



## *Tres Islas Orphanage Fund*

### *2022 Newsletter*

***“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great **LOVE**”***

Mother Teresa

My family and I were recently in Mazatlan and I wanted to share one of our wonderful experiences. Since we have been going to Mazatlan for over 20 years, we have watched many of the children become adults!

We took the opportunity to visit and spend the day with a few of these adults that we have grown to **LOVE** over the years.

We spent the day on a catamaran talking with them, enjoying their company on the beautiful Sea of Cortez with the sun warming our skin.

We knew them when they got braces, their graduation from High School, attending college and graduating with a degree, finding a job and moving into their own place.

It brought our family so much joy to see these kids transitioning to adult life.

So much of this is possible because of our donors—TIOF has very caring, **LOVING** and generous donors who have helped these kids transition to adults.

We **LOVE** our donors and are grateful that you are one of them!

If you would like to see more wonderful experiences with these children then follow us on our Facebook page!

You can find us on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and then search for Tres Islas. Or go to our website, [Tresislal.org](http://Tresislal.org) and there is a Facebook icon that will take you to our Facebook page.

Kim Giles, our newest board member has been posting some great happenings with the children and their homes that TIOF supports.

We also want to welcome all of our new donors and supporters that have just started following us! TIOF hopes that you can feel the **LOVE** that is felt from making a difference in the children’s lives. These children are wonderful little souls with so much potential who just need a little help and to know they are worthy of feeling important to other people! Feeling **LOVED** is a deeply rooted need in all of us.

May you feel the **LOVE** that TIOF and our board has for each of you is our hope!

Michelle

### **New Board Member**



Kim Giles joined our Board in January. Her volunteer work in our homes was highlighted in our newsletter last February. She spends several weeks each year in Mazatlán and volunteers, especially at FloreSer, while she is there. **Welcome Kim!**





### Donation Specifically for the Girls

**Tres Islas Orphanage Fund** received a generous donation in November from Philanthropic Ventures Foundation for the stated purpose of helping the girls in the homes that Tres Islas serves. After much discussion by our board, it was decided to first find a vocational counselor who will inform the teenage girls of the various vocational choices for their future. This is a timely process and we look forward to taking the first steps toward aiding the girls in planning for their futures.



## TidBITS

- \*The 2021 Tres Islas expense report is on our website.
- \*Check our Facebook page for more pictures and news of activities at our homes.
- \*We continue to receive money from Amazon Smile. If you shop Amazon, check out shopping at Smile. Amazon and designate Tres Islas to receive donations.
- \*All the homes have been very vigilant in their response to protection from COVID. There have been no reports of serious illness.

*Well Done!!*



*Our homes continue to be blessed by independent donors who spend several weeks to months in Mazatlán. They bring gifts and necessities and provide services to the homes. They are appreciated!*

P Jay Peterson, one of our Tres Islas Orphanage Fund donors, has brought to our attention two young ladies who have been making a difference at Orfanatorio Mazatlán.

**Heather** is teaching several girls sewing using machines that she provides. They are making aprons, hot pads, purses, and microwave bowl cozies. The finished items are sold at a weekly market with 1/3 used to buy fabric and supplies, 1/3 is given to Orfanatorio Mazatlán, and 1/3 is given to the seamstresses. We thank Heather very much for using her expertise to help these girls.



Another young lady, **Pamela**, who makes jewelry, brought some of her items to Mazatlán. Her mother, **Maria**, has staffed the sale's table and sold Pamela's jewelry. **Heather**, a friend of Maria's, suggested that Pamela donate half of the proceeds, **\$270**, from the jewelry sales to Orfanatorio Mazatlán. These funds were used to purchase needed supplies. [Thank you Pamela and Maria for your generosity.](#)



A joint effort was made by two women to take stuffed animals and other needed items to Salvation Army Children's Home and Ciudad de los Niños for Christmas. Lindsey Mair collected stuffed animals and needed items from her Instagram friends. Marie Loveless and her family took these items to Mazatlán and distributed to the homes in time for Christmas.