

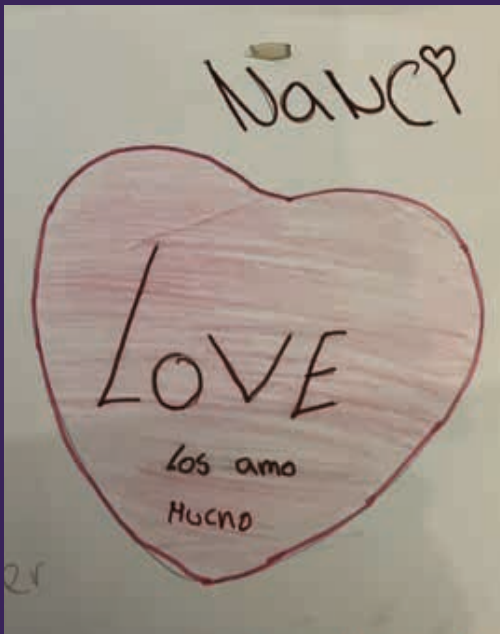
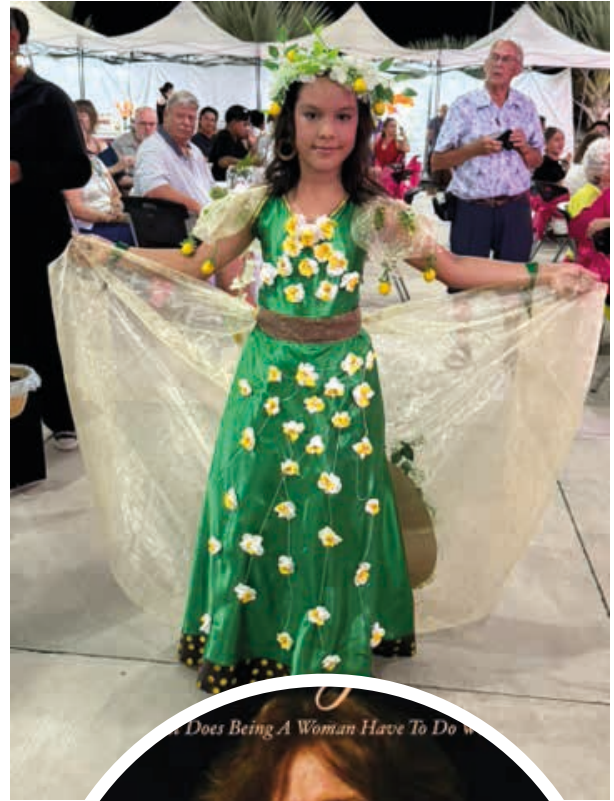


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Where Love creates a future

Chalmers Testimonial

Of the several charities and non-for-profit organizations that we support, our favorite is Casa Hogar Los Angelitos. With Casa Hogar we can see the actual results of financial support in providing a loving home that provides opportunity for education from primary school to university. We have seen girls and boys grow up in the home to become fine young adults who are a great credit to the love and upbringing they have received.

The performances we have seen in ballet folklorico shows presented as a result of participation in Casa Hogar's amazing Expressive Arts program have provided great entertainment. That is one of the many reasons we have grown to love all the young people who have benefitted from growing up at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos. Please help to continue the wonderful work of Casa Hogar in providing a healthy and safe environment for young people who have come from difficult and sometimes abusive situations to receive a chance for a better life.



*John & Linda Chalmers
Edmonton, Alberta*

The Energy, the Silence and the Impact.

Interview with Eric Goodman

By Kevin Skeens.

At this year's gala, one thing was undeniable: Eric Goodman, changed the Room. With a background that includes CNN, HLN, and Fox 31 Denver, Eric has spent years telling stories at the highest level.

But what makes him exceptional on stage isn't just his experience... It's how he shows up. "I'm a pistol," Eric says. "I have a lot of energy and a lot of passion." And you feel that immediately. But behind that energy is something deeper—intention. Before the event even begins, Eric works closely to shape the experience, making sure it's focused, engaging, and built to truly move people. And when the auction begins, he does something most wouldn't dare: He leans into silence. "Most auctioneers rush through it because it's uncomfortable," Eric shared. "But that's where the giving really happens." And he's right. Because in those quiet moments—when the room pauses and people feel—that's when decisions are made.

