



Serving Abandoned and Orphaned Children in Mexico

Since 1966

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Caring Action for Children Celebrates 50 years of Service

How one family can make a difference

Caring Action is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and we would like to mark this anniversary by telling a little of the story of the Jansen family and their on-going support of this ministry.

It was **Trygve Jansen** that started it all. He moved to Los Angeles in 1950, attended UCLA and began a long teaching career. Through his work he learned about the problems that many Mexican children and families faced, both in the USA and in Mexico.

At his school he established a small group of colleagues that contacted the people that were running the work at the children's home called Mama Paulita in Mexico. At that time there were 11 girls at the home. He made agreements to participate in this ministry, and began working to raise money for the running of the Home – and in this way Caring Action started.

In the beginning, Trygve turned to family and friends in order to start the work of spreading information and encouraging people to donate to the Home in Mexico. His elder brother, **Olaf Jansen**, volunteered for the job as treasurer in Norway, and served until about 1980 when his health took a turn for the worse. In 1981, **Turid Askevold**, Trygve and Olaf's niece, took over the job. She has been the treasurer for Caring Action in Norway since that time.

Harald Jansen, another brother of Trygve's, and the father of Turid, took the job of writing and producing the Norwegian newsletter.

In 1986, Trygve died while he was visiting the Children's Homes in Mexico. **Tor Jansen**, the nephew of Trygve, had heard God's calling, and agreed to serve as the new Executive Director of Caring Action. At the time Trygve passed away, Tor had just retired at the age of 55 years. He decided to dedicate the rest of his life to the work of helping the many abandoned and orphaned children in Mexico. He passed away in 2013, completing his work after 27 years of unique dedication to the work for Caring-Action.

During the period of Tor's leadership, **Susan Fiske**, daughter of Trygve, participated in the work as treasurer for 15 years.

Shirley Becker – also a niece of Trygve, has served on the Board of Directors since 1997. Since Tor passed in 2013, she has carried out the tasks of coordination of the work in the USA and Mexico. In Norway, **Helge Jansen** – son of Harald Jansen and nephew of Trygve – has been the leader of the work since 1991. Tor's daughter, **Mia Varone**, has served as Donation Secretary since 2003, and also became a member of the Board of Directors this year. Tor's grandson, **Josh Varone**, serves on the Board of Directors and assists with Tech and Media support (see the back for more information about Josh).

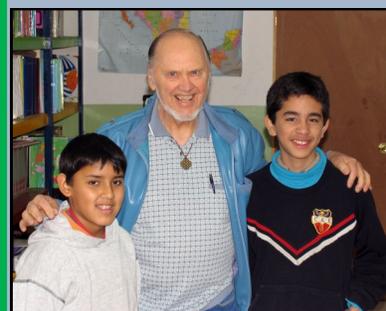
This one extended family has made a tremendous difference in the lives of thousands of children over the past 50 years. Thank you to all our partners — all of you who have made and continue to make donations and participate in the care and education of the children and young people we support.



Trygve Jansen visiting with children at the Mama Paulita Home.



Trygve Jansen and Tor Jansen in April, 1986



Tor Jansen visiting the Shelter in Monterrey

Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

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

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.

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Introducing our Board of Directors

Josh Varone first became involved with Caring Action in 2011 when he approached his late grandfather, then-Executive Director Tor Jansen, about creating a website for the organization to expand its reach. He then became a member of the Caring Action for Children Board of Directors in 2013. Josh has worked as a volunteer technology specialist for the organization, maintaining the website and instituting new programs, including online donations, social media presences, and an email newsletter.

His interest in the work of Caring Action began at a much younger age, as he watched his mother, Mia Varone, volunteer her time as the organization's donations secretary. Over the years, he found inspiration in his grandfather's selfless actions and constant desire to help others, ultimately leading to his involvement in the organization. While he has not yet had the chance to visit any of the homes or children in Mexico, he hopes to do so in the future. Until then, he will continue working to further grow Caring Action's online community.



While on a recent trip to Norway, Shirley Becker, President of the Board of Directors for Caring Action for Children in the USA, met with Turid Askevold and Helge Jansen, Caring Action coordinators in Norway. Discussion included a report on each of the Homes, as well as plans for the future.



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