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The Shelter in Monterrey...a Change in Leadership



Martha Rojas, in the early years.

With thanks and much appreciation to Martha Rojas

Martha Rojas has been the founding director of **The Shelter** in Monterrey since it's inception in 1996. This Home was a dream of a group of nurses, initially planned to provide a place where unwed and homeless mothers and their babies could live and receive medical support. (It has since changed to welcome children of all ages.) With a large grant obtained by Caring Action for Children's support team in Sweden, the Home opened on July 1, 1996.

Martha Rojas was one of the group of nurses, and coordinated the project. She became the Director of the program when it opened, and has been the driving force in making the place such a wonderful home for the 50 children that live there. She found major supporters in Mexico to help fund further buildings for dormitories, classrooms, an auditorium, a library, and an apartment for houseparents. Under her leadership, the children now have access to doctor and nurse well-checks, psychologists, and tutors from the local universities to assist with their studies. She partnered with Back 2 Back, a volunteer organization, who provided labor and assistance in growing the campus.



After 23 years, Martha has now stepped down as the Director of The Shelter. This was difficult for her to do, as she has poured her life into making the Home a place where children can not only be safe and healthy, but also receive a quality education, become emotionally and socially competent, and know that they are loved by God.



Martha with the CA Board of Directors during our last visit in 2018.

A warm welcome to new Director Guillermo Educardo Roldan Farias

Taking over the day to day leadership of **The Shelter** is Guillermo Educardo Roldan Farias. Mr. Farias, a businessman in Monterrey, has been working with the children in the Home since 2014 in a mentoring program. He worked with the Back2Back organization as they donated their time and services to adding new buildings to the Home and in providing one-to-one support to children that needed additional attention. In 2018 he was asked to join the Board of Directors of the Home, and has now accepted the position of Director of The Shelter.

When we asked Mr. Farias what his plans were for the Home, he shared three goals:

- To put into place a "training family" model of care for the children.
- To work closely with any extended family the child might have with the hope of reintegrating the child into a family.
- To restructure and streamline business procedures.



All the children at The Shelter are special to us, and we love to visit, and see and hear about their growth and successes. We look forward to working with Mr. Farias in the future!

On the back page, see photos and read about the two new children welcomed to The Shelter.

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Two Children Recently Welcomed Into The Shelter in Monterrey



This is Daniel. He is 5 years old, and is starting first grade. We are told he is a calm, sociable child who likes to talk a lot, although it can be difficult to understand him. He has two sisters- one of them is Tania, below.



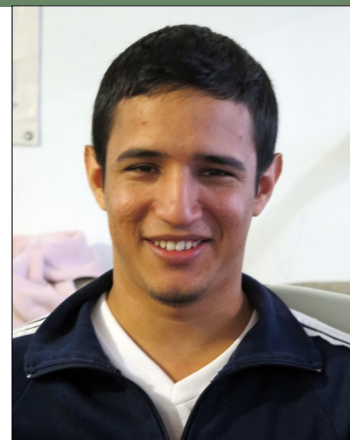
Tania is 9 years old, and is starting third grade this fall. She is very intelligent and loves to socialize. She sometimes has difficulties settling down and can be restless.

These children are fortunate to be placed in **The Shelter** as the Home has psychologists and speech therapists to work with the children if needed.

A Thank You... Cinco Banderas Home

Hello, my name is Israel. I was blessed to live at **Cinco Banderas** from 2009 to 2014 while I attended the University. I studied Mechanical Engineering, and now am working as an Industrial Administration Engineer.

My brother Emanuel is now staying at Cinco Banderas while he attends the university. Thank you to your donors! It was a great blessing for me and for my family to have this opportunity. God bless you.



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