



“Supporting the orphanage children in Mazatlán Mexico”

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

August 2017 Newsletter

Greetings,

This newsletter will provide a quick update on the ways the TIOF continues to work to address the needs of the children in Mazatlan at the sites we serve:

We continue to fully provide food for the sites we have been supporting for many years, Ciudad de los Niños, Orfanitorio Mazatlán, Hogar San Pablo and Salvation Army Children's Home.



This year, we also added \$100 per week for the boys at Refugio Mazatlan. This home was established by Guy and Nicola Lansdown who have been supporting Tres Islas for several years.

Refugio Mazatlan is located in Mazatlán Sinaloa, México. It is a **Free** home for boys who are homeless, orphaned, neglected, abused, or who live in poverty. Refugio Mazatlán focuses on adolescents of middle school and high school age. The goal is to provide support for boys who might not otherwise be able to attend school. Refugio is staffed by professionals, with teachers to assist with homework and psychologists to offer therapy as needed. They provide a safe,

nurturing environment for the boys to live in, as well as all the tools that are required for the teens to prosper and eventually become independent adults. Career mentoring is available for them, capabilities are assessed and opportunities are provided for the boys to attend university or learn the trade or marketable skill of their choosing. The boys will be able to remain at Refugio for the duration of their entire education.

. In addition to the food purchases, your donations helped with the following items:

1. Braces for a young lady at Ciudad de los Niño's
2. Fans at most of the sites
3. Air conditioners fixed at several sites
4. Partnering with Gems of Mazatlán to provide roof repairs at Ciudad de los Niños



5. Continued tutoring (donor specified) for 9 girls at Orfanitorio Mazatlan
We are receiving reports from the tutor – For example:

GISELA

Gisela is on second grade, has alphabetic Reading, recognizing letter sounds and shapes with some effort, she can form easy words but she still fail in segmentation (phoneme segmentation is the ability to break words down into individual sounds and notice the difference between words). She is capable to extract concrete ideas from sentences. She identify sound b and d, has trouble using g, j, gû, . She adds with 2 or 3 digits.



6. Toiletries and personal care items at all 6 sites
7. Silverware and other kitchen necessities at Orfanitorio Mazatlán

8. Education funding for (5) of the boys at Refugio Mazatlán
9. School uniforms and school supplies purchased for (5) sites



This last item was quite costly this year as prices have risen. So if you are looking to provide a charitable donation someplace, please consider helping out with this purchase.

Honorarium Process

As a reminder, TIOF has an **Honorarium** process. You can make a donation in honor of someone else. You just need to provide their name and contact information along with your donation. The recipient 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.

Donation Matches

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. Just a quick note to our Canadian donors, we are still looking at how to set up a charitable organization in Canada, so if you know a lawyer that would be willing to assist us pro bono, please let us know.

Spring Mission Week

Spring Mission Week will be here before we know it. Next year, it is scheduled for March 10 – 17. We had a fabulous group this year and are always looking for new folks to join us.

Please consider joining a great group of volunteers for a satisfying week of work and fun. Some of us are already arranging for flights and accommodations



As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at email@orphanagefunds.org

Best Wishes from your TIOF Board,



Julie, Matt, Connie and Phyllis

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