The City of Children Shinsky Orphanage - 2017 Highlights

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<u>8th ANNIVERSARY:</u> We celebrated our 8th Anniversary. Our children are succeeding personally, educational, and spiritually because of the support of so many kind and generous people. We now have 12 High School Graduates.



FAMILY: After 8 years, we now have children from ages 5-18. Our high school graduates do 2 years of service giving back at our home by providing a good example for what our children should strive to become.



EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE: Our children start their lives in Matamoros Mexico at the Shinsky Home. Once they reach the 10th grade, they move to NPH Mexico in Cuernavaca and Miacatlan Mexico. Unfortunately, Cuernavaca and Miacatlan Mexico suffered over 5 million dollars' worth of damage due to the earthquake. Our children are very resilient, are doubled-up in available dorms, and are eating under a large tent because our cafeteria was seriously damaged. Our staff are our heroes who continue to work day and night for our children. We will recover from this challenge; however, it is going to take many years. Most important, we are blessed that no one got hurt. With your love and prayers, we will recover and thrive!

EDUCATION: We had 2 High School Graduates this year, which makes 12 total. Our staff recognizes the many accomplishments of our children through posters, charts, and recognitions. We are very proud of our children's success.



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: Our children take great pride in taking care of their home, clothes, and personal items.



<u>SPECIAL EVENTS:</u> Day of Holy Kings (Día de los Santos Reyes) is a very special day for all of our children. The Duffey Family serve as the 3 Kings and share gifts with all the children, which makes their day so very special.



<u>Dia de los Muertos—the Day of the Dead:</u> Every year we celebrate Dia de los Muertos and Halloween. Our children create their costumes and have a great time. I (John) am the Gorilla below, in case you didn't notice. ☺

