



Newsletter 2020

Greetings from The Families of Hope! Thank you for your on-going support for the families in our care. Without the support we receive from each of you we could not do the work that makes a difference in the lives of some of the poorest families near Puerto Vallarta.

We continue to follow the HHEN (Housing, Health, Education and Nutrition) strategy in our 5-year plan. Once again, we will send out more detailed newsletters quarterly on each of the strategies but here is a general update on each. Watch for the next newsletters in your email or mailboxes!

HOUSING

The number of families in the housing remains stable at 30 although it is not necessarily the same families that occupy the suites. There has been some transition as some adults have not been willing to accept the lifestyle required in a shelter housing facility while others have been able to move into their own homes because of their personal efforts. More information on those success stories in a future newsletter!

HEALTH

In June of 2019 we hosted our first dental clinic with the help of 11 participants from the Loma Linda University school of dentistry in California. We had over 300 people from the mission and local town of Magisterio attend. We look forward to seeing them again in July of this year!

EDUCATION

Our school sponsorship program continues to ensure that our children are registered and provided with all they need for each school year. The data-base helps ensure that records are complete and up to date. We currently have 190 students sponsored and have 40 more on our waitlist. School registration begins in February so donations to the sponsorship program are needed. Please consider sponsoring a child if you haven't already! We are excited to have more of our children continuing their education beyond elementary and secondary school! **With this success comes some financial challenges as post-secondary education is more expensive. Please consider increasing your donation to help with these extra expenses.**

With the on-going help of two volunteers, Dennis and Patty, our ESL program continues to flourish. As retired teachers they bring a wealth of experience to the students, young and old, in their classes.

Canada

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Mexico

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United States

Families at the Dump
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NUTRITION

Our mid-day meal program continues to provide a nutritious lunch daily and the community kitchen helps us train mothers in better, more nutritious meal planning and preparation. We estimate that we serve over 2500 meals per month now and the cost is approximately \$1.00 per day per meal. \$2500.00 each month is a significant financial challenge. Donations to our general fund ensure that we can provide nutritious meals to our children.

MARIA – An update on what we shared with you last year.

It was three years ago that Maria and her children moved into housing and she began to help care for the mission facility. You may remember that last year she had received her elementary education equivalency. It is our pleasure to tell you that Maria is now employed in the housekeeping department of a major hotel in Puerto Vallarta! We are so proud of her accomplishments in such a short time! Three years from homelessness to employment and self-sufficiency! What an encouragement she is for other families who are wanting to make changes! Thank you to the sponsors who financially assist Maria and her family.



Maria in her new work uniform!

Each week during high season (December to May) we host daily tours to the Mission facility in Magisterio and promotional talks about the Families of Hope at the guest welcome party in Paradise Village. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to visit the Mission, please let us know. We would love to take you so you can see what your support has made possible!

Please see our video on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3FrtL2JYI4>) about the history of the foundation!

We thank each of you for your support over the years. Without you, our work would be severely limited and the families we love and care for would not receive what they need to break the cycle of poverty in which they live. You are helping us bring hope to families who for so long had no hope.

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