

The GOOD NEWS

Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua

La Gran Familia

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A New Future Begins Here

Dear friends,

Today is my last day at the home—the place that changed the course of my life. As I say goodbye, I want to share something with you, because none of what happened here would have been possible without the generosity of people like you.

When I first arrived, I didn't come with much: not confidence, not direction, and certainly not hope. But because this home exists — because you choose to believe in it — I found all three.

This home is more than a safe place to sleep. It's a home where people learn to breathe again, where kindness is offered without conditions, and where broken pieces are met with patience instead of judgment. Every warm meal, every program, every quiet moment of support is a direct result of your compassion.

Thanks to this place, I was able to finish my studies — something I once thought was for “other people,” not someone like me. But the truth is, it wasn't just my studies that were restored here. I learned how to trust again. I learned how to heal. I learned that my story didn't have to repeat the patterns of my past.

What happened within these walls didn't just impact me; it changed the future of my family, too. Generations of struggle stopped with me — because here, some-

one believed I could be more.

I'm leaving today with more than a diploma. I'm leaving with dignity, stability, values, and the courage to build a life I once couldn't even imagine. And that is the power of your support. You didn't just help keep the lights on — you helped

“I arrived with almost nothing... and I'm leaving with dignity, ...”

turn a home into a place where people can rebuild their lives from the inside out.

Thank you for giving me — and so many others — a chance at a new beginning. I will carry this place in my heart forever, because it's where I started becoming the person I've always wanted to be.

Please keep supporting this work. There are others walking through these doors today who feel as lost as I once did — and they deserve the same chance at hope, healing, and a future filled with possibility.

With all my love and gratitude,
Adriana



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...because your generosity continues to change a child's life long after Christmas has passed.

Would you consider becoming a monthly donor?

Monthly gifts provide a steady and reliable source of support, allowing La Gran Familia to plan ahead with confidence, maintain a stable budget, and ensure consistent care and programming for every child. Your ongoing generosity helps create the safety, structure, and love that these children depend on every single day. ❤️



Raul & Lorena

New directors for La Gran Familia

We are delighted to introduce the new directors of La Gran Familia: **Raul Espino** and **Lorena Lopez**, who joined our ministry in April of this year. They bring with them 11 years of experience serving children and youth in a residential home, and their passion for this work was evident from the moment they arrived.

In August, our board president and another board member traveled to Mexico to meet Raul and Lorena in person, connect with the staff, and help establish a Mexican board of directors. In November, Raul and Lorena visited San Antonio, Texas, where they spent time with our American board and shared their vision for the future of La Gran Familia.

Since joining us, they have worked diligently to strengthen and standardize our processes and procedures. They have devoted significant effort to developing the annual budget, improving organizational structure, and — most importantly — offering steady emotional support to our children, youth, and staff.

We are grateful for their dedication and deeply confident in their leadership as they guide La Gran Familia into its next chapter.

A Gift of Hope This Christmas

Cuauhtémoc can be a very hard place to grow up. Many children face hunger every day, sleep on dirt floors, have limited access to education, and begin working at a young age just to help their families survive.

La Gran Familia exists to be a refuge of God's love — a safe, steady place where children can grow, learn, and simply be children again. For those living in the most difficult circumstances, this home offers hope, stability, and opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

If you have friends or family who are difficult to shop for, consider giving a gift that truly makes a difference. When you make a donation to La Gran Familia in their honor, we will send you a special card you can personalize for them.

This is no ordinary gift. It's a gift that brings hope, opens doors, and helps shape a brighter future for a child in Mexico.

Make a donation in any amount, and let us know how many cards you would like to receive.



Juana and Alvaro

We cannot show their faces until the investigation is completed.

Meet Alvaro and Juana Murillo

Alvaro and **Juana** are believed to be around 6 and 14 years old. Neither child has a birth certificate, and due to severe neglect, the younger boy appears much younger than his age. Earlier this year, the two fled their home on foot and walked for more than a day through the mountains. A miner found them, realized they were in danger, and brought them to the child protective services office in Cuauhtémoc.

From there, they were placed at La Gran Familia for emergency care while authorities investigate their home situation. It is expected that they will eventually be placed with LGF permanently.

In the few months they've been with us, Alvaro and Juana have adjusted beautifully. They are finally receiving the safety, stability, and affection they've long needed. With warm meals, consistent care, and a loving community around them, both children are beginning to thrive.

A Story of Courage and New Beginnings



In a quiet mountain village, a young girl faced unimaginable challenges far too early in life. After the loss of her mother, **Nati** was left in the care of her father. But when he made the painful decision to abandon her, Nati suddenly found herself completely alone.

While isolated and vulnerable, she became the victim of a terrible act of violence that changed the course of her life. For a time, fear and trauma took over her world.

Thanks to the swift action of local authorities and their partnership with LGF, Nati was rescued and brought to a place where healing could begin. At LGF, she found not only safety, but also care, compassion, and community. Surrounded by professionals, mentors, and other girls with whom she could relate, Nati began to rebuild her life.

With access to education, emotional support, and a loving environment, Nati slowly rediscovered her strength and her dreams. Today, she continues her studies and is supported by a dedicated team committed to her well-being and future.

Nati's journey reminds us of the resilience of the human spirit—and how the right support can change everything.

Perla and Michel's Story

Perla and her little sister **Michel** have been through more in their young lives than most of us can imagine. Yet, when you meet them, the first thing you notice is their smiles and the way they radiate joy.

Perla, the oldest, is in 6th grade. She's bright, kind, and loves to care for others. What she dreams of most is having a family one day and giving her children all the love and protection she never had. It's a dream that shows just how big her heart is.

Michel, who is in 2nd grade, is full of energy and curiosity. She loves learning, playing, and making new friends. Her laughter fills every room she walks into.

Life has not been easy for these sisters, but today they are safe, happy, and thriving at LGF. They are surrounded by people who care for them, believe in them, and encourage them to dream big. Despite everything they've lived through, Perla and Michel are growing up to be strong, loving, and hopeful girls. It is because of your generosity that Perla and Michel can smile again, feel safe, and look forward to their future with hope. Thank you for opening your heart and making it possible for them—and so many other children—to heal, grow, and dream. Your support is changing lives in ways that words can hardly express.



Angelica enjoying the swing set

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LGF Board of Directors, Raul and Lorena



Mexican Board Dines with Students



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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