

REFUGIO MAZATLÁN NEWS

Wishing all our Refugio Mazatlán supporters a healthy and happy 2025 🙏. [Please read our Newsletter No. 33 below.](#)

Meet two of our volunteers.

Join us for the Party on the Patty'o on March 17.

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REFUGIO MAZATLÁN NEWSLETTER NO. 33 (December 2024)

We count on our donors and volunteers at Refugio Mazatlán. This month we would like to highlight two of our volunteers who are having a huge impact on the boys and our program.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO DEB

We were incredibly fortunate to meet Deb and her husband, Lane, two years ago when they were seeking volunteer opportunities with homes like Refugio Mazatlán. Since Deb began volunteering with us in January 2023, she has worked closely with our staff and the boys. Her contributions have been invaluable in helping us become more organized and sustainable, and most importantly, in achieving our goals for the boys.

Deb implemented a wellness program designed to enhance mental health and resilience for both the staff and the boys. She also introduced trauma training for the staff, creating trauma-competent caregivers who can effectively support individuals who have experienced trauma. More recently, she has assisted our coordinator and psychologist in developing programs that provide individual academic and emotional plans for the boys.

Deb has provided immense support to our director and staff, and she has patiently and relentlessly worked with the boys both academically and emotionally. Many thanks, Deb – we deeply appreciate all that you have done and continue to do.



"THANK YOU, DEB!",
"YOUR DEDICATION INSPIRES US ALL"

MANY THANKS TO CYNTHIA

We first met Cynthia and her husband, Don, in 2018. They hosted one of our boys, Javier, over the summer vacation. When he returned from his stay in Canada, the change in him was remarkable. He could speak some English, and he had learned what it was like to be part of a family and experience Canadian culture.

Javier completed his studies at Refugio, and Cynthia and Don moved to Mazatlán and “adopted” Javier. They took him into their home and paid for his university education, which he completed in 2024, graduating with a degree in Foreign Trade and Customs. He now has a steady job with significant responsibility and is excelling in his role.

Over the past year, Cynthia has been teaching some of the Refugio boys English and has recently taken three boys under her wing. She hosts them at her home from time to time, and they get to enjoy family life – and Cynthia’s amazing baking! Although she has only been working with Sebastian, Oscar, and Brandon for a few months, the difference she has made in their lives is tremendous.

Muchas gracias, Cynthia and Don – we, and the boys, are extremely fortunate to know you.



UPCOMING EVENT

ST. PATRICKS'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Please join us for the Party on the Patty'o, the annual St Patrick's Day Fundraiser, on Sunday, March 17. There will be delicious food and drinks, a silent auction and fun activities. All proceeds go directly towards the education of the kids at Refugio Mazatlán.

After February 1, tickets will be available at Salty Feet (next door to Tippy Toes), Water's Edge or contact nicole.refugiomazatlan@gmail.com or melindagebraad@msn.com

See you there!

We will have a Silent Auction at the fundraiser. If you have any items to contribute, we will be extremely grateful. Please contact nicole.refugiomazatlan@gmail.com or melindagebraad@msn.com

