

Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

A non-profit interdenominational organization dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for the under-privileged children in their country

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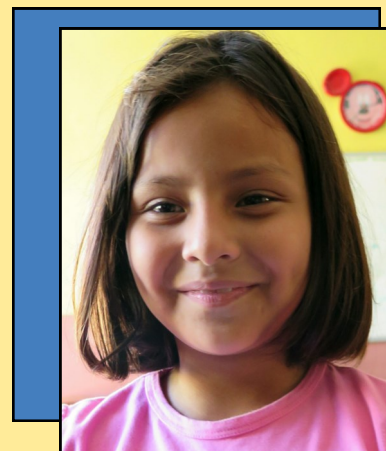
- To respond to the needs of children in Mexico by providing food, housing, clothing, an education, and spiritual guidance.
- To assist concerned Mexicans in taking full responsibility for property and operations of the Children's Homes.

Tax Deductible Contributions can be

made online at www.caringaction.org OR mailed to: Caring Action for Children

Our Federal Tax Registration Number is 95 6155992

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Church Youth Group Adopts Caring Action for Children

Many of the middle and high school students participating in the **Lighthouse** youth program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hawthorne, California, feel a connection to the students in Mexico. Their families immigrated here from Mexico and many still have family there. So when they heard about the Homes for children, teens, and young students that Caring Action has built and supported, they decided

to make Caring Action their focus for their giving project for 2014.

They started the year with a "Souper Bowl" fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday, asking congregation members to drop donations into the big soup pots held by teens at the exit. Over \$700 was raised that day!

In June, the teens are hosting a luncheon with proceeds going to Caring Action. Two of Caring Action board members will be there to share photos and stories about the children we care for and support.

Thank you to the Lighthouse teens for their commitment to help others in need! The kids can relate to the students in Mexico, especially those at the HEI Home in Tlaxiaco as they are the same age. They are hoping to connect with the Tlaxiaco teens through emails, Skype, and Facebook. What a great way for youth to share their faith in a tangible way and think of others and their needs!

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Esperanza Home for Children: A Place of Love

Pastor Ascensio Mancilla and his wife Esther began this Home together with Caring Action for Children over 20 years ago. Esperanza currently cares for 9 children, ranging in age from 3-19. (The eldest grew up in the Home and continues to live there while going to school to train as a chef.)



One of the youngest boys was recently brought to them by his mother. She moved to Cancun from Chiaupas looking for work. She has no formal education and does not read or write. She was not able to feed and care for her son, and so brought him to the Casa Esperanza in Bonfil, about 15 minutes from downtown Cancun.

To Esther, each child is special and deserving of love. While treating Esther to a shopping trip in Cancun, we met Maya, a young woman who grew up in Esperanza and is now married with a young child. It was heartwarming to see the greeting between Esther and Maya and to hear her son refer to Esther as "grandmother."



We hear stories like this in each Home we visit. Your donated dollars are being put to good use supporting many children and students—100% is sent directly to Mexico. Remember, donations can be made online at www.caringaction.org.

THANK YOU

from a student

Caring Action for Children has been helping this student for the past three years to attend college. He graduated in December and works in the field of digital graphic design. He is pictured here with his family— (his mother, who cleans homes for a living,) and his sister. He wrote a thank you letter to our donors:

Hello!

The intention of this letter is to thank you for the help given while I was at University. I just finished my degree and now I'm an engineer. I'm very grateful to you for your help.

Caring Action was very important in this part of my life. I hope you keep helping more people to reach their dreams. It isn't important how much you help, as long as you are there for them, and you have been here for me.

Thank you for all,

Your friend

Christian Gonzalez,Lopez.



Making a Difference in the lives of Indigenous Middle and High School Students



Caring Action Board members Susan Newsom and Shirley Becker visited the HEI Home (Hogar Estudiantil Indigeno) in Tlaxiaco last month. A 5 hour drive from Puebla, we arrived late morning, spent the afternoon there with the students and patronato (local board), and then drove back to Puebla. While there, we heard a report on the students—what they were studying, and what their long term goals are. The 17 students living there come from the mountainous region of southern Mexico and are so grateful for the opportunity to attend school and prepare for a career and life as a responsible adult.

We also received a report on the property and some of the maintenance needs.

- It is important to waterproof the roof, as leaking from the roof during the rainy season has caused erosion of interior walls and damage to ceilings. The estimated cost at that time was 6500 pesos..
- The entire home needs painting—exposure and water damage has caused peeling and cracking of the paint. To paint indoors and out will be 9,000 pesos.
- The exposed east and south walls of the main house are disintegrating due to poor quality of materials used in the original construction. They will need to remove and replace the material, with an estimated cost of 12,000 pesos.

To help make ends meet, they continue to raise corn in their fields, producing enough for their own consumption (and making fresh tortillas from it.) Their hen house now boasts of 33 hens, 3 roosters and 2 turkeys. The hens produce enough eggs for their consumption, but not enough to sell at the market. The students assist with maintaining these two projects: feeding the fowl and cleaning the hen house, planting, watering and harvesting the corn.

Finances continue to be a major issue here. Caring Action for Children started this Home by purchasing the land, and sending funds to build the facility. We continue to send financial support quarterly. Our policy has always been to get the Home up and running, and then to gradually reduce support payments, encouraging the patronato to find additional support in Mexico from local churches, etc...

The Methodist Church district encourages their local churches to donate to support this Home, but the churches barely have enough funds to survive themselves. They do give gifts in kind whenever possible, and donate material goods such as bags of rice, blankets and bedding, etc...

If you feel led to help pay for the maintenance projects listed above, please send your donation to Caring Action and note that it is for the HEI Home in Tlaxiaco. We will make sure that 100% of your donation will be used for the needed repairs.

