and staff want to enhance the self-esteem of the students and let them feel part of a community. One way of doing that is to honor traditions and celebrate holidays. *Día de Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is observed throughout Mexico as a way of remembering those who have passed away. The kids at Niños y Niñas constructed an altar to honor family and friends and made masks for their party.

Your donations allow us to support the work of this organization and help these children to thrive.