



## 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,

My name is Carmen Morillo, and I am the coordinator for CFCA's Project Quito. I started as a social worker in one of our subprojects. I decided to work for CFCA because I liked the policies, the transparency, ethics and values that CFCA puts into its worldwide mission, serving the neediest children and aging such as the ones in my country.

At this moment, Project Quito serves 741 children, 146 elderly and offers 35 scholarships to young students. Because of the conditions our families live in, they face lack of employment, low incomes, low levels of education and migration of parents from rural areas to large cities or to other countries, a situation that forces them to leave the care of their children to third parties.

Creating communities of solidarity and compassion through personal outreach, with no prejudice of religion, race or culture, is our objective. The best way to reach this objective is through education. Our children and teens receive support to prepare themselves for a profession, to develop their talents and abilities and to be useful in society, resulting in a dignified life for them and their families.

The children and teens receive school supplies, shoes, uniforms, enrollment fees and tuition for those studying in boarding schools. Those at technical or university levels receive personalized benefits, according to their main needs, such as medicine, clothing, food, school supplies, etc.

Good education must be supported with good nutrition. Part of the monthly sponsorship benefit pays for the child's school meal, in an effort to provide a daily balanced diet through varied and nutritional food such as rice, chicken and drinks. We also offer other food provisions for the family, four times a year.

We have a very special group among our sponsored members—the elderly. Our focus is to help them reintegrate into society and to prevent them from being marginalized by their families or communities. We strive for them to receive care from their family and community, and have a dignified life.

Our project offers different benefits and services for the elderly, nutrition being one of the most important. The elderly receive food



provisions every two months. Also, we prepare nutritious meals that they enjoy during our monthly meetings and a special dinner at our Christmas celebration.

Health care is a priority for our children, teens and elderly. It is provided through general health clinics, lab tests, vision and dental checkups, medicine and, when special cases are diagnosed, medication to help treat chronic illnesses.

In a special case, the mother of one of our sponsored children was diagnosed with cancer. She had surgery but the post-operation treatment recommended was chemotherapy and radiotherapy. She could not pay for those treatments. CFCA helped, with the Project Needs Fund, by covering some of the expenses. The CFCA families got together and carried out a solidarity raffle to collect funds to help this mother. We are happy to report that she is well now. The CFCA families are ready to support each other when needed.

Our sponsored members don't only receive benefits and services. We also include recreation. They enjoy field trips, outings, summer trips and camps. In our monthly meetings we have weaving and gymnastic activities. We also celebrate birthdays every three months, and we have a Family Day. We celebrate Christmas with a party, gifts, candies, etc.

Our elderly enjoy their birthday parties, including dinner and a gift. We also celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, and the elderly enjoy a nice Christmas dinner and receive a gift. In addition to this, we take them all on a trip once a year.



It is our hope that parents will multiply the knowledge they receive from us, putting it into practice in their life to become a real support for their families and their communities. The participation of the parents is a key part of our CFCA community. They participate in the different activities organized by our subprojects, such as quarterly parent meetings, small entrepreneurship initiatives like chocolate making, raising chickens, making dresses and others. They also help distribute school breakfasts offered at the schools attended by CFCA students.

Sponsors, I want to offer you my most sincere gratitude because of your wonderful support and your unconditional love for the neediest of this world. You are helping us to see much happier homes and much happier sponsored children and aging. May God fill you with blessings because you are helping many others live with dignity.

Sincerely,

**Carmen Morillo**  
*Quito Project Coordinator*