

# Ciudad de los Niños – The City of Children Shinsky Orphanage

## 2011 Orphanage Highlights

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**OUR CHILDREN:** We served over 45 children this year thanks to the support of many great people.



**HEALTH & NUTRITION:** Our children are provided with good nutrition and medical checks for specific children every 6 months, to make sure they are healthy and strong.



**EDUCATION:** We strive to provide all of our children a high quality well-rounded education. We have a teacher at the orphanage for the highest need children. 6 of our children attended the best school in Matamoros last year, with 15 attending this year.



**SPIRITUALITY:** Several children received their First Communion and Confirmation in 2011.



**TECHNOLOGY:** Our children are being exposed to more technology as we receive exceptional support from the W-A-Y program - Glen Taylor & Beth Baker, who are starting a High School Online Diploma program for our children that will be recognized in both Mexico and the United States.



**SPECIAL FRIENDS:** Our children also enjoy our dog, birds, pigs, and chickens.



**A SPECIAL GIFT:** Our orphanage family “Thanks” the family of Lady Di Kesler who passed away this year and asked that the community donate to the orphanage. We bought a highly needed new van with the donation.



**HAVING A VOICE:** We are developing plans to build a new dorm with the input of our children. This will be their home, and it is important that they have a voice in the process. A drawing of the inside of the dorm is below.



**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Our children were able to buy their own shoes because of a donation from the Brownsville Sunrise and Port Isabel Rotary Clubs. For many of our children, this was their first opportunity to purchase something with their own money. Also, our children participated in community activities sponsored by the Department for the Integration of Families (DIF).



**SPECIAL EVENTS:** We believe in contributing to the community, therefore, we gave the Department of the Integration of Families (DIF) wheelchairs for community members in need. Other special events include some of our children playing on the LaSalle soccer team, and a dance group from Cuernavaca performing at our home.



**CELEBRATING THREE KINGS DAY- DIA de REYES:** January 6th is Three Kings Day in Mexico, known as the Día de Reyes. In the days preceding Kings Day, children write letters to the Magi requesting a toy or gift that they would like. It is a special time for everyone involved, especially the King.



**“SPONSOR A CHILD” program. A New Family on Both Sides of the Border** - Several of our children are being sponsored by families from various countries. David and Cindy Eich from East Lansing Michigan are one example of our sponsors. Please consider being a sponsor by signing up at [www.shinskyorphanage.org](http://www.shinskyorphanage.org)



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** We continue to work collaboratively with businesses in the community. Hilti Corporation is one of our newest partners in providing our children and staff with quality support across several areas, including facility upkeep, mentoring, vocational awareness, family gatherings, soccer, reinforcing English, and educational support.



**GIVING BACK:** A special “Thank You” to Dr. F. Javier who provided free surgery for one of our children. In addition, Kellie Dean from Michigan donated another bus. Sister Mariam Fidelis is very special to our children and staff. She teaches our children English and generates tremendous community support for our children.



**OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:** We are a special family.



**A BLESSING –** Thank you for blessing our family and allowing our children to have a new life. Your support is truly making a difference. We are deeply appreciative of your support and generosity. *Thank You So Much!*



***THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE. YOUR KINDNESS & SUPPORT ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.***

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