



Meet some of our shooting stars -
Jaime (above), Abel and
Ricardo (below)

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Propelling young men through education



El Sauzal staggers under current economy

School is starting again soon, and with it comes the expense of uniforms and supplies for many children. The steep gas prices that are impacting each of us are having a profound effect on the Orphanage's finances.

Although the financial strain of the new school year is overwhelming for the Orphanage leadership there is also a lot of excitement at this time. Education brings many opportunities for our children, including better jobs, more stable incomes, and improved living conditions. Education also impacts young Mexican men and illegal immigration.

Education for Boys = Less Immigration Problems

An article in the New York Times discussed the value of education specifically for young men in Mexico. ("The Immigration Answer? It's In Mexico's Classrooms", Tyler Cowen, November 30, 2006). The article states that:

- Mexican men with high school diplomas earn more money in Mexico than their non-educated countrymen.
- The majority of illegal Mexican immigrants are male, likely due to

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A handsome Agustin

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the danger and and physical demands of border crossing.

- Mexicans with the least education have the most incentive to cross illegally.
- Migrants with less education are more likely to be involved with crime and social problems.

Will you be an angel?

By supporting education at the Orphanage, you are blessing our children and helping decrease illegal immigration.

Director Josue wrote on July 3rd, "Need to pray that God's continue sending his angels because the food, clothing etc donation are low."

Will you be an angel and help us get the children's school uniforms? Or would you invest in the college education of one of kids - about \$3,600 per year? Check out the next page for ways that you can help. You are improving the future of Jaime, Ricardo, Abel and Agustin - and more!

Despite abuse, Marcelina glows



Spunky 10-year-old Marcelina

When Marcelina first came to the Orphanage about five years ago, she was a feisty girl who had been subjected to horrific physical abuse and neglect from her mother. She needed plastic surgery after her abuse. Marcelina had never had a new dress.

Marcelina has become a generous, caring, beautiful young woman. Besides attending school, she helps the nannies care for the nursery children. In June, she celebrated her Quinceanera, her special 15th birthday party. Marcelina glowed in a gorgeous dress made especially for her. We are delighted to watch her grow up and become an amazing person!



Lovely Marcelina on her special day in her handmade dress

Building school uniforms

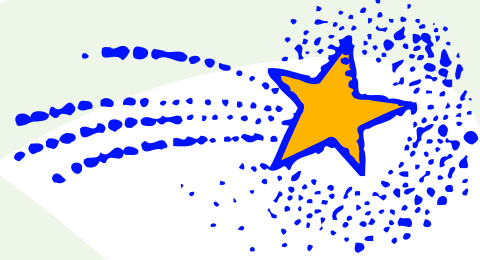
Please ease our back-to-school crunch

Here are several of the items that Mexican public schools require. It costs about \$225 to purchase everything an individual child needs.

To help, pick an item you'd like to underwrite, detach it from this page and send it in with the enclosed envelope and slip. If you'd like to invest in a child's college education, send in this page with your contact information. We'll send you more details.

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Boy's/Girl's Long Sleeve Shirt/Sweater
\$25



Boy's/Girl's Short Sleeve Shirt
\$10



Girl's Jumper
\$20



Boy's/Girl's Pants
\$35



Sweat Pants or Skirt
\$15



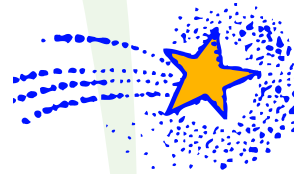
Do you want to help with a different item?
\$ _____



Boy's/Girl's Socks
\$5



Boy's/Girl's Shoes
\$40



Higher education for one of our kids

\$300 per month or \$3,600 per year



Stealing their hearts

Little Josuecito fills a void

There is a new little boy at the Orphanage. In June, directors Josue and Lilia got their new little son. They named him Josuecito, 'little Josue', a term of endearment.

It all started a few years ago...

At the end of October 2005 DIF, the Mexican Social Service, brought two new born baby boys to the Orphanage each less than a week old. Josue Espinoza, Lilia his wife, and daughters Keila and Karen who live with them made the decision to not put the babies in the Orphanage's Nursery where all other babies have been placed. Rather, they took the two infants up to the Director's Apartment where the family lives and began raising the boys. They named the boys "Josuecito" and "Ruffito" after Josue and his son in law Ruffo, Erika's husband.

It wasn't long until the entire Espinoza family had fallen in love with the babies and considered them as part of their family.



Josue with his new son, little Josuecito

They then began a quest to adopt them. They were aware that DIF has a policy prohibiting someone from hand picking a child for adoption. Yet they tried anyway but were denied even though their track record for taking care of abandoned, abused, and needy children was impeccable. Even the local DIF Supervisor tried to get the DIF Board to make an exception for Josue and Lilia.

Then in May 2006 DIF came and took the children and gave them to other adoptive parents. This was devastating to the whole family. Josue and Lilia decided they wanted to adopt a baby boy of their own. This decision brought back joy to this family. They attended mandatory classes, had their apartment inspected and were completely scrutinized by DIF's adoption authorities. They were approved to adopt in February of 2007.

He stole their hearts

Last month, after waiting for almost a year and a half, the Espinozas got the call they had been waiting for. DIF had a four-year-old boy for them. The family had originally hoped for a baby boy. But when they met Josuecito, he stole their hearts. And their oldest daughter Erika and husband Ruffo are expecting a baby boy of their own, due the end of August. What will they call him? Ruffito, of course!

Wife Lilia is delighted with her new son

