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Among the many things we have accomplished in the last year:

- The **Centro de Nutricion (Nutrition Center)**. The Nutrition Center has been open for almost one year! The Center is housed in space donated by Stella (of the Rock Store near the bridge crossing the San Miguel River), and we need at least \$1000/month to provide basic sustenance (rice, flour and beans only) for the neediest families. **We are currently serving 300 families (over 900 children) each month.**
- **Casa de Paz Orphanage**. This orphanage, which houses 61 children, including 12 special needs children, faces shortages of essential services, supplies and food. It is struggling to become self sufficient and is growing some of its food. Our goal is to help them become independent of crippling bills for electricity by increasing energy efficiency. The long-term goal, however, is to become self sustaining – one of the cornerstones of the LMC Fund mission. **We have kept the doors of this orphanage open by raising money to cover the costs of the electricity bill.**
- Raising money for **scholarships** to cover school fees and basic supplies for children in primary school through university. Without this assistance, these children and young adults are unable to attend school. The scholarships are based on need and children must maintain a satisfactory grade point average. Currently over 100 children receive assistance, and, as a result of the economic downturn, 70 additional children have requested assistance. The future of humanity depends on education, and we have a strong commitment to helping The La Mision BECA committee with this effort.

This summer we hosted a Rice and Beans evening: a very successful event that included many new people and raised over \$1200 and commitments for regular pledging to support the Nutrition Center. Upcoming events to raise awareness of the Foundation and its mission include: an Art Show to be held at the event room in La Fonda on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and a Dance to be held February 11, 2012.

This is joy-filled work! Each of us, no matter how constrained our budget is presently, has something to share with others. If you have \$10 to spare for rice and beans or extra canned goods, please consider sharing it with these children and families. Healthy children can learn more easily and stave off illness. If you are dedicated to supporting education, please attend the

events hosted by the BECA committee during the year. If you are drawn to further our efforts at the Casa de Paz orphanage, consider volunteering time and ideas.

Please consider committing to regular support of your favorite project.

## **OUR MISSION**

### **WHO WE ARE.**

La Mision Children's Fund (LMCFund) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization, offering resources to address extreme poverty and limited access to basic human necessities experienced by children and youth of Baja California, Mexico.

### **WHAT WE DO.**

We strive principally to provide fundamental necessities for at-risk children and youth, including food, shelter, clothing, education and medical care.

### **HOW WE DO IT.**

LMCFund solicits donations in the form of money, resources and supplies. Additionally, we partner with volunteer organizations to develop programs that either sustain ongoing projects or address critical needs. All programs are partnerships with the local communities, and the long-term goals are development of self-sustaining institutions.

Our goal to support fundamental needs for at-risk children and youth in Baja California comes out of a compassionate view of our surrounding community and those who do not have basic necessities.

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