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The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 23rd, 1:00 pm at St. Vincent's Cathedral, 1300 Forest Ridge, Bedford, TX. We will meet in the HQ where we have met before. Please park in the south parking lot and enter through the red door.

Our meetings are not closed; all are welcomed.

BOYS WIN HONORS AT SPORTING EVENT



Seferino and Josué win the municipal soccer championship with their amateur soccer team. They were the MVP's in the final game. The two of them have grown up in the home since they were little. Together they went to daycare, then to kindergarten; they now attend elementary school and they are part of the Bravos Cuauhtémoc soccer team. They train three days a week in the afternoon. Seeing them grow and achieving goals that they set for themselves makes us very proud!!!





FELIPE ARRIVES

Felipe is a 14 yr old, young man who came to LGF during the summert of 2019. He has some learning difficulties. He enjoyed hanging with the Hautanen's, who were visiting from Fort Worth.

Pray for Felipe, that he has the right teachers and gets help with his studies. Pray that he makes good friends at LGF.





TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Being prepared for any emergency is essential to caring for 40 children. So the staff took the opportunity to brush up on their skills,

Our staff received training on fire prevention and management, as well as search and rescue. It was taught by the Municipal Fire Department. This exercise helps to develop the appropriate ways of reacting in the event of an emergency in the home or in areas near the building where the girls and boys play.

Staff also received training to provide first aid in case of an emergency. Head injuries, wound care, seizures, and CPR were all taught by the local Red Cross. This helps to improve care in the event of an accident in the home or on the many excursions outside.







ADRIANA'S STORY

Adriana came to live at La Gran Familia in August of 2018. She was 15 years old. Her parents are two elderly people. They do not have stable jobs. Her mother cannot walk due to illness. Her father came to La Gran Familia to ask for help for Adriana to continue her studies as he did not have money to pay for her schooling.

While living at LGF she has been a great companion to the other children and youth. She helps the little ones with whatever they need. In 2019 she became ill and was hospitalized for 3 months. Fortunately, she was able to come home (LGF), she recovered completely and was able to go back to school.

She graduated from high school on January 7, 2022. She will start her studies in Education at a university in Cuauhtémoc in February. During vacation times she was working in the operational area of a company. She was just recently promoted to an office position there.

La Gran Familia has been a great place for her to live!

ANDREA'S STORY

Andrea came to live at La Gran Familia June of 2018 when she was 7 yeas old. Her mother was suffering from mental disorders and was under psychiatric treatment. When her mom was at home, she would often forget to pick Andrea up from school. The school would provide a ride for her when this happened. After this happened numerous times, the school came to La Gran Familia to ask if Andrea could live there. They knew that Andrea would be taken care of and get to school and back to La Gran Familia safely.

She is now nearly 11 years old and a very smart girl. She says that when she grows up, she wants to be a teacher to help other children learn to read and write stories. Lately, she has been interested in sports, especially soccer. She plays for the BRAVOS team. She wants to be a goalkeeper!

Andrea's younger sister, Alondra, also lives at La Gran Familia and is doing well.

Please pray for these two girls that they continue to feel at home at La Gran Familia and



"EAT...Pray...Love...

These have been difficult times, but we continue to transform the lives of innocent children who were in danger.

The pandemic has changed our view of this world. As Martín, the staff and the children fortify their bodies with nourishment, they also seek God's wisdom for their life choices. They exercise to stay strong and healthy inside and out. The mind is cleared of stress and fatigue to continue with daily activities. On nature

hikes, they touch the face of God and become more loving and appreciative of their many gifts. Education is also important so they study hard each day. Four recent high school graduates entered University studies this past year. Opportunities they would not receive previously.

La Gran Familia is more than a home for disadvantaged children. It is a close-knit family!

Please pray that they are protected and stay healthy.



Martín's Prayer Requests

- 1. Father God, we beg you to enlighten the minds of the rulers of the countries, so that peace can be restored in the world.
- 2. Lord Jesus, we pray for the families that help La Gran Familia, to bless them with health, work and peace in their hearts.
- 3. Holy Spirit, sweet guest of the soul, enlighten the mind of each student so that they can learn and be good people.
- 4. We pray to you, Father God, for people who feel sad and alone, so that they discover your love and regain peace.





la Gran Familia needs your help.

If you would like more information on how to become more involved in the mission of La Gran Familia, please direct your inquiries to:

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