

News & Views



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Year End Newsletter



2024 started with a great annual event gathering of close to 300 supporters and friends, and then the following Saturday we celebrated the **Casa Hogar** open house. In February we had our beautiful "Love and Friendship" Valentine dinner and program at the event center CALA, with our ballet folkloric and musicians performing. Spring brought a "Welcome To Spring" and a taste of Colima program. What a colorful and exciting winter and spring. Summer brought fun activities with volunteers, school graduations and lots of work projects inside the **Casa Hogar** facilities.

It is all part of our commitment to our children, providing a real home atmosphere filled with real activities, unconditional love, family strengths, opportunities to build emotional stability, a comprehensive education and hope for each child's future!





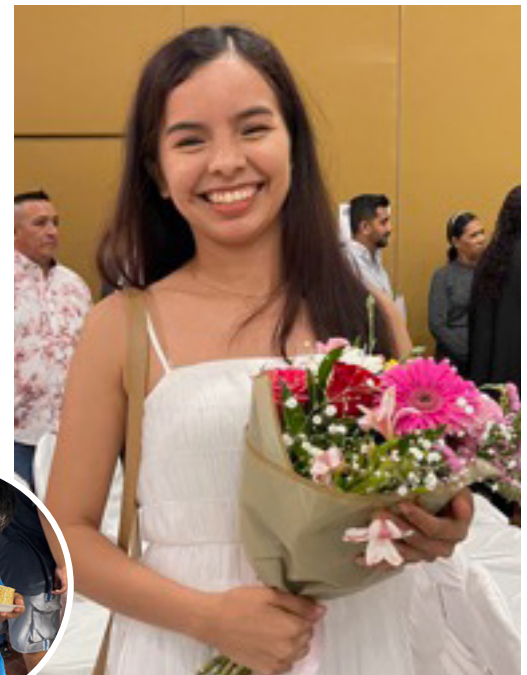
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Help us fight the horror of child trafficking by arming our children with the power of education, confidence, self esteem and opportunity for a secure future!
Education can break the chains of poverty and abuse!

Because we believe education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty all the children at CHLA are in school. They receive the tutoring they need to succeed and have access to the educational tools and equipment required to insure that success. Unlike most children's homes we DO NOT return our children to the streets or to the toxic environment they came from as they go into puberty. We provide a home and support for each child in our care even through secondary education if they choose to make that commitment.

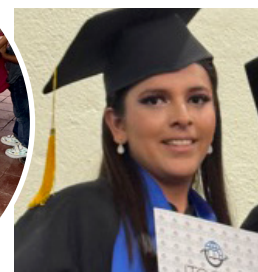


This year we celebrated two of our young women graduating from college to become teachers. We have three other young people in college, studying their chosen careers. In July we celebrated elementary, Jr High and High School graduations. A special graduation ceremony with one of our special young men, Daniel, who came to us a year ago at the age of 13, with little to no education and living on the beach to support himself with whatever work he could find graduated from the 6th grade. With tutoring and determination he was thrilled to graduate this July and now he can go forward and join others in his age group to move through the next steps for his future.



CELEBRATE!

Each month we celebrate the birthday of the children and workers for that month. Every child is special and birthdays are part of helping children to feel loved and valued.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers bring new energy, enthusiasm, skills, a passion to support and make a difference in the life of a child. Volunteers that bring their skills and talents to work with our children have found that their lives benefit even more than the children whose lives they have blessed.



Our Dental Clinic, built by the Oberman family, sees a lot of action with the dental team from Alaska...Dr Tom Kovaleski, RoyAnn Royer and assistant.



A fantastic idea brought to life with Jacquie McKechnie and Margaret Clarke who put the team together to bring hand made quilts filled with love and joy for some of the little ones at the casa hogar. What could be more loving than your own personal, hand made quilt to sleep with!



Getting a face lift at CHLA under the direction of Volunteer Hans Meyer...new plants, paint, repairs and even a compost area, working with the children, teaching and training. Hans is from the Netherlands, by way of Canada.



Dr. Guiber with Hans taking a look at some of the landscape changes.



We Believe In Education & The Arts



"I believed that providing nutrition for hungry children was life-saving work. Empty stomachs need to be filled. Now, I know that to make lasting change we must fill their hearts and minds as well." Nancy Nystrom

Food and Care is essential for the health of our children, however, that is just the beginning in developing healthy young people, overcoming traumas of the past, developing life-changing values, cultural and social skills, self-discipline and confident leaders with the ability to thrive in life. That is what our Expressive Arts program, and the Ballet Folkloric program adds to the local community and to the Casa Hogar.

