

Ciudad de Ángeles . . .

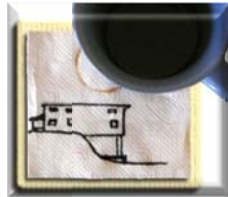
is providing a safe and healthy environment based on Christian principles for orphaned, abandoned, abused, and needy children living in Mexico. The home is raising children to become Christian adults who are responsible citizens in their local communities.



Command those who are rich in this present world to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. | Tim. 6:17-19

A Children's Home for the Yucatan

Ciudad de Ángeles is a Christian children's home on the island of Cozumel, just off the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. The home provides permanent and total care for the children who live here – physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. The goal is to raise the children to become Christian adults who are responsible citizens in their local communities.



Why An Orphanage in Mexico

Children in Mexico do not have the social safety net that exists in some developed countries. There is the need, through private funds, for alternative childcare. This affords Christians an opportunity to teach children, who will grow to adults and lead sustainable Christian value changes in the community.

Building a Neighborhood

Ciudad de Ángeles owns five acres of property on the island. The location is convenient and integrated into the town, near to schools and the church. The property lies next to a large, public sports park, which provides adequate opportunities for outside activities. About half of the property is slated for residences for the children. Eventually, the neighborhood will have ten houses. A security wall has been built around this half of the property.



The orphanage is the children's permanent home and provides a family-type setting for the angels. Houses will be added as funding becomes available.

The property currently

has four houses. A lower level of the first multipurpose building (Resource Building #1) has been completed. This building serves as a library, study hall, computer laboratory, and classroom for developing technical skills. A second floor is planned for this building to provide the central storage for the campus.



In our neighborhood, the children receive a good education and learn skills that will enable them to succeed. Cozumel offers excellent careers for the children in areas such as tourism. A strong local church aids in the spiritual development of the children.

Miracle Work?

The play, *The Miracle Worker*, describes Helen Keller's life as a child when she faces life with challenges such as blindness.



The story has emotional scenes of this child kicking, screaming, biting – essentially with no interpersonal skills. This description is not too different from our angel Florecita when she arrived at Ciudad de Ángeles at age three.

Florecita's mother abandoned her in the hospital after seeing an unsightly blemish on her face and a birth defect that caused her to have sensitivity to bright sunlight.

The churches of Christ serving
the children of Mexico!

Florecita has flourished in the environment of love at Ciudad de Ángeles. She has become one of our brightest and most promising children. Her story is not unique as we serve 35 children to help them grow into Christian adults who are solid contributors to their local communities.

Measurable Success

Since its founding in 2002, the orphanage has made significant progress to meet its mission. A few of the most important and measurable outcomes are shown below.

A few of our outcomes:

- 35 Angels served
- 6 Angels Baptized
- 4 Angel Residences Constructed
- 350+ Active Volunteers
- 90 Angel Sponsors
- 5 Anchor Congregations
- 13 Annual Mission Teams
- 4 Adult Angels Launched
- >\$1 million invested to care for children

These are indicators of the impact that this mission has had on the children who are being raised. In addition, Ciudad de Ángeles is clearly a light for Christ in this community.

Sustainable Investments

Lifting Angels Higher is the theme of our capital campaign. The fundraiser will begin in February 2012, and run through April. Pledges are requested over a three year period. If your own tax situation would benefit from making the initial donation in 2011, those funds will be placed in a restricted account and counted when the campaign begins.



Campaign Construction Projects:	
Complete 5 th Residence	\$125,000
Complete Transition Residence	\$125,000
Security Wall	\$ 50,000
Second Floor on Resource Bldg #1	\$ 70,000
Lower Floor of Resource Bldg #2	\$100,000
Central Electrical Distribution	\$ 30,000

TOTAL PROJECTS	\$500,000

The structures proposed in this campaign will have a total cost of \$500,000.

Ciudad de Ángeles has over 300 donating sponsors each year. The orphanage receives donations from about a dozen congregations of the churches of Christ. There are about 90 child sponsor families involved. Together, these donors provide the major portion of the operating budget of the home.

Ciudad de Ángeles is transparent about our finances. You may review financial details on our website, including the annual tax filings for the past three years. For 2010, about 92 cents of each dollar that we received went directly to the care of the children we serve. About 6 cents is used for administrative purposes, and less than two cents is toward fundraising.

However, beyond routine care for the children, there is a desire to further develop the property. This is done through a variety of fundraising events, and now through this capital campaign. Our last capital campaign was in 2007, and the current campaign should provide funds sufficient for the next three years of development for the home.

As a 501.c.3 nonprofit, donations made to Ciudad de Ángeles, Inc. are tax deductible. You will receive documentation to include in your federal taxes. Also, many companies will match the funds that you donate with a corporate matching donation, so please check with your benefits department. In many regions, the United Way will direct your donation to a preferred nonprofit, and Ciudad de Ángeles often qualifies.

Donor Pledge:

I will assist in Lifting Angels Higher, by providing the following levels of funding:

In 2011, an amount of \$ _____

In 2012, an amount of \$ _____

In 2013, an amount of \$ _____

In 2014, an amount of \$ _____

Total Pledge \$ _____

Pledged by: _____

Date: _____

Projects from the current funding will construct a fifth residence at the far north end of the property. That will allow us to serve more children. A second residence for older teens who are transitioning to college or jobs will be placed slightly beyond the current children's section. Funding will also allow work on the second Resource Building. This structure will contain offices, clinics and other administrative functions, to better serve the children. Donations will allow the orphanage to complete the second floor of the first Resource Building. This room will become the central storage area. In anticipation of permanent electricity, the home will invest in improving our electrical distribution system, including placing the current diesel generator on standby. Finally, the fence will be completed to enclose and secure the entire property.

We appreciate your one-time or multiple year commitment to donate for this campaign. Please complete the pledge card above or simply contact us as shown to the right. You will be **Lifting Angels Higher!**

Become a collaborator with us in **Lifting Angels Higher** by giving generously to this campaign!

The sketch below helps you visualize our planned investments for the next three years. The dark brown images are existing buildings – that is, four houses and a general purpose Resource Building. This drawing shows the northeast section of the property, but a similarly sized portion to the south will begin development in the future, after this project.

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