

# CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

## Fall Newsletter 2023

### MEMO FROM MICKEY

A team of eleven people, five of them board members, visited the orphanage during the end of October and beginning of November.

We found a happy and healthy cadre of children. There are 50 children living at the orphanage and 15 young adults living independently in Guatemala City and "spreading their wings". These 15 are living in three groups. In addition, we have suffered having 35 children removed from the orphanage under the law passed 6 years ago that children should not be raised in "institutions". This last year only one child was removed. Many orphanages have suffered even greater losses than ours and some have been closed. Nevertheless, we persist in raising happy, healthy, educated Guatemalans!

Our school continues at the primary and middle school level with the approval of the Ministry of Education. Our teachers are back at work (post-covid) and 25 students from our pueblo have been taken into the school for the 2023 school year. The 2024 school year will see 6 of our children in academic high schools in the town next to ours.

During our week long visit we were able to deliver more backpacks and knitted hats for the children. We also bought 70 kites to fly with the children on Dia De Los Muertos. The following day was the planting of our annual vegetable garden. Friday witnessed the

presentation of their annual playlet for us (degenerating to everyone dancing on the stage), the pinata filled with Halloween candy (the children's highlight), and our purchasing a new van (the Sisters' highlight). One of our two old vans had deservedly gone to van heaven!

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

More of our donors have taken advantage of transferring part or all of their annual required IRA dispersals directly to the foundation. This avoids the payment of taxes on these dispersals. Additionally, we are now receiving donations specifically made for the orphanage endowment fund. This will help ensure the long-term funding for the children.

### FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta and Corvallis fundraiser have recently been held and between them raised over \$78,000! This has been possible only because of the loyalty of the orphanage's supporters- YOU!

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