



April 2018 newsletter

Easter greetings from the Families of Hope! Semana Santa (Holy Week) is a time for celebration throughout Mexico and many families come from far away to celebrate together. This Easter some of our families celebrated in their own homes for the first time! How exciting it was to celebrate the Risen Christ with our families!

We want to take this opportunity to update you on one of our strategies and vision from our 5-year plan for **Housing**, Health, Education, and Nutrition (HENN).

HOUSING

In 2017 sixteen families moved into apartments in our new housing complex. As this is supportive shelter housing and not rental units, each family is expected to follow the rules and regulations associated with the housing. An adult family member must be employed so that expenses (i.e. electricity) associated with their unit can be paid. Some parents are driving trucks, cleaning homes, or serving as maintenance workers to earn money for their personal expenses. Some are also saving money for the day when they will live independently in their own homes. Children in our housing must attend school and their parents are encouraged to participate in the new adult education program. We have interviewed and prepared ten more families for housing and they will join us later this year. Each month, our maintenance manager checks each occupied unit to ensure that it is cared for and that everything is working properly.



It is through you and your generous donations that we are able to provide housing for the poor amongst us. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please visit our website www.familiesofhope.org and see our new video about the history of the foundation!

Just a note about our education sponsorship program. Thank you to our current sponsors for your donations. Because we have new families living in our housing, we have new children on a waiting list for sponsorship for the school year 2018/2019. If you would consider sponsoring an additional child, please send your donation to ensure that all of the children in our care and in housing are sponsored and registered for school. If you are not a current sponsor a cheque for \$250.00 will enable another child to attend school and we will send you information on that child.

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