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Each day, the girls start with breakfast before heading to class. Afterward, they enjoy physical activities or explore extracurricular interests like basketball, soccer, or music.

3,000 girls attend the school.

Angels Of Hope has enrolled **2,100 girls** in the program.

More than **800 girls** are waiting to join the Angels Of Hope program.

INSPIRING MINDS, IGNITING DREAMS: EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH EDUCATION

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, our Angels Of Hope program provides children's homes with essentials like food, clothing, and health care. This support also opens doors for greater opportunities such as education, room and board, and vocational training.

In 2024, with your help, Food For The Poor extended the Angels Of Hope program to support over 2,000 girls who live and go to school on the same property in Mexico.

Through the program, the girls receive scholarships to attend the school for five years (middle and high school education).

In addition to receiving a quality education, they gain valuable career training in gastronomy, baking, sewing, robotics, and accounting.

Future plans may expand these opportunities to include electronics, computer coding, a nursing school on campus, and an English immersion program.

For the past four years, Sister Pamela has dedicated her life to helping people in need by serving the girls in her care.

"The mission of guiding these young women goes beyond providing their basic needs," she explained. "It's also about helping them grow

spiritually and emotionally. It is about teaching them values such as humility, gratitude, service, and solidarity."

Sister Pamela explained that many of the girls in the facility "go from a situation of vulnerability or uncertainty to finding stability, hope, and meaning in life. They learn to recognize their value, not only through their achievements but simply by being children of God, which gives them a solid identity."

The support and mentorship these girls receive help them develop the tools to make positive life choices - ones that can create lasting change for themselves and their communities.





The girls learn to sew and even make their uniforms. This teaches them practical skills and provides a sense of responsibility and gratefulness for what they have. Seeing a product of their own efforts reinforces self-confidence and teaches the girls the importance of work and cooperation.



The girls spend time helping in the gardens and tending crops - planting, watering, and eventually harvesting.

CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING DREAMS

Eréndira, 16: *“God is my guide in everything I do.”*

Eréndira has always loved music, and this Program is giving her the opportunity to explore her passion. “There were many times when I thought my dreams wouldn’t be possible due to financial hardship or a lack of resources. But now, with the support of this program, I feel I have a much better chance of moving forward and achieving what I want.”

Joseline, 16: *“This program has changed my life by providing me with access to many things I couldn’t have before, such as study materials, proper clothing, and food. Now, I can focus on my studies.”*

Since she was a little girl, Joseline has been fascinated by the technical workings of machines. “I’ve always wanted to be part of this rapidly changing world. I would like to pursue a career in technology or engineering. I believe that with the opportunities this program offers, I can prepare myself for that future.”

Dulce, 16: *“God is fundamental to me. I believe He is always there, giving me strength when things get difficult.”*

Dulce has always wanted to help people and is focusing on a career in health care, perhaps as a doctor or a nurse. “I didn’t know if it would be possible for me; but now that I have access to this program and the support I receive, I feel like I can achieve that dream.”

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

From February to April, a group of six nuns go out in pairs to all of the states in Mexico.

The local parish priest recommends children who come from extreme poverty and other at-risk situations.

Only one child is selected from a family. However, if the family is large (10-12 kids), they might select two children from the same family.

Approximately 20 percent of the girls (about 600) who live at the home have been affected by human trafficking.

WITH FAITH AND OPPORTUNITY, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Even as a boy, Gerson, 25, knew education was his ticket out of poverty. "Education creates awareness, and awareness can change culture," he proclaimed.

But that dream felt impossible. With his mother away working for days at a time, Gerson was often left to fend for himself – alone and struggling.

One truth gave him hope.

"God had always been my Father, and I survived thanks to His will," he said. "Therefore, I had to ask Him to show me the best path to take in life."

That path led Gerson to an Angels Of Hope-sponsored home, where he found the support and education he needed to thrive.

Today, Gerson is an Agricultural Engineer, helping to transform his country's agricultural sector into a sustainable force for good.

"Donors like you make this possible," he said. "God is acting through you to transform lives."



“When you are born poor, studying is the greatest act of rebellion against the system.”

– Gerson

Patricia, 29, was only 4 years old when her mother passed away, a heartbreaking loss that shaped her life and left her battling with self-doubt.

"It was my biggest challenge growing up," she recalled.

But her life changed when she arrived at an Angels Of Hope-sponsored home. There, Patricia found not only care and support but also the encouragement she needed to believe in herself.

"The home I lived in forged and formed the successful woman I am today," Patricia said. "If I choose to, anything is possible."

Looking back, she sees God's grace woven throughout her journey. "They rescued me from a life that, without them, would have been totally different."

As a Social Worker, Patricia is now lifting others up just as she was lifted.

"Never forget where we come from," she counsels, "because we never know who we are inspiring."



“Gratitude is the memory of the heart.”

– Patricia

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

The Angels Of Hope program supports children from infants to 21 years of age. While the adorable photos of young children always bring a smile to our face, we are proud to feature in this newsletter teenagers and young adults who have overcome adversity and are now on the path to achieve their dreams.

It is very gratifying to see this younger generation making good life decisions. How different their lives could have been, but for this seed of opportunity. God has used many people and situations to open doors for these young people. You are one of them. Because of your ongoing sponsorship commitment, lives are being changed.

Thank you for being part of God's plan to forever transform the lives of children, teens, and young adults in the Angels Of Hope program. May the Lord bless you and your family.


To God be the glory!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leann".

Leann Chong
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