MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by! I am beyond grateful for your continued love and support. 2016 has been a year filled with great challenges and great accomplishments.

Throughout the year, we continued to provide consistent monthly life-sustaining funding to 10 orphanages that provide orphaned and abandoned children a loving environment in which to learn and grow. Hundreds of volunteers joined us on our monthly trips to visit the children and many used the power of peer-to-peer fundraising to fund special projects at the orphanages - new flooring, toilets, sinks, new shoes for the kids, facility repairs, washers, and many others special needs.

But perhaps one of the greatest achievements for us this year was the graduation of 4 of our university students! Back in 2011/2012 school year, when we started with 3 students, we had no idea that the Continuing Education Program would grow to serve now over 50 young adults who have aged out of the orphanage system. We believe that education and preparation are keys to a successful life and we continue to see evidence of that with every passing year.

We are on a mission to end the cycle of poverty. Together we are giving orphaned and abandoned children an opportunity for a life of purpose and possibility by providing life-sustaining support, improving quality of life and focusing on education!

May you continue to be richly blessed! Thank you again for all your life-saving support!

Hilda Pacheco-Taylor, Founder
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OUR MISSION
We are on a mission to break the vicious cycle of poverty from perpetuating child abandonment.

OUR BELIEF
We believe that every child’s life is valued and holds the same potential, excitement and opportunity as any other life. It is up to us to work together to make sure our care transforms into each child’s hope for the future.
WHO WE ARE

Corazon de Vida (CDV) is a US for purpose organization founded in 1994, providing life-changing support for orphaned and abandoned children in Baja, Mexico by funding local orphanages, providing quality of life improvement services and investing in the children’s future by funding higher education.

150 MILLION

children are abandoned and living on the streets worldwide

6,000+ CHILDREN

live on the streets or under dangerous or abusive situations, and thousands more live in extreme poverty in Baja California, Mexico

NO FOSTER CARE OR WELFARE SYSTEM

Mexico currently does not have the social programs that we have in the U.S. The only way to care and support children in need is through a network of private orphanages, funded entirely through individual and corporate donations.
OUR PROGRAMS

How do we break the vicious cycle of poverty from perpetuating child abandonment?

By funding orphanages that provide life-saving services and a nurturing environment for abandoned children. Funding projects that increase the quality of life for the children. Funding education and providing opportunities for a life of purpose and possibility!

SUSTAIN

This program’s focus is on sustaining life. We provide regular monthly funding to each orphanage to cover food, shelter, water and utilities. Funds are transferred monthly through a debit-card system connected to our bank account in the U.S. This system ensures accountability and helps us in responding quickly to specific needs.

IMPROVE

We partner with individuals, groups, clubs, churches and organizations to provide project based funding to improve the children’s quality of life. Projects include construction, facilities improvements and repairs, as well as support to improve the overall wellbeing of the children such as medical, dental and psychological needs.

EDUCATE

Support for primary and secondary education includes funding for uniforms, backpacks, transportation costs and graduation costs. Our continuing education program provides scholarship based funding for teens aging out of the orphanage system and it includes funding for inscriptions, tuitions, housing, living expenses and transportation, all depending on each student’s situation.

“This is an organization that really makes a difference. Very low overhead so you know almost every dollar you donate goes to the cause. The orphanages in Mexico are all private homes that get no government support, yet the government sets the standards for care and has the right to shut them down. Without Corazon de Vida, these kids would have no where to go.”

-D Rod
"It is easier to build stronger children, than to repair broken men."

-Frederick Douglas
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A NEW DORM FOR THE GIRLS:
Rancho de Los Niños takes in 22 displaced girls

We had an emergency situation: A Valle de Guadalupe orphanage that we had been supporting, shut its doors, leaving 22 teenage girls without a home. Very few orphanages accept children older than 12, so finding a place that could take all 22 girls was a big challenge. The alternative was not good - the girls, who had lived together as sisters for most of their lives, would have been separated and sent to rehab centers in various cities around Baja.

We asked Rancho de los Niños (formerly Casa de Paz) an orphanage located about 90 minutes from the San Diego border, to take in the 22 displaced girls. Rancho de los Niños is run by Jorge and Ely Fonseca, who were both raised in the orphanage. When Jorge and Ely took over this failing orphanage two years ago, there were 45 abandoned and abused children living there. Since then, Jorge and Ely have been able to grow their “family,” and they have been providing a safe, loving environment for 65 children, and they agreed to receive the girls into their home.

An old, dilapidated building was remodeled to provide a loving home for 22 teen girls. New mattresses, bedding sets, furniture and colorful walls were the perfect setting to welcome the girls to their new space.

We had many individuals and groups working together to make this project possible. Another beautiful example of what we can accomplish when we work together to provide the children the possibility of a better future!
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHANGING THE ODDS FOR OUR KIDS:
Continuing education for kids aging out of the CDV supported orphanages

Supporting continuing education for teens aging out of the orphanage system is an important program, as it provides them with the opportunity to create a better future for themselves, their families and their community.