That's when generosity shows up. But what makes Eric truly different isn't just what he does on stage. It's what



happens off of it. This year, he spent hours working with Ezekiel, a Casa Hogar student, helping him refine his message and deliver a powerful mission moment. Not for recognition—but because he genuinely cares about the people behind the cause. That same heart is what drew him in when he visited Casa Hogar. “The first thing I noticed was how happy and healthy the children are,” he said. “They just want to laugh, build relationships, and have fun.” But then came the reality behind those smiles. Many of these children are being rescued from incredibly difficult situations—trafficking, abandonment, and unsafe homes. And what stood out to Eric wasn’t just what they had been through... It was what they were being given. A



real chance. Eric also shared something important: A lot of people assume Casa Hogar is already fully funded. “That couldn’t be further from the truth.” The work being done—rescuing children, helping them heal, and guiding them toward a future—only continues because people choose to step in and support it. t

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More Than a Home: The System That Transforms Lives at Casa Hogar

Dr. Guiber

What is Casa Hogar Los Angelitos and How Do Our Programs Work Together At Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, we are often asked: Why so many programs? And how do they all fit together? The answer is simple, because one solution is not enough. We believe children need more than food and a place to sleep. They need love, structure, education, and the opportunity to heal and grow. Many of the children who come to Casa Hogar have experienced abuse, abandonment, and extreme



poverty. Our mission is to help them rewrite their story, restoring their sense of worth and preparing them for a better future. That is why we have built an interconnected system of seven programs that work together to support the whole child. Our education program (EDUCALA) ensures every child receives academic support and a path toward a purposeful future.

Our arts and cultural programs (Ballet Folklórico & CALA) build confidence, identity, and a sense of belonging. Our emotional healing and personal development programs (Healing Journey & Free to Be Me) help children process trauma and develop inner strength. Our community outreach

and service to others. And our sustainability initiative (Café CALA) provides vocational training while helping support the long-term mission.

Each program serves a purpose, but together, they create something powerful: A place where children are not just cared for... but restored, developed, and empowered. Because when you support every part of a child, you don't just change one life... You change what's possible for generations to come.

— Dr. Guiber Nuñez Matildez



*With gratitude,
Nancy Nystrom*

We Are Not Rich in Resources, We Are Rich in Purpose

**From the Nancy
the founder**

What once seemed like an impossible dream has now become more than 30 years of impact. Casa Hogar Los Angelitos has not only survived—we have grown, and we have changed lives. Every day, we continue our mission to break the chains of generational poverty by providing a place of refuge, healing, hope, and opportunity for children who have experienced extreme hardship. These are children who many

have given up on. For them, Casa Hogar is not just a home—it is a second chance. Over the years, our journey has not been easy. We have faced financial challenges, legal and bureaucratic obstacles, and even efforts to discredit our work. There are those who see our campus, our programs, and the joy of the children—and mistakenly believe we no longer need support. But the truth is this: We are not rich in resources. We are rich in love, perseverance, and purpose.

Everything you see, the care, the education, the opportunities, is the result of sacrifice, faith, and the ongoing support of people who believe in this mission. And we need that support now more than ever. As we look toward the next 30 years, our focus is on sustainability, ensuring that every child we serve today, and every child who will come through our doors in the future, continues to receive the safety, structure, education, and hope they deserve.

One of the simplest and most powerful ways to help is through our \$40/month sponsorship program. When many people commit to giving a small amount consistently, it creates the stability we need to provide daily care, education, and life-changing opportunities for every child at Casa Hogar. We cannot do this alone. Casa Hogar is a non-government, non-profit organization. Our work depends entirely on the generosity of individuals and organizations who choose to invest in the lives of these children. If you have supported us in the past, thank you. Your impact is real, and it is lasting. If you are new to Casa Hogar, we invite you to become part of this mission. Together, we can ensure that every child here continues to grow in safety, dignity, and hope for a brighter future.



Protecting Children from Trafficking and Empowering Their Future

Child trafficking remains a serious and growing issue in Mexico. Many children are forced into situations where survival depends on the streets—often through exploitation, labor, or worse.

For these children, escape is not as simple as being removed from danger. Without long-term support, many return to the same environments they came from, simply because it is all they know. At Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, we believe rescue is only the beginning. It is one thing to take a child off the street and provide food and shelter. It is another to truly change the trajectory of their life. Through a structured environment built on love, education, and personal development, Casa Hogar provides children with the tools they need to break free from the cycle they were born into. Each child receives consistent care, access to education, emotional support, and opportunities to grow into confident, capable individuals.

Our approach is not temporary—it is transformational. We focus on long-term rehabilitation by helping children rebuild their sense of worth, develop life skills, and discover a future they may have never believed was possible. Whether through academic programs, expressive arts like Ballet Folklórico, or personal development initiatives, each child is given the opportunity to heal and grow. This is how cycles are broken. This is how lives are changed. When you support Casa Hogar Los Angelitos, you are not just helping a child in need—you are helping rewrite their story and protect them from a future of exploitation. Together, we can provide safety, restore dignity, and create lasting opportunity for children who deserve a chance at a better life.



From Danger to Hope: Protecting Children in One of the World's Most At-Risk Communities From Dr. Iain Crofton Briggs

What matters are the challenges or risks facing any community.

In Manzanillo the risks and challenges facing young people are intractably linked to cartel activity. Crime, drugs and people trafficking. In terms of deaths per capita then Manzanillo is one of the most dangerous places in the world and at times the most dangerous place in the world.