The Expressive Arts program is an essential element at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos. At CHLA we provide, English classes (increasing future job opportunities) Music, Art, Dance, athletic activities and so much more. Through our Ballet Folkloric program we provide our young people and youth from the community the opportunity to be part of something very special, as a program not only to develop talent, leadership abilities...members of the ballet must rehearse 12-15 hours per week, maintain a positive attitude, remain in school, and be good citizens of the community. The Ballet Folkloric program is not part of the Casa Hogar daily operational expenses, but is funded through sponsors, benefactors and contributors to help support this program. We welcome the opportunity to tour Internationally each year, bringing the beauty of Mexican culture to different parts of the world through Dance and song as we also provide this growth experience for members of the ballet program.



In August 35 members of BFLA traveled to Victoria, Texas to help celebrate Victoria's 200 year anniversary.

Meeting new people, reuniting with some friends that were met last year during the Texas/Colorado tour. Besides the formal performances the group met with other local Folkloric groups, enjoyed local activities and once again encouraged and inspired, and included a special birthday celebration for BFLA member Yareli.



Why Do We Do What We Do?

At Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, we firmly believe that every child deserves the opportunity for a better future, away from suffering, abandonment and hopelessness. Since 1995, we have been a beacon of hope for children and adolescents who have lived through very difficult experiences, situations that have left deep marks on their hearts and minds. Every day, we face a painful reality: these children and adolescents come to us after having lived through situations that no person should experience. Through love, faith and hope, we offer them more than just a shelter: we give them a home where they can heal, grow and dream again. We know that transforming their quality of life is not an immediate process, but we are committed to walking alongside them in every step of their healing.

Our mission is clear: to rescue and transform lives. It is not just about offering a roof, food or clothing, but about providing a sense of belonging and protection of their rights. We know that transformation is not only physical, but also emotional and spiritual. We want every child who comes to our home to know that they are valuable, that their lives matter, and that they can overcome any obstacle they face.

Casa Hogar Los Angelitos' vision goes beyond meeting basic needs. Our goal is to break the cycle of poverty, abuse, and ignorance that traps so many children in desperate situations. We equip them with the tools necessary to be positive, productive, and self-sufficient. We know that each of them has the potential to be agents of change in our society, and we want to help them discover that power.

We are convinced that it is easier to raise healthy children than to repair broken hearts. That is why we are dedicated to healing the deepest wounds: rejection, abandonment, betrayal, humiliation, and injustice. At Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, we do not only offer healing; we offer the path to resilience. We want these children not only to overcome their circumstances, but to become examples of strength, builders of a healthier and more just society.

Every child who enters our doors comes with a story, with a pain that is sometimes difficult to describe. But they also come with a future full of possibilities. Our task is to help them leave behind the shadows of the past, to honor their parents and to forgive, breaking with the hidden loyalties that impede their growth. We teach them to stand up with courage, to face the world with the certainty that, although the road is difficult, they can achieve great things.

At Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, what we do is not just an act of charity; it is an act of faith in the transformative power of love. We do what we do because we believe in the boys and girls who arrive at our doors. We believe in their dreams, in their potential and in the capacity of each one of them to be the light that the world needs.

The work we do goes far beyond the tangible. We do not only rescue these children from the clutches of crime, human trafficking and other dangers that threaten their lives; we provide them with a home where they can learn the value of resilience. We want them to be an example of overcoming, for their story to inspire others and for them to become builders of a healthy and just society.

We do what we do because we believe in transformation. We believe that, with the right support, these children can break the chains of their past and forge a bright future. We are motivated by knowing that each child we welcome has the ability to overcome their circumstances and become a human being full of hope, full of life.

Every day, we work to sow hope, to rebuild lives and to remind these little hearts that the future is full of opportunities. With love, faith and hope, together we are building a world where children not only survive, but flourish.

Thank you!
Dr. Guiber Núñez Matildes.



Meet Some of our People



Clayton Rhodes

We are excited to introduce Clayton Rhodes as the Director of Community Engagement for **The Children's Foundation International**. Clayton brings a wealth of experience to this role, with a diverse background in Corporate Sales Management, Church Mission Development, Mission Trip Coordination, Fundraising, and logistics. His expertise in building strategic relationships and his passion for mission-driven work make him a perfect fit for advancing our organization's goals. Clayton's leadership will be instrumental in connecting with churches and philanthropic organizations, fostering meaningful partnerships that will enhance our outreach and support efforts.

