Rotary's Urban Task Force is Donating to Para Los Ninos

Para Los Niños Means "For The Children"

A Community Program to Help Reduce Child Mortality



More than 6 million children go home alone each week.
A child in California is born into poverty every 5 minutes.
A child in California is abused or neglected every 4 minutes.

Para Los Niños was founded so that no child would be forgotten . . .

Para Los Niños is a nonprofit family service organization designed to bring children from some of Los Angeles' most challenging communities out of poverty and onto brighter, more successful futures.

Since opening its first facility in 1980, Para Los Niños has grown to serve more than 5,000 families each year at 26 sites. Every week, more than 3,500 children and youth – ranging from 6 weeks to 21 years of age – enjoy award-winning, positive educational opportunities and much-needed family support.

In October 1979, the Los Angeles Times published an article that was the first of many to spotlight the plight of children and families living in the depths of despair in Los Angeles' inner cities. It spoke of children living in Skid Row, locked in hotel rooms or left alone to wander dangerous neighborhood streets, while their parents worked to survive. Few services and safe havens existed for these young boys and girls. Ninety percent did not attend school.

Within a year of the Times' article, Para Los Niños opened its doors and responded to the need. A former false eyelash factory came to life with the presence of 45 happy children – eager for a chance to learn and to succeed – greatly improving circumstances for those living in Skid Row.

Today, Para Los Niños continues to respond to the ever-growing and ever-changing needs of Southern California's most challenging communities. The organization's proven approach helps to build stronger, more stable families and brighter futures for children.

The Para Los Ninos Wish List

Because everything helps

Small donations (clothes, books, toys, etc.) may be dropped off at the program site: 838 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021, between 8:30 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Thank you for considering their needs.

- ☐ Arts and crafts supplies
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Books for children and youth
- ☐ CDs and radios
- ☐ Diapers
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ Board Games
- ☐ Handballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and hula hoops
- ☐ Infant and toddler educational toys
- ☐ Multicultural dolls
- ☐ Musical instruments
- ☐ Paper: writing, drawing, poster board, construction, butcher, and laminating
- ☐ Playing cards, puzzles, and board games
- ☐ Puppets
- ☐ Regular and colored pencils with sharpeners
- ☐ Science materials for preschool aged children
- ☐ Sharpie markers, crayons, markers, pencils, and dry erase markers
- ☐ Stamps
- ☐ Storage boxes
- ☐ Toothbrushes (child size)
- ☐ Wagons
- ☐ Workbooks: coloring, math, activity, arts and crafts, and journals