



Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

2023 February Newsletter

Hello to all our Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Donors!

It has been a harsh winter in all parts of the states and our neighbor Canada. Here in Washington state I am beginning to see some signs of spring to come with some daffodils pushing up their tips. We are finally having enough sun to make it possible to enjoy a walk outside.

In spite of the weather and other problems experienced during the winter months, we can have our spirits lifted by some of the positive things that are going on in the children's homes that we are supporting in Mazatlán. Besides our continuing support in feeding the children, we have been able to provide tutoring for those behind in their skills, dental work, a refrigerator, special parties and as always Christmas gifts and dinners. I will elaborate further in the remainder of this newsletter.

Our ability to provide necessities as well as "extras" is due to your faithful giving. With Valentine's Day, we think of love and you all show it year-round in your giving. Our Board is dedicated to using your donations in a responsible manner.

Phyllis Allen
Newsletter Editor



Our New Treasurer Kerstin Hadzik



I grew up in a small town in Utah, the oldest daughter with 3 younger brothers. I realized early on that my nerdy brain was well suited for accounting. I've worked as an accountant for almost 25 years. I've spent years working with non profits including teacher's organizations, a local community theater and autistic awareness. I also started a non profit with my daughter to help women of domestic violence. I'm very passionate about helping others. We've been blessed so much in our lives and it's our duty as humans to help those less fortunate. I'm so honored to join TIOF and look forward to helping however I can.

I'm a single mom of 5 kids, 3 girls in college and 2 boys still at home. I love to craft in my free time and Christmas is my favorite holiday.



Happiness is living in a safe caring home!



We can make this happen!

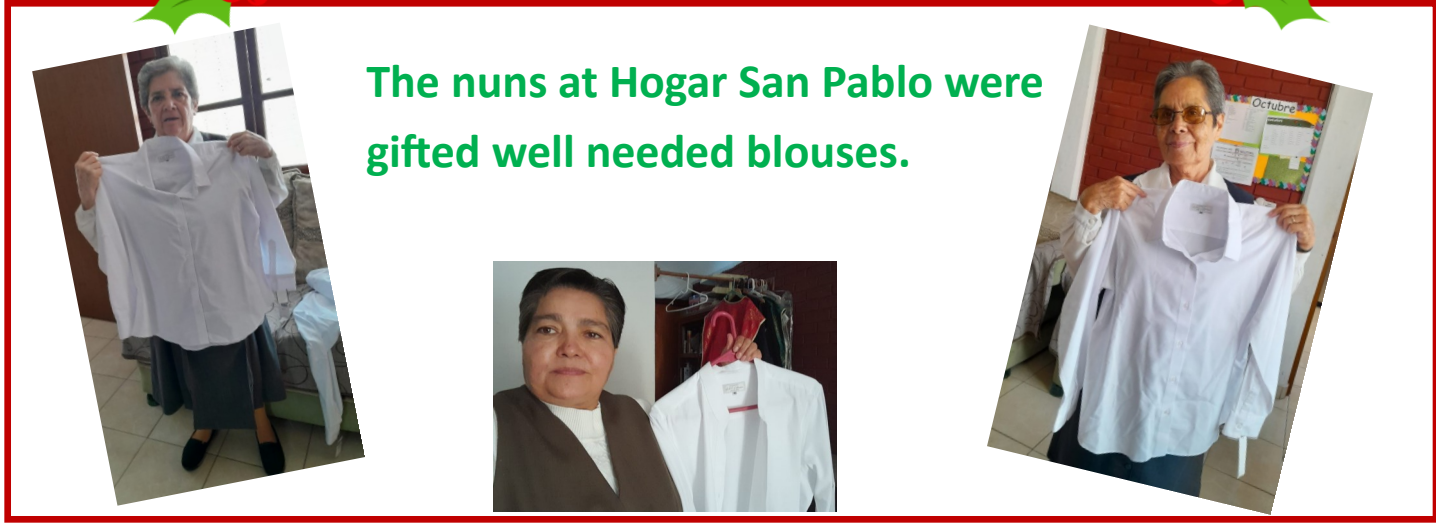




Thanks to your generosity, each child in our 6 homes received a Christmas gift!



Christmas 2022



The nuns at Hogar San Pablo were gifted well needed blouses.

Important Notes!!

The 2022 financial report is on our website. tresislas.org

Amazon Smile will no longer exist after February 20. Thank you to those who donated through Smile.

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We have a new address!



PO Box 708522
Sandy, Utah 84070

Please note this change for all donations.

News from our Homes

Refugio Mazatlán

Guy and I, as well as the staff and the boys of Refugio Mazatlan, are very grateful to the board and donors of Tres Islas. We sincerely appreciate the weekly contributions towards our grocery bills, as well as the donation we receive to assist with our education expenses. As you know, we focus greatly on making sure our kids have the opportunity to attend school and achieve success. The boys were also thrilled with their Christmas gifts - many, many thanks for your support.

Our current needs: funds to buy school supplies, funds to help cover tuition costs, or funds to pay an extra staff member (homework help)



Casa del Mar (Orfanatorio Mazatlán)

Rafaela Cornejo, the director at Casa del Mar sent a report of the year which was in Spanish so here is a brief summary:

- During 2022, 13 girls were placed at Casa del Mar by DIF (a national system for Integral Family Development), 10 girls were voluntarily placed, and 3 girls have house shelter just for the day.

- Three girls are in the university, 6 are at the secondary level and 1 girl receives special education.

- They have received workshops or instruction in many life skills such as violence, sexuality, addiction prevention, nutrition and food preparation, Pilates, Taekwondo and English.

- Tres Islas has provided a social worker for 6 weeks to communicate between the home and the girls' parents. The 6 weeks may be extended.

- Rafaela expressed that the staff wants to extend their thanks to Tres Islas for all the support they have received in 2022. Without this support, much of her reported successes would not have been possible.

FloreSer



FlorSer thanks you for your help in paying for dental care, food, and teachers of math and English for their teenagers.

Salvation Army Children's Home has had a recent change in directors. We will have some news from them in our next newsletter. We continue our usual support with food and educational needs both

there and at **Ciudad de**

los Niños.



Hogar San Pablo

We recently were able to provide a replacement commercial type refrigerator at Hogar as their current one was beyond repair. We have increased their food allowance due to more boys living there.

