

The GOOD NEWS

La Gran Familia

Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua

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And Just Like That Construction Begins

We previously introduced you to a man named Rigo, who runs a breakfast program in the neighboring town of Anahuac. The program has been run for years on land that is being lent by the local Catholic parish, with lots of volunteer workers, and donations from LGF, and a little financial support from the government. Rigo had shared his dream of growing the program into an afterschool program, providing workforce training, and also eventually a home for children.

After Rigo's visit with the LGF Board of Directors last April he has become more emboldened to share his dream and vision with his community. His boldness to dream big and share widely has been met with an outpouring of support from the local community.



In October, the local parish decided to sign over the title of the land to the Desayunador Monseñor Romero, Rigo's non-profit at no cost to Rigo. Then many local businesses, leaders, and non-profits began to make commitments of donations for the construction of



a new building that is designed to serve the purposes of Rigo's feeding program and assistance for migrant workers. Donations have come in all forms, from money, to building materials, to equipment, and even labor. Construction broke ground in November, 2022.

The result has been a local community that is now even more committed to the great service of the least of these right within their community.

LGF will continue to provide financial support to help keep the pantry full. And will continue to support the future growth of the programs. Please pray with us over the construction, that the financial commitments will be fulfilled and for the project to stay on time. As well as for the people being served and the volunteers.

Can you help with a one-time or monthly donation?

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Birthday Boy

Happy Birthday, Oliver!



With a chocolate mustache and big smile, Oliver appears to have moved on from his traumatic past.



In Memory of Carlos

Service Project

Throughout the year the children perform social services to improve their neighborhood and their city. In addition, it raises the awareness of the children that every respectable citizen can do something good for their city.



Painting the speed bump in front of the children's home reminds drivers to exercise caution around children and avoid accidents.



Birthday Boy

Happy Birthday, Leonel



Leonel, 14, is a future veterinarian in the making. He enjoys soccer and outdoor activities. He also delights in drawing and sketching landscapes. He wishes that one day he could find his mother again and help her have a house to live in.



Inspiration and Motivation

The boys and girls are mesmerized during a visit with a Professional soccer player. Speaking with the children, he encourages them to continue to fight for their dreams, whatever they may be.



A Bright Light Leaves Us

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Carlos Mendez passed away on Christmas morning. Carlos was a graduate of the LGF home, and brother to Rigo, Esme, and Gaby. Carlos arrived at the home when he was about 4 years old with his siblings and mother. His mother worked at LGF for a while before she ran off and left her kids behind. Carlos graduated from high school and had nearly completed a degree in architecture. He was living in an apartment with his 3 siblings and working at a shoe store downtown.

He had been sick for over 4 months and sadly was misdiagnosed several times. He was very thin, had trouble breathing and walking. Martín took him to Chihuahua to receive some treatment with a specialist a week before Christmas. But his health took a turn for the worse and he was admitted inpatient to a Cuauhtémoc hospital with a suspected case of pneumonia. Christmas morning he went into cardiac arrest and despite best efforts the medics were unable to revive him. He passed from this earth in the presence of his sister Esme.

Carlos will be remembered for his smile, friendliness, always attempting to communicate in English with visitors from the US, his creativity, and his love and concern for his siblings. He will be deeply missed by all.

Martín is helping the siblings with medical expenses and burial arrangements and costs. Please keep his siblings in your prayers during this difficult time. If you would like to help with expenses, please mail a check to LGF Ministries c/o Mollie Polhemus (address on the back page) or donate through PayPal (link on the front page.)

Budding Musicians

Thanks to the **Asociación México a través del Arte, A.C.**, which, with its NUCAM program, has provided professional music teachers and instruments for this new opportunity to the girls and boys.



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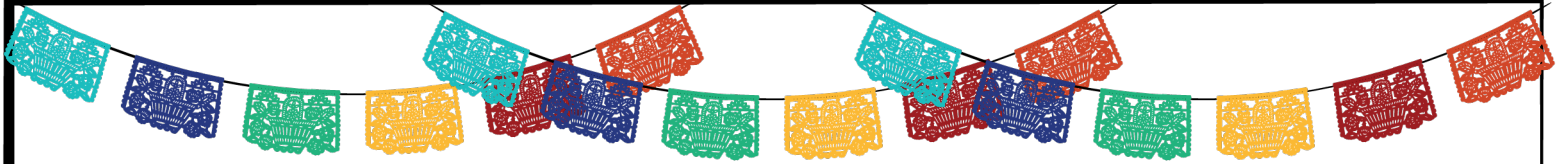
Rigo Cisneros and Martín



Proudly investing in their community...



Young and elderly alike from the Anáhuac community volunteer with labor & construction.



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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