

CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

Fall Newsletter 2024

MEMO FROM MICKEY

A team of six people, four of them board members, visited the orphanage at the beginning of November.

We were greeted by a surprise-invitations to a high school graduation at which 4 of our young men were graduating. Delightedly, we attended and three of us were honored by being asked to escort four of the graduates down the aisle in the recession (Sister Betsebe escorted the fourth). We bought cupcakes and lemonade so all could celebrate that afternoon. All four are planning on attending college this coming year, although which colleges and which majors is still a matter of discussion. We have known these young men since they were infants, and the sense of pride and gratitude we all felt is indescribable. Two of our young ladies will graduate in two more years and we look forward to being there to congratulate them.

At the orphanage, we found a happy and healthy cadre of children. There are about 45 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 and all have jobs. They return home to see their "mothers" at Easter and Christmas.

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". In the last three years 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!

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Our school continues at the primary and middle school level with the approval of the Ministry of Education. Our teachers are hard at work, and 20-25 students from our pueblo have been taken into the school for the 2024 school year.

During our week-long visit we bought 40 kites to fly with the children, even though the Dia De Los Muertos had passed. Wednesday 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) and the pinata filled with Halloween candy (the children's highlight).

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. If you have not yet made your donation-now is the time!

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