

August 2016 Newsletter – Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

It's been a busy few months since our last communication in April. Thank you all for your continuing support! As you will observe in this August 2016 Newsletter, your Board continues to address the needs of the children in Mazatlán. In addition to conducting monthly Board meetings in April, May, June, and July, we have conducted the following business on your behalf.

TIOF's most important and regular expense is purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables to all of the children in the (5) orphanages served by TIOF. From October 2015 through June 2016 (39 weeks), over \$40,000 of your donations has provided the children with nutritious food that keeps them healthy and allows them to concentrate on their school work. In addition to the food purchases, your donations have allowed TIOF to accomplish the following projects during the past 3 months:

- A new refrigerator/freezer was purchased for Hogar San Pablo as the current one unfortunately broke and became too expensive to repair. A picture of the new refrigerator/ freezer is included in this Newsletter.
- Tutors were arranged to assist 9 girls at Orfanitorio Mazatlan – donor specified for education. The tutors are necessary to assist girls who are behind in their reading or writing due to circumstances in their lives or learning disabilities.
- The roof at the Chapel at Hogar San Pablo is being repaired. The roof has been leaking for some time and Father and the boys have not been able to use the Chapel.
- School supplies and clothing are being purchased for the upcoming school year
- The Board worked with staff at Flore Ser to remove a large bee-hive in a tree on the grounds that was noticed by donors while on Spring Mission Week 2016.
- Plumbing is being fixed at both FloreSer and Ciudad de los Nino's – leaks repaired, toilets and shower areas fixed, deteriorated sanitary pipe replaced and rainwater redirected to keep it from running down the side of building. Several plumbing issues were noticed by donors during Spring Mission Week 2016. The Board reached out to Guy and Nicola Lansdowns to get estimates from a local contractor to assess and make repairs at these two orphanages. The Board hopes that this project will save the orphanages money and make their facility safer for the children.
- Thank you to Guillermo and Maria Prado and their group of volunteers who provided funds for Ciudad de los Nino's projects

Web Site update: Another exciting TIOF development is the unveiling of the new TIOF web site. It was introduced in our last newsletter and is now operational. One of the great features will be the ability to make a donation online through the Pay Pal. We have received several requests for this functionality, especially from folks that spend a lot of time traveling or living in Mazatlan. The new website also has a News tab so you are aware of TIOF events and projects that need your assistance. Please check out the new website and let us know what you think. You can reach the new website by using the www.orphanagefunds.org address or www.tresislas.org.

Honorarium: Just a reminder, we have a process where you can make a donation in honor of someone else. You just need to provide their name and contact information along with your donation. They will receive a special card from Connie Montanye – Treasurer of Tres Islas Orphanage Fund that explains the TIOF vision and provides your name as the giver. The feedback on several requests has been very positive. Just a reminder, as TIOF is a 501c(3) designated charity, it may be on the list for your company that provides donation matches – it's worth checking out.

Volunteers: We are looking for folks that want to partner with us in on two committees: Fundraising /Marketing and Spring Mission Week. We anticipate about a 1 hour a month commitment to meet to share ideas and execute plans. Please reply back to this email if you are interested and on which committee you'd like to participate.

Spring Mission Week 2017

Spring Mission Week 2017 will be here before you know it. Spring Mission Week 2017 is scheduled for March 18-24. Save the date!!

Please let us know if you have any questions – you can email us at email@orphanagefunds.org

Refrigerator/Freezer purchased for Hogar San Pablo



The Board has just celebrated 1 year of service – this work is only made possible through the generous donations from you. Just a reminder the new address is: Tres Islas Orphanage Fund PO Box 3005, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816