

CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

Spring Newsletter 2021

MEMO FROM MICKEY

I hope this finds all of you healthy, getting all of the small tasks around your homes accomplished, and vaccinated!

Let me address your primary concern for the children first. What has been the effect of COVID19 on the orphanage?

The Sisters say everyone at the orphanage has made it through the year without one Covid infection! They went into "shutdown" on March 15, '20 and are still part of a national shutdown.

The school was officially closed for the '20 school year, but we were able to continue with Sister Elvira and the older children teaching classes. The '21 school year has just started and the teachers were allowed to return and hold classes as long as the classes were outdoors. To that end, we have taken the large area that was used for drying clothes which had a clear plastic roof and enclosed it with a lattice wall that will allow air in but mitigate the wind. Thus, our normal class schedules have been resumed. We realize that '20 was a lost school year for almost all of the children of Guatemala since remote learning was not a possibility there.

We have had two unrelated medical issues during the last year. Debra, who spent all of her 20-years with us, and who was born with severe Down's syndrome and cerebral palsy, passed away and was buried in our cemetery. Pedro, who has had well controlled Hemophilia A, suffered joint bleeding and was hospitalized for factor 8 infusions. He is now back at the Nido (nest) and receiving weekly infusions.

Meanwhile, the work goes on, and there we have 80+ happy and growing children who are receiving daily care and love.

The work that Casa de Angeles is doing is only possible because of your continuing spiritual, psychological and financial support. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the children, continues to thank you for this generous support. You continue to change the future for these children.

DONATIONS

We are happy to acknowledge the first gift (\$50,000) specifically made for the orphanage endowment fund, recently started by the Board of Directors. This will help ensure the long-term funding of the children.

We have also recently received a \$25,000 challenge gift, and a New York family foundation has matched the first \$10,000 of that challenge!

SAVE THE DATES

The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta has been set for Saturday, September 18th. As usual, it will consist of a silent auction while enjoying wine and nibbles followed by dinner and a slide show highlighting the children of the orphanage. If you live in the Bay Area save that date!

The annual Corvallis fund raiser has been set for Saturday, October 16th. It also will consist of raffles, dinner, and a slide show update. If you live in that area save that date!

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