

A refuge where children reach  
their full potential



REFUGIO MAZATLÁN  
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# Quarterly Newsletter

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE GEMS OF MAZATLAN (Our Mi Futuro Partners)**

“We hope you can join us online at Lupe Cup Headquarters on Sunday December 6 @ 4:30MST and wear your dancing shoes!!!!!!

Mazatlán is headed for a tough season this year as so many snow birders are choosing to stay north of the border until things settle down. This will have a devastating impact on our kids and many friends in Mazatlán, so we are doing everything we can to help!

We’re putting together a live streaming event with an old-fashioned TELETHON featuring our Gems of Mazatlán Board of Directors & Volunteers manning the phones. From the comfort of your own living room, you’ll have the opportunity to do your part to help out the kids in Maz. In the coming months, details of our fun-filled event will be posted on our website:

<http://www.gemsofmazatlan.com/>.

You can also follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gemsofmazatlan>”



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## New Young Men at MI FUTURO EN MIS MANOS

Despite the challenges that we faced and continue to deal with regarding COVID-19, three boys from Refugio completed their Preparatoria (high school) in June. They have moved into one of the apartments at Mi Futuro, where they will continue to acquire lifelong skills.

We welcome Christopher, Jesus Javier and Luis David who will study computer science, international trading, and helicopter piloting, respectively. They join Ismael (third year graphic design), Josue (second year biochemical engineering), Yael (second year digital marketing) and Emmanuel (second year nutrition) all of whom advanced a year.



“A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.”

Chinese Proverb

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The schools in Mexico are still closed because of the pandemic.

However, the boys continue to learn through online classes or lessons that are aired on a television channel.

Our dedicated staff support the boys during the classes as well as with their homework assignments. This puts a lot more onus on the boys and our workers, but we are pleased to report that all have adapted well, and our students seem to be progressing academically.



We try to keep the boys busy and active while ensuring their safety within the confines of Refugio. A schedule has been implemented with exercises, online English classes (Duolingo), games and other activities in addition to their schooling and homework.

While frustration levels can sometimes be high, we are all learning how to live effectively in this new reality.





## OUTINGS AND ACTIVITIES

A big part of the program for the boys involves activities and outings. It is even more important that we keep the boys challenged during these trying times.



SANITIZACIÓN DE REFUGIO MAZATLAN

The Isagenix program involves not only learning about healthy eating but also focuses on keeping the boys fit. We do this through exercise classes every day of the week.



PASEO PLAYA EMERALD BAY

Because we cannot allow people other than workers into the home, Eduardo, who is in his last year of Preparatoria, has taken on the responsibility of leading gym classes with the boys.

We also take the boys on safe trips to give them a



PASEO TEACAPAN

break from the home, to experience something new, to eat healthily and to be active.

The boys have enjoyed beach days at some of the quieter areas around Mazatlán. They also did a weekend trip to Teacapan.

We rented an inflatable water slide one hot summer afternoon which resulted in a fun time in the Refugio patio.

Birthdays are a big part of the Mexican culture and we continue to celebrate these with the boys with the help of Lawrence and Richard's cakes.



CUMPLEAÑOS



BRINCOLIN ACUATICO

## DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Due to COVID-19 our volunteers are no longer able to come into the home. They are greatly missed.

Nonetheless those supporters who are in Mazatlán continue to provide support. Chavita (Rosie) and her team give the boys haircuts. Linda, "the Quilt Lady", has created countless delicious Sunday lunches – thank you Linda! Richard and Lawrence also continue to cook and deliver scrumptious weekend meals.



CORTE DE CABELLO CHAVITA Y ROGELIO



Tracy and Linda have an exciting Halloween event

planned for the boys, and donors are encouraged to drop off food items between 5pm and 7pm on October 31.

We are most appreciative of those of you who have brought over food, cleaning supplies, personal items, games, and puzzles during this difficult period.



Our "Needs List" is updated regularly on our website: <https://www.refugiomazatlan.org/current-needs> Thank you to all our generous donors and volunteers. We cannot do this without you



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