



 HOGAR
INFANTIL

Four Decades of
Caring for
Children

in Chiapas, Mexico



Hogar Infantil Inc. of Texas is a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation

OUR MISSION

Breaking the cycle of poverty through education was the goal of American Nich Anderson when he began feeding street kids in 1963 in Mexico's poorest state of Chiapas. Supported by other foreign tourists, Nich's work quickly grew into a children's home named *Hogar Infantil*. In the nearly four decades of its existence, Hogar Infantil has remained true to Nich's mission. Thousands of children have benefited from the nurturing environment at Hogar Infantil and the generosity of donors whose belief in it continue to make Hogar's work possible.

WHO WE SERVE

Located on a ranch in a valley near the town of Ocozocoautla, Chiapas, Hogar Infantil is a magical place of the heart that provides food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and — most importantly — hope to about 100 destitute, abandoned and abused children. Originally begun as a shelter for boys, since 1990 Hogar's doors have also been open to girls who now comprise about one-third of the ranch's population. One in four of Hogar's children is a true orphan, the remainder have no adult who can safely and adequately care for them. Children arrive on our doorstep with empty bellies and the clothes on their back, hopeless, uneducated survivors of a life of poverty.

A Place of Sharing



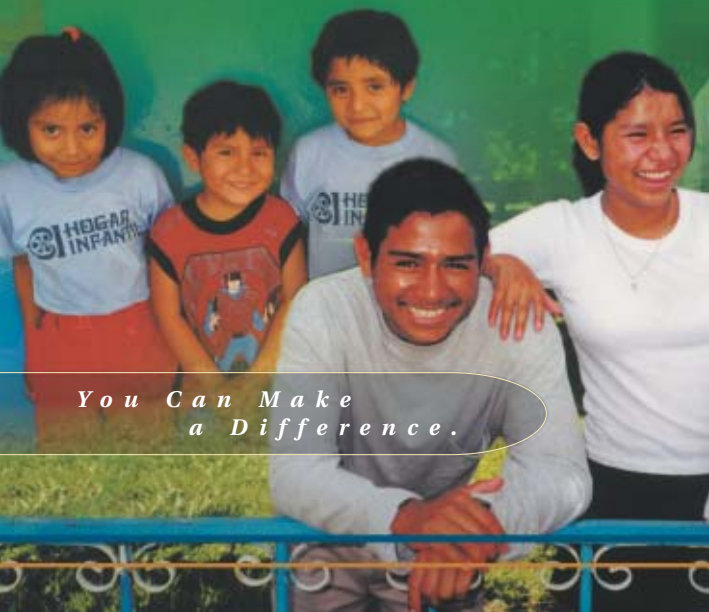
WHAT WE PROVIDE

At Hogar Infantil, these children find a home that won't abandon them. Rather, they are given the tools to become healthy, independent adults. Hogar's children truly appreciate the opportunity to go to school. Early abuse, deprivation and malnutrition make it difficult for all of Hogar's children to be successful in pursuing higher education. Providing our children with practical skills such as sewing, carpentry, auto mechanics, farming and hairdressing, along with the 3 Rs, bolsters their self-esteem and assures their independence when they leave Hogar. The recent addition of a sewing cooperative that produces commercial quality t-shirts provides Hogar's teenage youth with important life skills such as a work ethic and money management. It also gives them a nest egg for establishing themselves when they leave Hogar.


OUTCOMES

About one in four of our residents pursues a higher education, fully supported by Hogar. Through the years, the support of our donors has provided the opportunity for these young people to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, and public administrators, to name just a few. During their college years, they work at Hogar a few hours each week, helping to reduce our expenses and providing encouragement and positive role modeling to the younger children that keep the hope of a life without poverty alive in the heart of Hogar Infantil.

Hogar's children study hard, and they also work hard at their chores. Everyone is responsible for his or her personal



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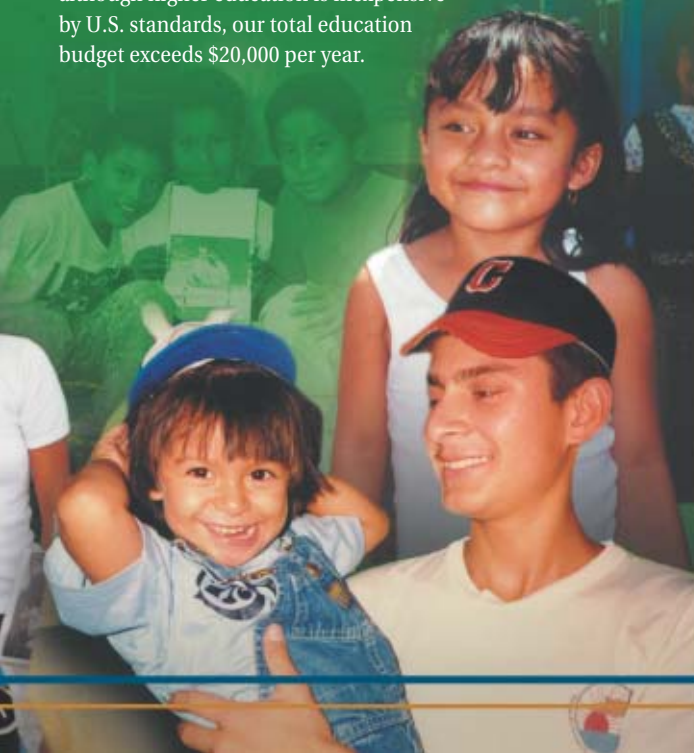


area and has a community responsibility such as washing dishes or windows, tending the garden or the animals, and doing the laundry. Of equal importance is the time provided for recreation. Visitors to Hogar always remark on how well our children get along with one another. This spirit of interdependence and cooperation contribute to the success of our award-winning soccer and basketball teams.

Spiritual growth is also promoted at Hogar Infantil. Nondenominational both in our support and our operation, we provide opportunities for children to participate in the worship place of their own or their family's choosing and to receive instruction and mentoring to support them in their spiritual life. Hogar's graduates are frequently asked to provide motivational talks and moral guidance to our children and adolescents.

WHAT WE NEED

Hogar is operated family-style, with loving house parents who live with the children and treat them as their own. Like a family, we must make and live within a budget. In a typical month, Hogar's children eat their way through a ton of corn tortillas and 240 pounds of dried beans. Our vegetable garden, pigs and chickens round out their diets, along with fruits and milk purchased in town. Public school, even for primary children, costs an average of \$150 per year per child, and although higher education is inexpensive by U.S. standards, our total education budget exceeds \$20,000 per year.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Hogar Infantil is funded by private donations — mostly from the United States and Canada — and receives no government aid. A volunteer U.S. board of directors maintains the 501(C)(3) tax exempt corporation north of the border, while the budget and operation in Mexico is overseen by a separate board of directors there. Over ninety percent of all donations goes for direct support of Hogar's children. A quarterly newsletter that focuses on life at Hogar Infantil is the only active fundraising that we do.

If you would like to learn more about Hogar Infantil, receive our newsletter or find out how you or your group could volunteer at our ranch in Mexico, please complete the provided form and mail it to the address indicated. We never share our mailing list with anyone, and other than our newsletter, make no unsolicited phone, email or mail contact with you. Please visit our website at www.hogarinfantil.org or contact a Hogar representative. Thank you!

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