In his role, Clayton will focus on engaging churches and philanthropic organizations to secure speaking opportunities, develop support networks, and drive funding initiatives. Additionally, he will play a key role in coordinating and leading up to eight trips annually, giving donors and potential donors a firsthand experience of the impactful work at **Casa Hogar Los Angelitos**. Clayton's dedication and vision are sure to make a significant impact as we continue to expand our mission and make a difference in the lives of children and communities around the world.

Kevin Skeens

For over 20 years the children at **Casa Hogar Los Angelitos** have been achieving the impossible. The realistic expectation for these children is an 8th grade education at best, combined with a life of struggle and poverty. Sadly, the cartels have a strong pull because they offer a family connection and money making opportunities. Yet despite all of these societal factors the children at **Casa Hogar** continue to defy the odds as we have more of our children in University than ever before.

One of the biggest contributing factors is the Shatter Expectations formula and the role it plays in the lives of these amazing children. The Shatter Expectations program was founded by Nancy Nystrom and Kevin Skeens. This formula of daily habits, when put into action, has proven to not only help the children of CHLA but also athletes, students and business professionals from around the globe.

Coach Kevin Skeens teaches these principals professionally to teams, businesses and coaches. If your group would like to learn more or book Coach Kevin to present this life changing program inspired by the children at **Casa Hogar**, please email him at Kevin@tcfcars.org



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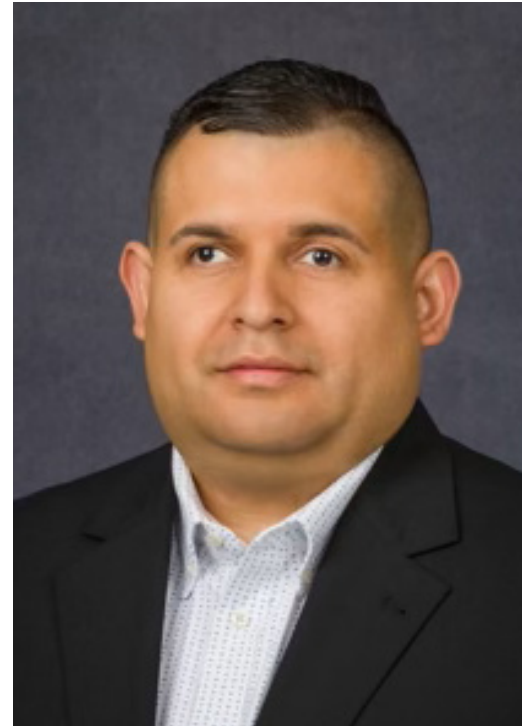
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Orencio Maldonado

I'm Orencio Maldonado, the owner of Peña Blanca ATV Adventures (Mexico) and PBATVADVENTURES LLC (USA). I also serve as the FSQA Manager at CBQ, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carl Buddig and Company, where I have dedicated 20 years of service. Additionally, I am honored to be a new member of the Board of Directors of **The Children Foundation**. My academic background includes Accounting, Finance, and Taxes, and I am currently pursuing a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

One of the projects I am deeply passionate about is CHLA, a children's home in Manzanillo dedicated to providing essential opportunities for the most vulnerable children. This project ensures that children who might otherwise face significant challenges have the chance to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. CHLA offers comprehensive care, including healthcare, psychological support, education, and healing through the expressive arts.

The significance of this project is personal to me because it addresses the needs of those who are most at risk in our society. I have seen firsthand the positive impact CHLA has on the children from the moment they arrive at the casa hogar. The organization's commitment to fostering high achievers through dedicated care, attention, and love is truly inspiring. I am confident in the value of this project and hope you will consider extending your support to our children and **Casa Hogar Los Angelitos**.



Gustavo Calderon

Gustavo Calderon is a dedicated educator who focuses on providing comprehensive training to children, emphasizing love, tolerance, and communication to enhance academic performance.

He assesses individual progress, offering personalized feedback, and designs engaging summer and winter courses that cover a variety of subjects, including English, dance, music, crafts, and brain gymnastics.

His work includes developing school curricula to achieve official certification from the Secretary of Education (SEP), extending educational services to both children at CHLA and the general public, aimed at improving academic outcomes.

Ballet Folkorico Los Angelitos



Marisol Gonzalez

Goals and objectives. The BFLA's main objective is to strengthen the efforts of **Casa Hogar LOS ANGLITOS** to provide opportunities to children and young people who are part of it and to promote values that will serve them in their future lives.

