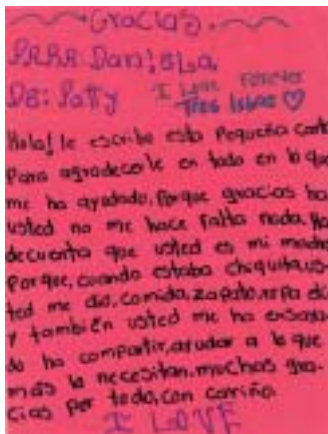


# The Difference You Can Make by Getting Involved

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If you've ever wondered if one person can truly make a positive difference in changing another's life, the following letter written recently by a young girl in one of Mazatlán's orphanages to the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund will surely tell you so.



*(Hello I'm writing this little letter for appreciation for everything, for helping me and*

*to thank you. Because of you, I have never wanted for anything. I consider you to be my mother because ever since I was a little girl, every day you provided me food, shoes, clothes, etc., and also, you taught me compassion, to share and help those with greater needs than mine, thank you for everything, I love you. I love you!)*

There are several bona fide charities in Mazatlán which reach out to the needy in our community. They want and need your help and participation. From getting actively involved on a first-hand basis (even if you're only here for a few days) to helping from a distance, you will make a great difference in others' lives. And you'll have a lot of fun and meet many new people. While you're here, why not contact the charity of your choice and lend a helping hand? The rewards of getting involved will amaze you.