

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## FROM JULIE: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



It's hard to believe that we are in the last months of this calendar year. The leaves are changing color and in some cases here in the northern states, have already fallen from the trees. I'm sure you have also been receiving catalogs and information for Black Friday and Christmas sales. It's the old adage of Christmas is just around the corner. At TIOF, we have been blessed to have generous donors who want to

ensure that all the children at all our sites receive a Christmas present. For the past two years, I've been fortunate to attend some of the Christmas parties where TIOF has passed out the presents. The level of hopefulness in the eyes of the children is amazing. At the same time it is truly humbling that a simple gift of undergarments for the girls at FloreSer or a basic toy at Ciudad de los Niños can bring so much joy!

This year, we've set a goal of \$25 per child for a Christmas present. If you would like to contribute in this way, please mark your donation for Christmas presents. There are approximately 155 children for which TIOF supplies a gift. Also, TIOF provides the Christmas dinner in honor of a young man named Christopher. Check his story on our website: [www.orphanagfunds.org](http://www.orphanagfunds.org), Christopher Fund



## EDUCATIONAL UPDATE



Educators will tell you that it's difficult to teach a hungry child. By providing daily nutritious food for the children, you are assisting in their educational experience. TIOF continues to provide food for all 6 of the sites it supports.

A tutor has been provided for about 9-12 girls at Orfanitorio Mazatlan. Here is an excerpt from the last tutor report (sent exactly as received by the tutor).

*She arrives the institution*

*on September 2016, she is on fourth grade, however she doesn't read or write, she is on a pre-syllabic process, she knows the sound and the handwriting of m,p,s,l,t and vowels She has a good handwriting when copying a text. She just can add or subtract 1 or 2 digits....*

*February 2017*

*She has made great progress on reading,...She has a remarkable*

*handwriting. She is learning multiplication tables...*

Additionally, one of young ladies won 1st place for her report on sustainable tourism.

She went from *...struggle with some texts...* in May to *"She got the best grades, her average from 9th grade was 9.5..."* in September.





## BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

The terms of the Board's Vice-President and Secretary end December 30, 2017. We want to thank Matt Domines for his 2 year tenure as the VP of the TIOF. He has brought so much structure to how the Board is set up and governed. His legal background was instrumental in the area. Additionally, Matt can be credited with setting up and maintaining the new

website. It is current and provides a wealth of information and pictures from the TIOF activity at each site. Primary responsibilities of this office include attending a Skype meeting for about 1-1.5 hours per month. If you are interested in serving TIOF in this capacity, please send Julie Foster an email at [julsfoster@gmail.com](mailto:julsfoster@gmail.com) no later than November 30, 2017. Include a short bio

with your request.

Phyllis Allen, our secretary will continue for one more term.



Matt

## SPRING MISSION WEEK

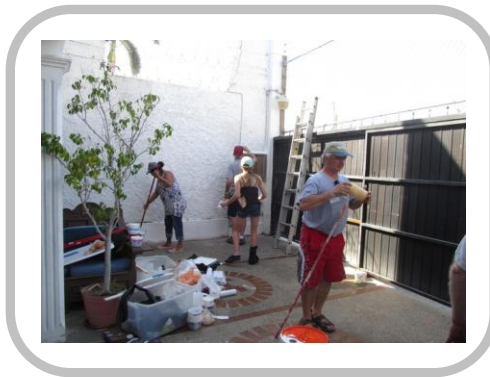


**Spring Mission Week** will be here before we know it. This coming spring, the dates are March 10-17. If you are considering going, please email Phyllis & Bruce Allen.

[allendome@frontier.com](mailto:allendome@frontier.com)

Also, you should start making reservations as hotels will fill up.

In January Phyllis & Bruce will send out more information.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Donate Through Amazon

If you have an Amazon account, you can go to

[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

and select Tres Islas Orphanage Fund as your charity. A percentage of

each of your Amazon purchases will go to Tres Islas.

### Donation Matches

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.

### **Honorarium Process**

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, that explains the TIOF vision and provides your name as the giver.

### **Year End Donations**

As we approach the end of another fiscal and calendar year, please

keep the TIOF in mind as you consider year-end donations. You can use PayPal on the website or mail to: Tres Islas Orphanage Fund, PO Box 3005, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816

**The Board wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas!**  
Julie, Matt, Connie and Phyllis

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

Website: [www.orphanagefunds.org](http://www.orphanagefunds.org)