There are currently over 50 students enrolled in either trade school or college who are in the Corazon de Vida Continuing Education program. These students are receiving assistance for tuition, housing, transportation, and living expenses. CDV provides further assistance to students through English courses to supplement their education, and to increase their chances of success in the professional world.

Of the six students that have graduated from our program, four graduated in 2016! Each student has had their own unique struggles, conquering various obstacles through their own willpower and determination. These are just a few stories from the first wave of graduates supported by CDV’s Continuing Education program.

Isaac Martinez
Accounting

Isaac came to a Corazon de Vida supported orphanage with his 3 siblings when he was 9 years old. Isaac has graduated from the accounting and finance program at the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC). He pursued accounting/finance because of the job opportunities that would be available to him. He says that his degree will allow him to help his family and others so that he might make a difference in his community.

Karla Campuzano
Marketing

Karla and her younger sister were taken from their home and placed at a CDV supported orphanage where they lived for 8 years. Karla, understanding the value of education in her own life, has just completed the Marketing program at UABC Tijuana. Her dream is to become a business owner, having the means to support her family while also being able to give back to her community.

Jacqueline Rodriguez
Nursing

Jaqueline grew up in an orphanage in Maneadero. She entered our program after she had already completed her first two years of UABC nursing school with the support of a local family that was not able to continue their support. With CDV’s financial and moral support, she has been able to graduate with a degree in nursing and will soon start her one-year of service.

Cecilia Carmona
Psychology

Cecilia was abandoned by her parents in her early teens, after years of abuse and neglect. With nowhere to go, she admitted herself into an orphanage for her own safety. After high school, Ceci entered the UABC Ensenada campus, working hard to obtain her degree while working just as hard to support herself. Ceci obtained her degree in psychology, and hopes to assist others in the same way that she was supported.
Our monthly trips are a great opportunity to learn more about our mission and to spend quality time with the children.

950+ volunteers visited the children in 2016

$65K raised by trip volunteers in peer-to-peer campaigns
FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**2016 TOTAL REVENUE BY SOURCE**

- **Contributions - 69%** $1,084,348
- **Inkind - 16%** $255,315
- **Events - 15%** $238,075

**TOTAL REVENUE** $1,577,738

**2016 TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES**

- **Program Services - 79%** $1,092,680
- **Administration - 17%** $237,817
- **Fundraising - 4%** $55,046

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $1,385,543

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS** $192,195

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**ASSETS**

- **Cash** $637,113
- **Restricted Cash** $157,962
- **Inventory** $2,524

**FIXED ASSETS**

- **Building** $311,254
- **Land** $207,502
- **Less: Acc. Dep.** ($33,840)
- **Other Assets - Net** $4,000

**TOTAL ASSETS** $1,286,515

**LIABILITIES**

- **Accounts Payable** $178

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** $178

**NET ASSETS**

- **Unrestricted** $1,029,383
- **Temporarily Restricted** $256,954

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** $1,286,337

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $1,286,515
MISSION PARTNERS

We love our Mission Partners. With their continuous support, we are able to continue with our mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and transforming lives in Baja.
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“We almost never talk about the good things in life but there are plenty of good people that are willing to help. It’ll be so wonderful to see more and more people involved.”

-Alex Dastmalchi, Board Director
WAYS TO GIVE

Join the Corazon de Vida family and give love to a child in need!

BECOME A HEART ANGEL
Our monthly sponsors, “Heart Angels” offer the stability of monthly support for the orphanages. These orphanages give abandoned children security, nutrition and shelter, and allow them to grow in a positive and loving environment.
For more information visit: www.corazondevida.org/donate

JOIN US ON A TRIP
Orphanage day-trips to Tijuana, Mexico are on Saturdays, once per month, typically on the third Saturday of each month. The focus of our trips is on providing love and attention to the kids: prepare lunch, organize arts & crafts and sports activities.

PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISING
Start fundraising for an existing project or create a new fundraising campaign for your birthday, wedding or in honor of someone, and ignite a movement for the orphaned and abandoned children of Baja.

PLANNED GIVING
Individuals may include Corazon de Vida in their estate plans and wills, as well as through retirement plans and IRAs, which may provide a number of tax advantages.
Contact: Hilda Pacheco-Taylor (949) 476-1144 x 3 - hilda@corazondevida.org

BECOME A MISSION PARTNER
Partners are our “Corporate Angels”. Funding can come from your giving fund, cause related marketing programs and/or employee donation matching programs. The program can provide employers and employees with a sense of shared purpose, which results in higher employee satisfaction and retention.
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ORGANIZE A THIRD PARTY EVENT
Through our Third-Party Fundraising Agreement process you can make CDV the beneficiary of your existing or new event. We will help provide materials and promotion as needed to make your support of CDV a success.

VOLUNTEER WITH US
Volunteers are the backbone of Corazon de Vida’s success; we would not be able to function and manage our events without volunteer support.

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