The BFLA aims to: Promote discipline, respect and responsibility Develop artistic and cultural skills Promote self-esteem and self-confidence Create a sense of belonging and community. Provide a positive outlet for energy and stress. Encourage cooperation and teamwork. Provide a safe and welcoming space for personal growth

By achieving these goals, BFLA contributes to the comprehensive development of children, preparing them to be responsible and successful citizens in society.

In addition, the BFLA seeks to create authentic and innovative dance repertoires that meet the needs of each event. Perform on local, national and international stages. Collaborate with other artists and companies to enrich the art. Promote the BFLA as part of one of the **Casa Hogar Los Anglitos** programs. Achieve recognition and prestige in Manzanillo and Colima. Establish alliances with cultural and educational institutions.





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8TH ANNUAL BEST PLAYER IN COLIMA TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 28 TO 30, 2024

36 HOLE INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY / 4 CATEGORIES



CATEGORY A	0-12 HANDICAP
CATEGORY B	13-23 HANDICAP
CATEGORY C	24-36 HANDICAP
CAT. SINGLE SENIOR	UP TO 32 HANDICAP

POOL: MANDATORY PER CATEGORY A, B AND C. 400 PER PLAYER. WILL BE PLAYED WITH 80% OF THE PLAYER'S GHIN INDEX HANDICAP REGISTERED AS OF OCTOBER 1ST



REVOLUTIONARY SKULLS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH | 6PM - 9PM

Centro de Artes Los Angelitos (CALA)
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Show Ballet Folklorico Las Angelitos
The New Voice of Mexico Luis Rangel
Voice of the Velazquez Sisters
CHLA Musicians, Lottery, Raffles

Donations \$200 by person

There will be sales of Mexican snacks, appetizers,
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ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER and

February 1, 2025 for the annual
CASA HOGAR LOS ANGELITOS OPEN HOUSE!

Event Sponsors help us meet our operation expenses for the year. Without you we can't make it! January 30, 2025 is coming and I am hoping that you will join us in Manzanillo. Our sponsorship campaign is starting and

We Need Your Support!

THE EVENT SPONSOR PROGRAM FOR CASA HOGAR LOS ANGELITOS' ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

A number of years ago I had a conversation with a friend of mine who has been very successful in raising money for charities. I told him about Casa Hogar Los Angelitos (CHLA). He stated Golf Tournaments have been great sources of money because they get "Corporate Sponsors". However, many other charities also seek Corporate Sponsors. Don Carstensen and I discussed this concept along with other ideas that might help raise funds for CHLA. Due to cultural differences Corporate Sponsors are not very feasible in Mexico. Don and I thought "let's try to get friends and families to become Event Sponsors".

Initially we were mildly successful but we did not give up. We kept trying and for the 2024 Annual Fund Raiser forty-seven generous Event Sponsors donated a total of \$48,000. Event Sponsors have contributed about half the total proceeds for the annual fund raiser, and have now become a major source of proceeds at the Annual Fund Raiser, helping to generate funds for the operation of CHLA.

Janice and I have been supporters of CHLA since its inception in 1995. We love Manzanillo, the friends we have met, the comfortable and fun life we have so enjoyed in ZLO. Supporting CHLA has been a way for us to give a little to the community that has been so wonderful to us, and we feel very good about being Event Sponsors. It is the right thing for us to do. Would you like to become an Event Sponsor for next January's annual Fund raiser. We live in a country that offers great opportunities to us. Supporting Casa Hogar Los Angelitos means you are giving a child a "chance". It will make you feel good!

Respectfully,
Jack Babcock



ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR CASA HOGAR LOS ANGELITOS IS \$300,000. We are not a government or religious organization, we are a non-profit that depends on your contributions.

Annual Event sponsors make the difference.
Here is your opportunity!

SUSTAINING PARTNER SPONSOR	\$10,000 PLUS
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PLATINUM SPONSOR	\$2000 US \$2500 CA
GOLD SPONSOR	\$1000 US \$1500 CA
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BRONZE SPONSOR	\$ 250 US \$ 300 CA

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To reserve your spot, visit <https://tcfcares.org/travel/>.

Please contact us at clayton@tcfcares.org or call 361-655-4537 for
more information.



Thanks to your unwavering support, The Children's Foundation International is more committed than ever to addressing the root causes of poverty in Manzanillo, Mexico.

Your generosity helps us provide a safe haven for children who have endured unimaginable hardships on the streets, offering them the care and opportunities they deserve.

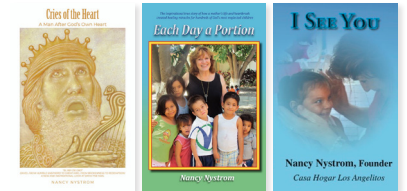
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