

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

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Serving Abandoned and Orphaned
Children in Mexico
Since 1966

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Child Development 101

In order for children to be successful in school, they must be proficient in using a writing instrument—their small motor skills must be developed. From infancy, children learn to use their hands—first to grasp, hold, pick up and manipulate objects, and then to control a crayon/pencil to make marks on a paper. Many opportunities each day need to be provided for children to strengthen these muscles. Manipulating playdough, stringing beads, finger-painting, cutting with scissors, and drawing are all great activities to accomplish this goal.

I'm happy to report that we see these activities going on every day in the **Shelter for Babies and Abandoned Children** in Monterrey. Preschoolers are involved and engaged in developing these skills as they play with materials provided for them. We can see the results as the children get older and go to school and learn to read and write. Homework is done every day when the children return to the Home from school. Volunteers arrive in the afternoons to sit and help children get their homework done so that they can go and play!

The dollars that you donate every month are making such a difference in the lives of many children in the **Caring Action for Children** Homes. Without this opportunity, many of the children would be living on the streets or in places where they are not loved and cared for. A thousand thanks to each of you, from each of our little (and older) ones. See inside for two grateful letters from students who have completed their educations, thanks to you!

Blessings,

Shirley Becker,
Caring Action for Children Board President



Special Thanks to our Donors in Sweden



Our partner organization in Sweden, Svenska Mexicomissionen, has donated a large percentage of the funds sent to Mexico for many, many years. They have recently lost their major sponsor and are unable to continue to participate in our mission to the children in Mexico. We would like to recognize these faithful supporters who have been giving for decades, and offer our heartfelt thanks for the many dollars they have donated to the care and education of the children and students in our Homes.

Some large donations from our Swedish friends made possible the Shelter in Monterrey, as well as assisted in the construction of other Homes.

"Tusen tack" to Ingemar Bergström, Coordinator in Sweden, and to the board of directors of Svenska Mexicommissionen.



Holgar and Inger Hansson



The Swedish Caring Action Board of Directors met with Tor and May in 2005

Strong supporters Holgar and Inger Hansson traveled to Monterrey for the dedication of the Shelter in 1994



Success Stories—Caring Action Homes Making a difference in lives

My arrival at Casa Hogar Mama Paulita



Tomas, to the left with his best friend Juan on the right.

My brothers and I became orphans at a very young age. My older sisters heard of a home for children near El Limon so they decided to take us (me and my younger brothers) there. The separation was very hard on all of us, since we had never been apart from each other. At first, we were scared, but the couple in charge of the home was very nice and treated us well, so soon we started trusting them. The other children were very nice too, especially Juan who became my very best friend and is a close friend of mine to this day.

After arriving at Casa Hogar, my life changed completely. As time went by, our few relatives visited less and less. But It didn't hurt anymore, since we had a new family and everything was ok, and we were sure that our older sisters had found the best place for us to live.

At Casa Hogar, we all had to pitch in and help with the household chores. But all that we did will never compare to what they did for us. Today, I am a responsible man who learned to work hard to support his family. I am married and have three children who are my greatest treasures. I have told them about a beautiful place called Casa Hogar Mama Paulita, that was my home, and I have promised to take them there someday. I will never forget Casa Hogar, it became our home and it will always have a special place in my heart.

