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## Meet a Few Students You Are Sending to School

### TIJUANA, MEXICO

Kindergarten and the Computer/Arts/Tutoring School (enrollment: 125+ students)

#### IGNACIO AVILA CAMACHO



Ignacio, who was born with epilepsy and seems to have emotional difficulties, is a 5-years-old kindergarten student. Learning is a challenge for Ignacio. In the classroom, he tends to be quiet and introverted but outside on the playground there is a personality change. He fights with all his classmates and every fifth word is a swear word. He is being raised by his great aunt who is also raising six grandchildren. The aunt is an elderly, illiterate, caring woman who finds it difficult to maintain her patience raising seven children and not being able to help any of them with their studies. Our teachers are helping Ignacio and his family to overcome these challenges.

#### JULIO CESAR FRAGOSO NIETO



"I am a 16-year-old student finishing my second year of high school. When I was in elementary school, I attended computer classes with Professor Jaime. Today I use Profe Jaime's computer lab to do my homework. I want to go to college and study architecture. After I graduate, I am going to help all my neighbors who all live in poorly constructed homes to rebuild their houses. My neighborhood is one of the poorest in Tijuana. There are many needs and the majority of children go to work after elementary school because their families need the income. Others get married at the young age of 14; others fall into drug addiction or alcohol. I do not want to make the same mistakes. I want to be a professional and give my parents the satisfaction of seeing their son finish a career because I know how hard they work to send me to school. "

#### JOSUE ESTEBAN GARCIA BALLEJO



Josue is a 5-year-old kindergartener. He has a younger sister and they live with their grandparents, aunts, and uncles since their mother is addicted to drugs and not able to care for them. His grandmother is very sickly and unable to help Josue with his schoolwork. Josue's uncles, who are in elementary school and just a few years older than their nephew, see that Josue bathes, has clean clothes, understands and does his homework, and gets to school every day. Lately, Josue has been finding it difficult to maintain an interest in learning. Our school is providing special assistance to see that Josue can keep up with his classmates.

#### MARIA GUADALUPE GONZALEZ HINOJOSA



"My name is Guadalupe. I am a 13-year-old junior high school student. My parents work very hard and sacrifice so that I may go to school. I do not want to disappoint them. I want to go to college to be an elementary school teacher. A primary school professor has the opportunity to motivate students to pursue their education. I want to teach children to love learning so much that they will want to continue their education through college. The result will be that they will have a career of their choice. Currently I attend the computer classes of Professor Jaime and do my homework in the computer lab where I am able to use the Internet."

#### KIMBERLY NICOLE AVALOS O.



"I am a 4-year-old preschooler and live in Colonia Fausto Gonzalez with my mom and dad. I have two sisters, Ashley and Jessica, and a brother named Luis. We live next to a huge mountain of garbage. My dad is a truck driver. Profe Felipe is my teacher. He teaches us all the letters of the alphabet, colors, numbers up to 20, and much more."

#### ALEJANDRO MONDRAGON RUIZ



Alex is 5 years old and lives with his parents and sisters. He likes to play soccer and his favorite food is a sandwich. When he grows up, he wants to be a police officer and send all the thieves that live around his neighborhood to jail.

## MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA

Kindergarten School (enrollment: 90 students)

### NAHOMYS RIVERA CENTENO



Nahomys is a 4-year-old preschool student. Her mama, Araselis, is a housewife. “My mamá is always at home washing our clothes, cleaning our house, and cooking our meals. Mi papá, Mario, is a construction worker. I am the youngest in my family. I have two older brothers. Our house is made of cement blocks with a tin roof and a dirt floor. I love going to school and my favorite thing to do in class is color. My favorite food is rice with beans.” Nahomys is very outgoing and friendly with all her classmates. She loves to give everyone hugs.

### JASSIR ESMIR HERNÁNDEZ PALACIO



“I am a 4-year-old preschooler. My mamá’s name is Candida and she stays home and does the household chores. My papá’s name is Pablo and he sells vegetables from a push cart going from house to house. In school I like to paint and color. Soccer is my favorite sport.” Jassir’s family lives in a house made of black plastic walls and a tin roof. The floor is dirt. There are three children in the family and Jassir is in the middle. While in school, he always likes to be as close to his teacher as he can be, like he is glued to her. He does very well in school and always excels in all assignments.

### ELTON JOHN HERNÁNDEZ CENTENO



“My name is Elton and I am in preschool. I have four brothers and sisters. My mamá works ironing clothes. She makes \$1 for ironing 24 pieces of clothing. My papá is not working right now. Since he didn’t go to school, it is difficult for him to find a job. When he does have work, he sells water, bananas, enchiladas and soda in the street.” Elton lives in a house made of all plastic with a dirt floor. He is a very shy quiet boy. This is his first year in school and says he likes going to class and playing with his classmates.

**Elementary School for Working Children (enrollment: 76+)**

### CARLOS CONCEPCIÓN VANEGAS



“Hello, my name is Carlos Concepción Vanegas. I am 8 years old and the fourth of five siblings. We live with my mamá in a house made of black plastic with a tin roof and a dirt floor. My papá abandoned us. I want to tell you that I have not been able to study because I work in the dump with my mamá so that my family can eat. We collect cans and sell them. Thanks to the new school which opened for us, I can now help my mom in the morning and study in the afternoon. I’m in first grade. I am a little nervous about going to school, but I do have dreams. Someday, I want to become a great doctor to cure many people. I hope not to miss school anymore.”

### JEXER CENTENO GONZÁLEZ



“Hi, I am Jexer Centeno Gonzalez. I was born on May 10, 2000. I live in a neighborhood called Sor María Romero, Matagalpa. My house is made of wood pieces with a tin roof and a dirt floor. I live with my mamá. Mamá tries to find work washing and ironing peoples’ clothes. When she can’t find this type of work, we work together in the garbage dump. We look for food to eat, and bottles and cans to sell. That is our livelihood.

Well, I’m quite active. In the mornings, I work in the dump; and in the afternoons, I go to the new school that Director Leonardo opened for us. I like to participate in school activities.

According to the director, this new school is a special program for us workers of the garbage dump. Thank you to the people who are supporting our education. I am now in the second grade level.”

### **Mark your Calendar: October 22, 2011**

This year’s annual dinner fundraiser will be on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at The Faculty Club at UCSD, La Jolla, California.

*As always, thank you for your support*

*David Lynch, The Responsibility Board of Directors, Teachers, and Students*

