

the CITY OF CHILDREN

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BAJA'S HOME FOR LITTLE ONES

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"Sponsoring Nayeli means so much to our family! Our children think of her as their Mexican sister. They ask about her on a regular basis and love to send her letters. We love knowing that not only are we helping to change her life, but she has changed our life as well!"

Michael and Aletha Thomas
Woodbury, Tennessee

Child Sponsorship Program

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring a child at the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico! When you become a sponsor to one of our precious children, you are saying "Yes, I believe in you. You do matter, and I care." Your sponsorship models Christ's love through your involvement in their life - and they will never be the same.

Why are they here?

Our children come for many reasons. They are brought to us by the Mexican Welfare Department (known as the DIF). Our staff does a thorough background check of each of our children to make sure we are able to adequately meet their needs here at the home. While only a few are orphans, all have lived through horrific circumstances in their short lives including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, severe neglect and abandonment, extreme poverty,



David & Jane Smith, Huntsville, Al with Esthela

and physical and emotional starvation. Many of their stories are simply unimaginable to Americans that choose to help.

Financial Information

We are a registered American 501(c3) non-profit tax corporation, so all donations are fully tax deductible for state and federal taxes. All checks should be made payable to the City of Children. Please include the name of your sponsored child in the memo line and mail it to the address above.

You are also welcome to authorize a month bank draft to The City. Or, to pay online use PayPal or a credit card, visit Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org/donate) and enter "City of Children Ciudad de Ninos" the box labeled "charity name". You will be directed to our secure online donation page. We acknowledge all donations by sending you a receipt for tax deductible purposes.



“How do I sponsor a child?”



Michel needs the love of a sponsor

The most important fact is that you are taking on the responsibility for the care of, or partial care of one of our children. This should not be entered into lightly, without prayer and thought. These little children are precious - each created in the image of God. Because they are at the City of Children, with your help, their physical needs will be met. But they also need someone who loves and cares enough to pray for them daily. They need to be remembered on special days, such as birthdays, holidays, and Christmas with notes, cards, or gifts. They would also love to be visited by you and your family. This is when real bonds of love are formed. Your involvement demonstrates your love. The children know they are special to someone. Their life really does matter, and you have made a difference.

Financial Accountability

The cost to care for a child is \$250 per month. Your monthly donation will help to pay for their food, school supplies and uniform, clothing, personal hygiene, visits to the doctor and dentist, physical and/or psychological therapy if needed, and a safe and clean home in which to live. Children may be sponsored by individuals, families, groups, churches, or schools. You may also partially sponsor a child for as little as \$50 per month.



Sponsors birthday gifts are special times for kids like Giovanni



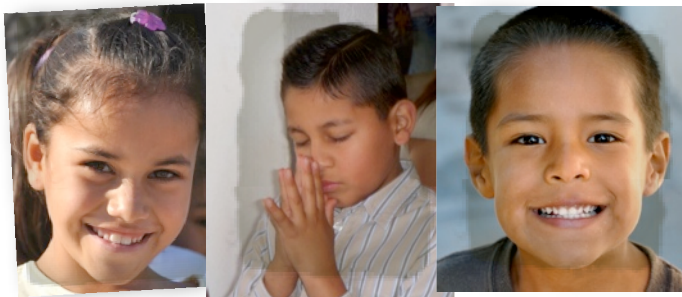
Barney and Jathy Atwater, Atlanta, Georgi with Reyna

Our Commitment to You

When you decide to sponsor a child, please indicate any preference as to age or sex. We will assign you a child who seems best for you and the child. Assignments are made when the first donation is received. Every year you will receive a professional photograph of your child. The photograph will include their clothing and shoe sizes. You will also receive updates on special achievements and/or problems as well as a brief history of why they are with us. You will have a special child that has a great need for a loving parent or sponsor to pray for them every day.

Communicating with your Child

The harsh grip of poverty can make a child feel helpless. But your sponsorship gives children hope that their lives are in God's loving hands. And God's love gives all children great worth! Communicating with your child is an important way to reinforce that message of hope. Your letters echo the words of Jesus: "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than sparrows!" (Luke 12:7) The connection that you make by communicating with your sponsored child is a powerful reminder for you, as well. You are making a difference! Through your efforts, you are helping to change the world - one child at a time.



Tips for Corresponding

- Writing your child doesn't have to be time consuming. Simply sign a card, add a few short sentences, include pictures, and drop it in the mail. Use colorful pens and decorate your letters!
- Can't find a stamp or would rather save a tree? No problem! Send an e-mail to your child. We will gladly print it and translate it for them. Send it to info@cityofchildren.com
- Send a special gift. It doesn't have to be anything big, just something to let your child know that you are thinking about them. Examples of what to send could include stickers, photos, pencils, books, etc.
- Don't know what to write about? Why not bring your world to your child? Tell them about your family, pets, holiday traditions, the weather in your area, or your favorite biblical character, animal or hobby. Most of all, let them know that you are praying for them.
- Be sure to ask questions! Let your child know that you are interested in getting to know more about them. What is their school teachers name? What is their favorite thing to eat? What is their favorite animal, color, Bible verse, or game? You'd be surprised what you might have in common!
- Encourage your child's dreams! Help develop your child's remarkable potential. Consider sharing about how you overcame a challenge to meet a goal. Let them know that you are praying for them and encouraging them to never give up on their dreams!
- Write often! Challenge yourself to write your child at least once a month. They anticipate your letters!
- Send pictures. Our kids love getting pictures from their sponsors. Many times, they put them up in their closet or in picture frames beside their beds.



Frequently Asked Questions

“Where do the children come from?”

Our children come from the communities in and around Ensenada including Tijuana, Mexicali, and Tecate. Many of our visiting mission teams get to see these communities first hand when they go out to work in places like El Zorrillo, Chapultepec, Maneadero, and Colonia 89.

“What are the ages of your kids?”

At the City of Children, we are able to house newborns up to 18 years of age or through their high school graduation.

“How long do the kids live at the City?”

We request to the DIF that they stay with us as long as possible. Sometimes a parent or family situation improves so they can care for their children again, but many times the children are with us quite a while. In fact, it is not uncommon for a child to live at the City of Children for 10 or more years. There are also times when our children have to leave the home for behavior reasons. If we know that your child will be leaving, we will notify you and assign you another child as soon as possible.

“Can I send more than one months amount toward my sponsorship support?”

Your gift can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, whichever is most convenient for you. When you send gifts for more than one month, it saves you time and postage.

“Are the children able to be adopted?”

Unfortunately, the Mexican government makes it incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to adopt a child.



“Knowing that my American family prays for me means so much! I love it when they visit!”

Carmen Partida ~ age 16

“I love hearing from my American family! It helps me to know that I am loved.” - Alonso Linder ~ age 8

“What happens after they graduate?”

All of our children are given the opportunity to go to the college of their choice in Mexico upon graduation. All that we ask is that they stay in touch and remain faithful Christians. Many of our children have broken the cycle of poverty by becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers, architects, preachers, government officials, successful business men and women, or simply a faithful spouse or loving parent.



When you become a part of our sponsorship program, you become the hands and feet of Jesus in Baja - a child becomes a responsible adult, and a life is changed forever.

“Let the little children come to me!” Matthew 19:14

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