



# November 2021 Newsletter

## Tres Islas Orphanage Fund



### Giving

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**providing love or other emotional support**



According to philanthropy reports “**GIVING IS UP**” -- right now -- across the board

**GIVING** in 2020 was up significantly

- \***SMALL DONORS** are back and provide much of the sustainability of annual giving for many nonprofits, including TIOF
- \*Small donors are the **BACKBONE** of TIOF
- \***DONOR LOYALTY** continues to be one of the greatest challenges of many non-profit programs
- \***RETENTION RATES** of new donors continue to decline

*TIOF couldn't offer and provide the support without **YOU!**  
**THANK YOU** TIOF donors for your **GIVING** and your **LOYALTY!***

Read this letter to see all the “**GIVING**” your goodness provides. May you be blessed for your generosity.  
With Gratitude,  
Michelle

### Tutoring

Thanks to your generous donations for education, we are able to provide tutoring to two of our homes who have girls in need of “catching up” or extra help in their skills. We receive periodic reports on the tutoring. Here are two examples:



Rubi has shown great improvement with mathematical problem resolutions, with additions, subtractions and multiplications. She needs to practice the circumference issues and decimal fractions.

She always gets personal attention.



Ursula has a good attitude towards work, she has had improvements in multiplications, she also learned how to use tools for degree tracing, but had difficulties with fractions. She encourages

working by herself. She has improved with 3 and sometimes 4 figure numbers and will keep on working with lecture and numbers through 1000.

### Computer Needs Met

A big thank you for meeting the needs for computers as the children in each of our homes began school online this year.

Hogar San Pablo-3 student laptops

Ciudad-3 student laptops

FloreSer- 1 student laptop

Salvation Army-2 student laptops

In total a little over \$3700 was donated for computers.

There is some word that the kids will be going back to school in person soon. These computers will still be used for homework. They will also be there in case there is a need to go completely online again.



### Extra Parties

The Board decided that each home should have a special party in addition to their one at Christmas time. The first one was a pizza party at Hogar San Pablo. The date selected also fell on Mexican Heritage Day so it was a double celebration. The next party will be for Halloween at Ciudad de los Niños. We have allowed \$175 for the refreshments at each party.



### Increase in Food Allowances

We have had word from Mazatlán that food prices have gone up noticeably. The board has taken action to **increase** the food allowances at each home by **2.5%**. We will also periodically adjust the allowance according to the **amount of children** at each home.

### **TidBITS**

Twice a year we allocate the funds for the purchase of Health and Grooming Aids for each of the homes. This includes soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

These items will be purchased in November.

### Looking Ahead to Christmas

We will again provide a Christmas dinner for each of our homes. We will adjust the amount after another report of the amount of children at each home. We have also voted to raise the amount allowed for each child's gift from \$25 to \$30.



When you help someone, you make them feel good, but you make yourself feel even better.

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## In Memoriam



We recently lost a long time supporter of TIOF. Dorothy Salvaskis passed away on 9/12/21 at the age of 101. She had chosen donations to Tres Islas instead of flowers to honor her. We received 10 donations in her name.

Dorothy had 4 daughters, 15 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 8 great, great grandchildren. Earlier in September she had answered our need for computers with a \$700 donation.

We are grateful for her support over the years. She will be remembered for her benevolent spirit.

## Questions for Board Members?

If you have questions for any of our Board members, feel free to contact one or all of us.

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**We are looking for new members for our board. We meet monthly with Zoom. If you are interested in joining our board, please contact Michelle.**

## Last Minute Thought!

If you are shopping online for **Christmas**, consider signing up for **Amazon Smile**. Your price will be the same but TIOF can receive a percentage of your purchase price. Last quarter **we received \$45.50** from Amazon Smile shopping. Just go to your Amazon site and look for the directions.

**Have a wonderful  
Thanksgiving!**

