



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

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***A note from CFCA:** We are always trying to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. To help with this, some projects are now sending annual photos in a digital format to CFCA headquarters in Kansas City, Kan., for printing and mailing to sponsors. You are receiving this photo with a letter about your friend's project, written by the project coordinator. You will still receive a spring letter from your friend. If you have not received it already, it will come in the mail separately.*

Dear Sponsors,

Cordial greetings from the city of La Paz in the Republic of Bolivia.

My name is Ruth Esther Balderrama, coordinator of CFCA Project La Paz. I am grateful for the opportunity to tell you about some of the programs and activities we offer for the sponsored children, youth and elderly.

CFCA-La Paz currently serves 1,148 children ages 12 and under, 946 teenagers and 133 elderly—some 2,227 sponsored members in total. Your friend is a member of one of our 14 subprojects. In each, we have staff members responsible for following up with the sponsored members and their families. We would like to share with you the services and programs we provide.

- We offer benefits for children and aging with some physical or mental limitations. The main objective is to help the children, youth and elderly integrate themselves into society through programs offered by professionals to cover their special education. They also receive daily meals, individual medical attention, shoes, clothing, personal-care items, school supplies, blankets and recreation. In addition, we offer orientation workshops for parents to be more effective in supporting their challenged children.
- We have several integral support programs in place to assist the sponsored members. We have support centers for children and youth who are facing problems in their families and society. These centers help prevent the children from being exposed to the dangers of the streets, at the same time working with potential school dropout children, encouraging their educational process in coordination with their parents and teachers. Strategies and methodologies are created to cover the lack of adequate nutrition.

Educational support is provided Monday through Friday for those attending school in the morning, eating lunch and staying at the center until 5 p.m. The sponsored members benefit from the support of a group of professionals, educators, psychologists and social workers. Programs are offered in dance, theater and sports, in addition to medical attention, clothing and shoes, parental education, recreational activities such as outings, camps, spring and Christmas celebrations, and support for housing, home furnishings, blankets, etc.



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- In some communities, we have migrants from other cities, mostly working as street vendors, bricklayers, laundry and kitchen helpers, and more. We have developed programs to respond to the sponsored members and their family needs: school support workshops for children and youth to improve academic results; food baskets including staples such as milk, flour, sugar, rice, cereals, etc.; health; clothing; birthday and Christmas celebrations; parent and family orientation and training. We have been able to cover the costs of some health needs such as vision, dental and small surgeries, and also some house repairs, running-water connections and sewer systems. These projects have been possible with the Project Need Fund.



- There is a small loans program for CFCA families who generally work in agriculture, raising cattle and some who operate fish farms. These families cannot generate enough income to cover their needs. They also lack land and technological development of their work activities, which means the presence of CFCA is very important and necessary in these communities.
- The programs offered to the elderly are organized according to their needs, mainly providing nutrition, health and clothing.
- The scholarship program currently serves 135 boys and girls, 63 of them with full scholarships and 72 with half scholarships. Thanks to this program, students receive monthly funding that helps them continue their education. Additionally, these students help us offer more personalized attention to the sponsored members. We have former scholarship holders who are currently working with us in their field of education.

I've tried to share with you information about all the programs we have in our project. The most important thing is for you to know that your support is fundamental because everything we do is thanks to your generosity. We, as part of CFCA Project La Paz, feel honored to be facilitators in the relationship of love and respect between you and your friend. We are privileged to be part of the CFCA family; we truly believe that our job is a blessing and a mission given to us by our Lord.

On behalf of your friend, CFCA Project La Paz, we want to say thank you. May God and our Mother Virgin shower you with blessings in all your activities.

Truly yours,

Ruth Esther Balderrama
La Paz Coordinator