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# Monthly Newsletter

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## High School Graduations



HERNANDEZ RIVERA, EMMANUEL

We are very proud of our four students who have just completed their final year of high school. Emmanuel, Josue, Williams and Yael all graduated from Instituto Pedagogico Hispano-americano (“Hispano”) in June.



GARCIA NAVARRO, JOSUE RIGOBERTO



PANCIÑO JIMÉNEZ WILLIAMS, FRANCISCO

The boys had a successful year at school and are all excited to be joining Ismael in the new home for University students, Mi Futuro, which will open in August.



PLASCENCIA LOPEZ, YAEL ALONSO

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## MI FUTURO en mis manos UPDATE

Thanks to a very special supporter we have now secured the building which will be used by Mi Futuro. We, and our partners, The

Gems of Mazatlán, are also most appreciative of those donors who have provided funding to renovate and furnish the apartments. We are currently preparing the first apartment which will be used by the five young men who will attend university starting in August.



If you are interested in providing financial support towards the operating costs of the new home, we would love to hear from you.

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it”

Marian Wright Edelman

## GRADUATIONS

In June five of our teenagers graduated from Secundaria. Kevin graduated from Pesquera with a flawless grade of all 10's, and several certificates of recognition. He was awarded First Place in the entire school. Kevin will attend the very competitive Vasconceles Preparatoria school in August. Jairo and Diego also graduated from Pesquera and will attend Hispano and COBAES respectively. Jose



Manuel and Guillermo graduated from IMSS and will attend Hispano and COBAES respectively. Two boys from Hogar San Pablo will transfer to Refugio and they too will enter high school. If you would like to participate in our school sponsorship program, or renew your support for the new school year, we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be made via our website, or by cash or check in USD, CAD or Mexican pesos. Please contact us for more information.

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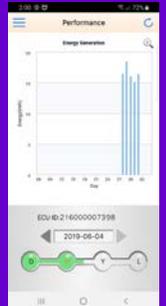
## SOLAR PANELS

A big thank you to two very generous couples: Roger and Diana, and David and



Teresa. They funded the addition of ten new solar panels at Refugio. Electricity is a big expense for the home as it is charged at commercial rates. Twenty panels were installed three years ago to help reduce costs and with

the addition of the ten new panels, not only will we have lower costs which will enable us to continue longer but we will also have a much lower and more eco-friendly carbon footprint. Many thanks to you both!



## NEW "AURIGA" & FRONT DOOR

Refugio needs transportation to take the boys back and forth to school and other activities and to run necessary errands for the home. We purchased a small Chinese made pick-up in 2016. This worked quite well until recently when the company that sold us the truck stopped operating in Mazatlán, making it difficult to get parts and carry out repairs. We thus decided it would be best to sell the old vehicle and purchase a new one. We requested support for this several months ago and are most grateful to a big supporter of the Refugio who provided the funds to do this. We just recently sold the old truck and are now the proud owners of a new Nissan auriga.



Because the new auriga is quite a bit larger than its predecessor, we had to enlarge the garage door as well. This was completed in June.

The main entrance to our building was via an old wooden door that had not fared too well over the last few years. It was recently replaced with an aluminum door and a friendly sign.



## VACATIONS

Vacation time, after completion of the school year, is an exciting time for our boys. We hope for the boys with families to spend as much quality time together as they can. In reality this can be quite difficult because most families have to work hard to make ends meet. Therefore, if boys have no families, or are unable to be cared for, we accommodate them at Refugio.



Our goal is to keep the youngsters busy during their vacation time with us. Our workers plan activities

which include visits to museums, beaches, games, physical activities and outings, for example, to the local waterpark.



We encourage the older ones to find jobs. They generally work at restaurants.



Ismael works at Looney Bean. He has been doing so for over a year and has learned a lot

from them while there – thank you Tom and Heidi.

Christopher, Williams and Emmanuel work at Surf's Up – thank you Leanne.



Eduardo, Jose Manuel and Diego have jobs at Totem, while

Yael works at Sushi Salads. Thank you to Totem and Sushi Salads.





## CANADA

Several of the Refugio boys have been lucky enough to have experienced between two months and a year staying with extremely generous Canadian host families.

This summer three boys returned to Canada – they liked the experience and their families so much that they each worked and saved hard in order to buy themselves tickets to and from Canada.

Javier is in St. Albert spending time with his Canadian hosts, Cynthia and Don. They plan on seeing more of Canada together with Javier.



Josue is learning more English with Melody and Rick from Kindersley.



Kevin, who was the first of the Refugio boys to go to Canada for a year, has returned to see Rose and Jason. Two first timers made the trip to Regina with him this summer. The purpose is for them to learn English and experience Canada. Paul is also staying with Rose and Jason and his twin brother, Angel, is living nearby with Donna and Randy. The shopping trip to purchase clothes for the trip was an experience on its own.



Thank you to all the Canadian superstar host families – you are making a huge difference to the boys' lives!

## VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

Donors and volunteers help us sustain the Refugio and we are blessed to have several to whom we are very grateful.

Chris, Simon, Roman and Jose Antonio of the Venados raise funds through their Booster Club and they also host the boys at various Venados sporting events.



Tracy's pantry parties continue, with the more recent ones focused on getting furniture, appliances and supplies



for the first apartment in Mi Futuro. Party hosts this quarter included Elena, Nancy and Mariana – many thanks for opening up your homes for these wonderful events.

Thank you also to all those who attend and give so generously. Most of all, thank you Tracy for your energy, commitment and love.

We are most grateful to our donors and supporters. To learn more about our current needs at the Refugio please visit our website at [www.refugiomazatlan.org](http://www.refugiomazatlan.org). Thank you in advance for your help!



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