

# CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

## Fall Newsletter 2022

### MEMO FROM MICKEY

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

After having the orphanage isolated (no one in or out) for 2 ½ years, the Sisters gave permission for four of us to visit in August. That went well and we repeated the visit as a team of six the first week of November.

We found a happy and healthy cadre of children. The number of children is less as the government continues to remove children from orphanages (we have lost two more in the last two years). Additionally, we now have 14 young adults living independently in Guatemala City and “trying their wings”. This includes one group of 7 young men, one group of 3 young men, and one group of 4 young ladies. The last group left only a few months ago and we are still supplementing their income as they search for better paying jobs. One of these, Ruth, just finished the coursework for her university degree and will take the exam for a teacher’s certificate in November.

Our school had continued in 2020 and 2021 without the teachers or children from the village. The Sisters and the older children taught the classes. The classes were held outdoors. For the 2022 school year, the teachers and village children returned to the school. The school year normally ends at the end of October, but the Sisters decided it should go to the end of November to make sure the “covid years” are not detrimental to the children’s education.

The 2023 school year, starting in January, will see three of our young men in the first year of a three-year college prep high school, and one young lady in the

second year of the same school. The Sisters believe all four will end up at the University. Two others will enter the second year of a prestigious military high school.

Meanwhile, the work goes on, as witnessed by the happy and growing children “on campus” 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

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 of the children. A pending \$45,000 check will finish a \$100,000 gift to the endowment fund.

### FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta and Corvallis fundraiser have recently been held and between them raised over \$101,000! This has been possible only because of the loyalty of the orphanage’s supporters- YOU!

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