

Financial Assistance for Christian Home for Children in El Salvador

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Financial assistance in the amount of \$2000 from the 2014-15 International Service Budget has been allocated to the Helen Orphanage Christian Home for Children in San Salvador, El Salvador. Providing financial support for the orphanage has been a priority for the club for a number of years. This year's funding will assist with the course costs, computer technology, photography, university expenses and other needs as they arise.

The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise and individual members from the club have been making a significant difference in the lives of children in El Salvador by supporting the work of Helen Griffin, a local humanitarian, who has been in El Salvador operating an orphanage since 1991. This past winter, President Greig McPhee and Pat visited the orphanage and were amazed with the successful work of the orphanage and Helen's guidance and leadership for the orphanage.



Front Row (L to R): Worker. Worker's Daughter, Angela, Helen, Karla and Tania
Back Row (L to R): Rudy, Samuel, Jhony, David and Nelson

In a recent e-mail message, Helen provided an update on the activities and success of the Home, in particular relating the achievements by several of those who have had the support, nurturing and care of the home. Club members who have sponsored many children over the years will be pleased to hear that Karla is being sponsored for culinary school, Rudy works as Helen's chauffer and will get a diploma in video games, Tania is still attending university, Nelson is still Valet Parking, Jhony and David are off in Venezuela for three months, and Genesis, Samuel's deaf school mate, is back in the home after not being focused on her schooling. As to those attending school, Helen shares that out of the 12 students who passed every subject this last trimester, three of them have been their deaf students. Seven students have graduated and are now looking to further their education.