I have sadly seen so many teenagers murdered in Manzanillo and young girls lost to trafficking. CHLA cares, educates and develops children and young people and I believe protect them from the risk posed by the cartels and into a positive future. How they do this is truly inspiring. Obviously, they take orphans and give them a home and love them.

They give belonging and self-esteem, education and a restore hope for the future. Helping them get ahead educationally for example in English and Robotics, but also positive self esteem and confidence etc with the Ballet folklore. CHLA truly gives these children and young people an opportunity for a wonderful future and protection from the risks.

I ran a rehabilitation for under 18 year olds but the greatest need is those that don't have effective parenting for various reasons. CHLA has been stepping in for over 30 years and has loved and restored over a thousand children. What could be more inspiring and significant.

Transform Lives. Including Your Own

Kevin and the trips he leads or at least a clear contact pathway, because once this goes out, people are going to want to reach out and learn more. Maybe something simple like: “If your church, club, or group is interested in learning more, please contact...” so there’s an obvious next step for engagement.

Our Development Director Kevin Skeens has been leading Casa Hogar immersion trips for over 10 years, guiding teams, organizations, church groups and others through powerful experiences of service and growth. Discover the proven systems helping children rise above adversity—and gain the tools to create transformation in your own life.



Recent Highlights & Impact at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos

Celebrating 30 Years of Impact

- Hosted a 30-Year Anniversary Benefit Dinner, celebrating decades of transformation
- Welcomed alumni back—living proof of resilience, growth, and success
- Celebrated a meaningful Quinceañera for two residents

Community & Connection

- Youth volunteers actively served alongside our children
- Continued engagement with international volunteers
- Participated in community experiences with Rotary Manzanillo

Education & Growth

- Launched a new Robotics Program, building future-ready skills
- Strong academic performance across students:
 - Multiple students achieving 8.5–9.3 averages
- Celebrated a Primary School Graduation (INEA)—a powerful second-chance achievement
- Ongoing focus on literacy, education, and personal development

Culture, Identity & Confidence

- Ballet Folklórico performances at cultural events and competitions
- Participation in a CID-UNESCO certified event



Every child at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos has a story, one that often begins with heartache, fear, and unimaginable hardship.

Two brothers, Tony and Chuy, were found living on the beach at just 6 and 8 years old. This past year, they graduated high school and are now headed to vocational school.



- Events like “Latidos del Mundo” and spring festivals building identity and pride

Health & Well-Being

- Launched a nutrition program in collaboration with ITECCE
- Ongoing dental care program for all children
- Successfully managed a health situation with full care and support
- Recreational outings supporting emotional health and connection

Life Experiences & Development

- Environmental education through a turtle sanctuary visit
- Beach outings and group activities fostering joy and connection
- Children actively participating in organizing events and building responsibility

Programs That Transform Lives

- Emotional healing and therapeutic support
- Holistic education—from literacy to robotics
- Health and nutrition programs
- Arts and cultural development
- Community engagement and service

Real Impact

- Preventing future social challenges
- Developing confident, capable young leaders
- Strengthening the Manzanillo community

Because of You Every milestone, every smile, and every success story you’ve just read is made possible by people like you.

Upcoming Events at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos & Ballet Folklórico Los Angelitos

We are excited to share a season full of meaningful experiences, cultural celebrations, and opportunities for connection. From local performances to international travel, our children continue to grow, represent, and inspire.

April 30 – Manzanillo Fair Performance

The Ballet Folklórico Los Angelitos will take the stage at the Manzanillo Fair, performing alongside the Manzanillo Classical Dance Center in a vibrant cultural celebration.

June 9–26 – International Cultural Exchange (New York & Peace Ship) Six ballet members, along with Director Marisol Gonzales, will travel to New York to join the Japanese Peace Ship. They will perform, share Mexican culture, and represent the life-changing work happening at Casa Hogar Los Angelitos on an international stage

June 20–July 4 – Youth Volunteer Visit

We are honored to welcome youth volunteers from LifeSpring Covenant Church, who will spend time serving, connecting, and creating meaningful experiences with the children at Casa Hogar.

September TBD – Houston Cultural Festival

The Ballet Folklórico Los Angelitos will travel to Houston, Texas to participate in a festival hosted by Ballet Folklórico de Houston in Porter, continuing to expand their reach and share their talents.

November 14 – “Tradition and Revolution”

Join us at the CALA Event Center for our annual performance, Tradition and Revolution—a powerful celebration of culture, history, and artistic expression.

December 19 – “A Christmas Night Under the Stars” Casa Hogar Los Angelitos and Ballet Folklórico Los Angelitos will present their beloved Christmas pageant, A Christmas Night Under the Stars—a beautiful and inspiring evening that captures the true spirit of the season.

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