

sponsorships and scholarships

A sponsorship is a way in which you, a donor, can establish a relationship with a poor Mexican child that can deepen and expand over the years as that child grows into adulthood. As a sponsor you will receive a photo of the child and annual progress reports. If you visit Colima, we will arrange for you to meet your sponsored child.



Elementary School Children

Sponsorships help pay for the Christmas fiesta and beach trip, and a new set of clothes, as well as medical, dental, and educational services provided by Project Amigo volunteers. Suggested donation \$100.

Scholarship Students

These sponsorships help provide school uniforms and shoes, gym clothes, tennis shoes, school supplies, tuition, transportation, and one hot meal a day. In addition, students who must live away from home to continue their schooling receive room and board.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS PER YEAR:

- Junior high students, \$450;
- High school students, \$600;
- College students, \$4,000.

volunteer opportunities

Winter Work Weeks

Each winter volunteers come to Colima to work, meet the children, visit with Mexican Rotarians, and learn more about the people and culture of western Mexico. Work can include electrical and plumbing repairs to group homes, helping children with their English homework, or reading to children. For the current volunteer schedule contact us or visit our website at www.projectamigo.org.



Volunteer Professional Services

People with professional skills needed in Project Amigo programs - Dentists, Computer Technicians, Plumbers, Electricians, ESL teachers - are invited to inquire about longer-term volunteer opportunities.

in-kind donations

We maintain a Wish List of specific items we need. These include Spanish-language children's books, school supplies, and good used children's clothing. Please contact us if you would like to donate. All donations are tax-deductible.



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*Enabling the poor children of Colima, Mexico
to achieve their highest potential by
providing educational opportunities,*

*material support,
enrichment
activities,
medical and
dental services.*



services to primary school children

Medical and Dental Care

Project Amigo provides dental, vision, and hearing screening and treatment -- services that are not otherwise available to poor children and their families.

Literacy Initiative

Project Amigo coordinates distribution of mini-libraries and supplemental library books to schools and children's group homes, and gives away thousands of fun, colorful books to poor children every year. In addition, volunteers read with children whose parents cannot do so.



Distribution of Donated Items

Project Amigo accepts donations of useful items, such as school supplies and good used children's clothes, and distributes them to needy children, schools, and group homes.

Enrichment Activities

Every year Project Amigo and the Colima Rotary Club host a Christmas party for hundreds of poor children at which they receive a new set of clothes and shoes, and a small toy. In February the children get to spend a day at the beach. Other outings include the State Fair and local museums.

scholarships for young students



Jr High and High School Scholarships

The costs of attending junior high and high school are beyond the means of many rural families. Without scholarships, schooling for the children served by Project Amigo would probably end at sixth grade, and they would begin working in menial jobs and look forward to lives of grinding poverty. Through sponsorships and donations to our Scholarship Fund, Project Amigo is opening up a new future for these children -- one in which they can work with their minds, not their backs.

College Scholarship Fund

Scholarship recipients who successfully complete high school are eligible for a Project Amigo College Scholarship to the University of Colima. Our scholars are outstanding students. Several Of our graduates have become doctors, lawyers, teachers and community leaders. When these students enter a profession they, and their whole family, will break the cycle of poverty that has imprisoned them for generations. Your donation to our College Scholarship Fund can make this education opportunity possible for students for years to come.

Homework Clubs

All scholarship students attend weekly Homework Clubs, staffed by volunteers in six different locations throughout the state of Colima. At the homework clubs they receive tutoring, mentoring and counseling. The Homework Clubs are paid for by your donations to our Scholarship Fund.



Casa Amiga

Casa Amiga is Project Amigo's boarding house for students in the city of Colima. The students live there during the week in order to attend the University of Colima in Colima city.

At Casa Amiga the kids receive room and board, a study hall complete with computers and internet, and access to urban academic resources and cultural events. In addition to the resident scholars, other scholarship students drop by Casa Amiga to eat, to study, use the computers and attend the Homework Club.



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