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Pacific Pearl

Cristina Pena Miranda Herrera receives 'Guardian Angel Award'



Orfanatorio Mazatlán Director Cristina Peña

Mazatlan's Cristina Pena Miranda award is engraved with the words, "In were forced into prostitution or who Herrera received the Tres Islas Or-honor of your never-ending dedication to have been sexually abused in their own phanage Fund's 'Guardian Angel Award' during the Fund's Spring Mission Week in May because of her unparalleled dedication helping needy children from all walks of life ...

Peace begins with a smile. - Mother Teresa

Accepting the honor at Orfanatochildren who reside at Orfanatorio each child receiving every personal tion as she was presented the etched-quire. glass award.

all children."

Pena's presence has made a great difference at Orfanatorio Mazatlan since Pena began her presidency 26 children have been adopted – where

Manton also praised Pena for found-Presented by Tres Islas Orphanage ing FloreSer orphanage – the first of Next Month: Tres Islas Orphanage Fund-Fund founder, Donelle Manton, and the lits kind in this region – dedicated to Volunteers of the Year Award fund's vice-president, Tom Manton, the rescuing children and teenagers who

In accepting the award, Pena said she is honored to serve all children she is given the blessing of helping. She said when she first came to before, there were virtually no adop- Orfanatorio Mazatlan, the only entity rio Mazatlan – where Pena has been tions. In addition, Pena has taken helping the children and the orphanpresident for eight years - family great strides to ensure the mental and age was the Tres Islas Orphanage members, friends, board members of physical welfare of the children is at Fund. Since that time, she and her five Mazatlan orphanages and the the highest-possible standard with board of directors and Tres Islas have forged a deep bond of friend-Mazatlan gave Pena a standing ova- and professional service they may re- ship that is dedicated to working hand-in-hand helping life's needlest: innocent children.

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Teresa & Christopher Jemio named 'Volunteers of the Year'

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund presents award during spring mission week

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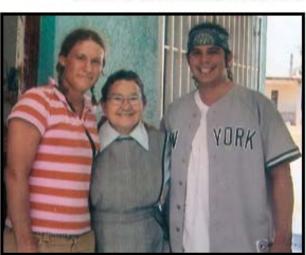
Teresa Jemio and her late son, Chris-girlfriend, Eileen Lindbuchler, trekked the Year."

Christopher, who died on Christmas in 2005 at the age of 27 from a cerebral hemorrhage, and his mother Teresa, were named this year's recipients because of the significance Christopher's life and memory have had in providing bountiful Christmas dinners to the children in the five orphanages served by the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund.

The Volunteer of the Year plaque was first presented by Cristina Pena and the Board of Directors to all Tres Islas donors to Ortanatorio Mazatlàn for over 20 vears of service. The plaque has since become a "traveling plaque"

which is awarded to a Tres Islas donor(s) with soccer balls and cleaning supplies. Because, Christopher, volunteered, at at that moments he fell in love with him. each year for the exceptional difference for the nuns. Christopher and Eileen they've made for children residing in the planned to return soon but the unexpect

In 2005, Christopher Jemio and his changed everything.



Eileen, Sister Ofelia, Christopher

serves. She then sent \$250.00 plentiful Christmas dinners. to Tres Islas with a note to "use it. and explained that the gift was being sent in honor of Christopher's memory.

When Tres Islas founder Donelle Manton received Teresa's check, she recognized immedisponsor that year — while the dinner for each of the orphanagdonated in Christopher's honor.

Donelle phoned Teresa to thank her for her donation and

Ciudad, planned to return but died on Christmas Day, would she permit Tres children in Mazatlan's orphanages - please ed loss of Christopher that Christmas Islas' Christmas Fund to be named visit the Tresislas Orphanage Fund's web-"The Christopher Fund" in Christopher's site: www.orphanagefunds.org

A few months after his death, while honor, and would she like to serve as its I topher, have been named Tres Islas from Pennsylvania to Mazatlàn where holding a photo of Christopher (and Ei-chairperson? Teresa agreed – and has Orphanage Fund's 2011 "Volunteers of they spent time volunteering at Civid ad leen with Sister Ofelia, one of the found-kindly spearheaded the fund ever since. de los Niños and presenting the children ing nuns of Ciudad de los Niños). Teresa. And since naming the fund for Christophoned the Tres Islas Orphan- pher and tirelessly raising awareness, age Fund to learn if Ciudad is the children in all the orphanages Tres one of the orphanages the fund Islas serves have dined on delicious and

As part of honoring Teresa and Christowhere most needed" at Giudad, pher, Eileen returned to Mazatlàn, and Giudad for the first time since she and Christopher visited in 2005. She stood at Teresa's side as she was presented with the award. Christopher's brother, Rob, traveled from Washington, D.C. for the event.

Upon receiving the award, Teresa ately that Cuidad de los Niños said Christopher would be happy his didn't have a Christmas dinner memory was helping children in the orphanages. She said he was well-loved other orphanages did. And, the by everyone who knew him because he amount to purchase Christmas had a kind and generous heart, especially for those in need. She said sharing es is \$250.00 – the exact amount her son's legacy is not only beneficial for The Christopher Fund, but hopes it will inspire others to do good as well.

Eileen said when Christopher told her for sharing Christopher's mean- in 2003 he planned to go help an orphaningful visit to Ciudad, as well age in Mexico, even though the two had as to make a special request, known each othersince high school, it was

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