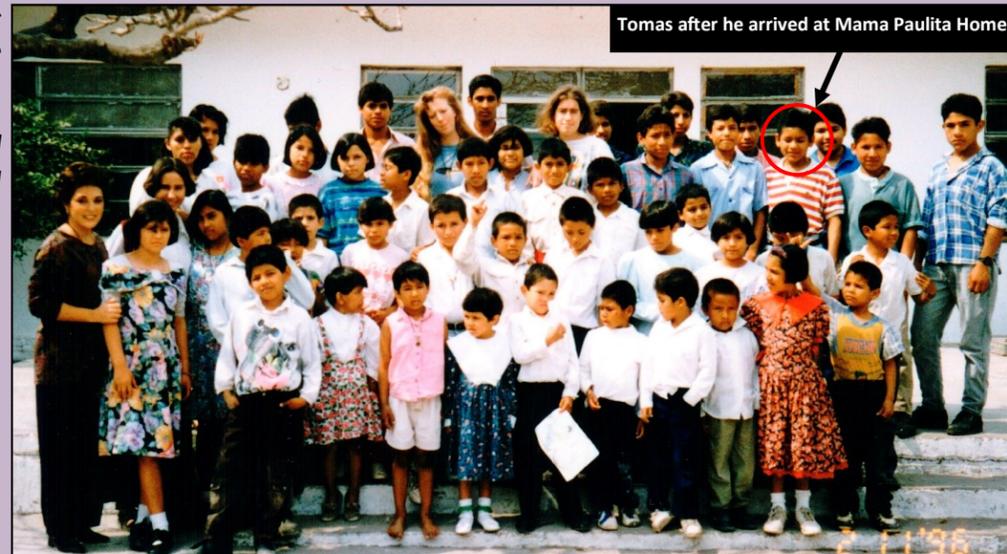
During my years at Casa Hogar, I learned lots of things: to plant and cultivate herbs, play soccer, make new friends, live peacefully with others, but the most important thing was that I met God.

I could go on with stories about my years at Casa Hogar. However, I would like to end this letter with these verses that I learned while living there and that I still hold close to my heart...

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13
 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

I'd like to thank each and every person who works hard to help and support Casa Hogar. May the Lord grant you strength to keep helping.

-Tomas



Tomas after he arrived at Mama Paulita Home

A Former Student From The Cinco Banderas Home For Students in Monterrey Tells His Story



Hello.

My name is Alfonso Hernandez. I am from a Nahuatl indigenous town in Huiloapa, in the municipality of Benito Juárez in the State of Veracruz.

Since I was born until I finished my elementary school I lived with my parents in the Huiloapa community. In order to continue with my education in junior high school, it was necessary for me to move to a nearby town called Chicontepec in Veracruz. I lived there three years with two uncles and it was really difficult to adapt to this change in lifestyle and rhythm. Coming out from an indigenous community and going to a town is a complete change.

To continue in school, I had to move again to a larger city with a friend, who saw how I suffered with my uncles, and saw that my parents had no resources to help me through high school.

In 2008 I decided to come to Monterrey, Nuevo León, to attend a university, arriving with my sister who already worked in this city. Arriving in the city I subscribed to the University (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León [UANL]) and, of course, started to look for a job while I started the university. My sister started to look for a student house or shelter for me to live while attending the university because she found it difficult to help me pay rent. This was how on March 2009 I came to Casa Hogar Cinco Banderas.

During this period I have been in Cinco Banderas, (from 2009 to this date,) I had to work and make much effort to finish my studies in the university. I worked as a cashier at a 7-11 convenience store, cashier at Sanborns, waiter at weddings and finally I started my social service working as an intern in a car-manufacturing industry

I finished my education in May 2014 and graduated as Engineer in Mechatronics from UANL and to this day, with God's help, I work as a Development Engineer of the Refrigeration Department in a factory called Torrey.

I thank those people that have helped to support Cinco Banderas Home and give me the opportunity to complete my education and learn a career.

May God bless and keep you.



Patronato (Board of Directors) for Cinco Banderas Home with Caring Action Treasurer and President

Caring Action Supporters Report Back from a Painting Visit to Esperanza Home



Our late winter mission trip to Mexico was just what the Father ordered for myself, my husband Rex, and extended family Angela and her daughter Addison, age 7. We were blessed with beautiful weather for completing the painting projects at Casa Hogar para Niños Esperanza. The house of hope!

Pastor Ascencio, his wife Esther and all the kids welcomed us as old friends. The highlight of the week was the party we had on Saturday with the kids. We all enjoyed the pizza and ice cream and playing with the kids! Praise Jesus!

We thank our heavenly Father for the strength, peace, joy and love to serve our friends in Mexico. Amen
 In Christ Name,

Lensie Fensler

