

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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OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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:
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Serving Abandoned and Orphaned
Children in Mexico
Since 1966

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The children and students that Caring Action support in Mexico greet you with **Feliz Navidad**—Merry Christmas! Every time we visit the Children and Student Homes, we are asked to convey their thanks to you, our donors. It feels so good to them not to have to worry about where to sleep that night, or how to get a good meal that day. When the basic survival needs are met, and children feel safe and secure, with a full belly, and a comfortable bed to sleep in, it is much easier to do homework and study every day!

Caring Action is helping almost 200 children and teens every day to do just that! And it pays off! Students go on to the universities or trade school, graduate and then come back to say thank you and frequently volunteer.



As we have reminded you in the past, 100% of your donations are sent directly to Mexico. Our interest income covers costs for newsletters and stamps, bank fees, etc. No one working with Caring Action takes a salary—all are volunteering their time to make sure that the children don't go hungry, or miss school because they don't have a school uniform. Your funds are used to cover the cost of food, shelter, school fees, and a modest salary for the houseparents.

Caring Action's income this year has been greatly reduced. Our Swedish partners have made the decision to close down their operation. We thank them for the 40+ years of commitment to the Mexican children. Unfortunately this decision means that in order to maintain the same level of monthly support to the Homes, we need to increase donations in the USA.

Would you consider putting Caring Action for Children in your monthly budget for 2016? If enough people commit to partner with us monthly, we will be able to send the support that is needed. It is simple to make arrangements for automatic monthly donations through your bank. Also, read below for another painless way to support us!

ALL IT TAKES IS A SMILE

Shopping on Amazon can raise money for Caring Action for Children's special children. They are now a benefactor through the Amazon Smile program, where the online company donates a percentage of each purchase to the organization of the shoppers choice. There is no cost to participate.

For more info or to enroll in the free program and designate Caring Action for Children for amazon contributions, visit
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6155992>

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THE SHELTER IN MONTERREY

There are currently 38 children living in this Home, started by a group of nurses and Caring Action over 20 years ago. The children range in age from 3 years to 13 years. The director of this home, Martha Rojas, makes sure that the children are not only given the basics to survive (shelter, food, school uniforms,) but are provided with the extras needed to form a well-rounded person. Some of the activities that children are involved in are :

- Weekly reading classes in the library to improve their literacy skills.
- Piano lessons on Fridays, as well as violin and recorder lessons.
- All the children are taken to church each Sunday and attend Sunday School classes.
- A psychologist visits twice a week to work with the children.
- Volunteers from the nearby university come twice a week to help with homework

One of the children has been identified as having special needs. Special arrangements have been made for this child to attend a school equipped to assist the child in learning skills.



These children are well taken care of, thanks to your regular donations!



HOGAR INDIGENOUS ESTUDIANTIL IN TLAXIACO, OAXACA

The young students living in the Home in Tlaxiaco are doing well in their studies. However, the Home itself is not doing very well. Water damage from the torrential rains and poorly sealed roof is apparent in several rooms. Repairs have been made in the dormitories. However, parts of the roof still need to be sealed, some walls repaired, (see photo below) and stucco and paint applied. Some lighting fixtures need to be replaced as well.

We hope to take a work party to Tlaxiaco in late winter/early spring to make these repairs to the Home. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact us at the email address on the back page of this newsletter. You are welcome!



ESPERANZA HOME FOR CHILDREN IN BONFIL, QUINTANA ROO.

When we visited the Esperanza Home in October we felt the loss of their housemother, Esther., who passed away this past summer. She was much beloved by all, and now the Home is in a state of transition. Two helpers come in every day to cook, clean, and do laundry. The four boys still remaining in the Home with Pastor Ascensio are doing well. However, the State Social Services Department has told Pastor Ascensio that before more children can be brought to the Home for care, a husband and wife team must be living there.

Susan Newsom, Caring Action Treasurer, joined me on this trip, along with long time friends of Caring Action, Rex and Lensie Fensler. We met with the Home's board of directors to discuss the future of Esperanza. It is apparent that more income will be needed to pay the salary of a new houseparent couple.

The need is great in this area—many children are on the streets or living in abusive homes, and need a safe place to live. Please join us in praying for God to bring the right couple to lead this Home, and for the funds to adequately cover the costs. If you feel led to commit to a monthly donation in support of this Home, please indicate this on your donation envelope. God bless you!



"Come play with me!"