



corazón de vida

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



2023

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with deep gratitude for the compassion and unwavering support that you, our donors, volunteers, and partners, have shown to the children of Baja. Thanks to you, 2023 was a year of growth, resilience, and hope.

This year, we were proud to welcome Casa del Jardín orphanage into our network, expanding our reach to 20–25 more children and teens. Throughout the year, all the homes we support continued to receive vital monthly funding for food, water, shelter, and care—even as we faced the challenges of a 15–20% devaluation of the dollar. Your contributions made it possible to adjust our support and ensure that every child's essential needs were met.

Beyond survival, we focused on improving the quality of life. Construction and repair projects enhanced living conditions, while our growing commitment to preventive healthcare resulted in hundreds of children receiving medical, dental, and vision care.

Education also remained at the heart of our mission. A successful back-to-school drive provided essential supplies, while in-home tutors helped children close academic gaps caused by the pandemic. We also launched an exciting new computer coding pilot program using MIT's Scratch platform, empowering children with creative and technical skills that could shape their futures.

One of our most significant celebrations this year was the graduation of 12 students from university and trade school! Young adults who now step into the world as engineers, educators, nurses, and more. Their achievements are a powerful reminder of what's possible when children are given the tools to thrive.

None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for standing with us, and with the children we serve. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building brighter futures, together.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Hilda Pacheco-Taylor, Founder
Corazon de Vida Foundation



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OUR MISSION

We are on a mission to break the vicious cycle of poverty from perpetuating child abandonment in Baja, Mexico.

OUR BELIEF

Every child's life is valued and holds potential, excitement, and opportunity. It is up to us to work together to make sure our care gives children hope for a bright future.



150 MILLION

Approximately 150 million children are abandoned and living on the streets worldwide.



6000+ CHILDREN

Approximately 6,000 children are estimated to live on the streets, under dangerous or abusive situations, and thousands more live in extreme poverty in Baja California, Mexico.



**NO FOSTER CARE,
NO WELFARE SYSTEM**

Mexico currently does not have the robust social programs that we have in the U.S. The only way to care and support children in need is through a network of private orphanages, funded entirely through donations.



WHO WE ARE

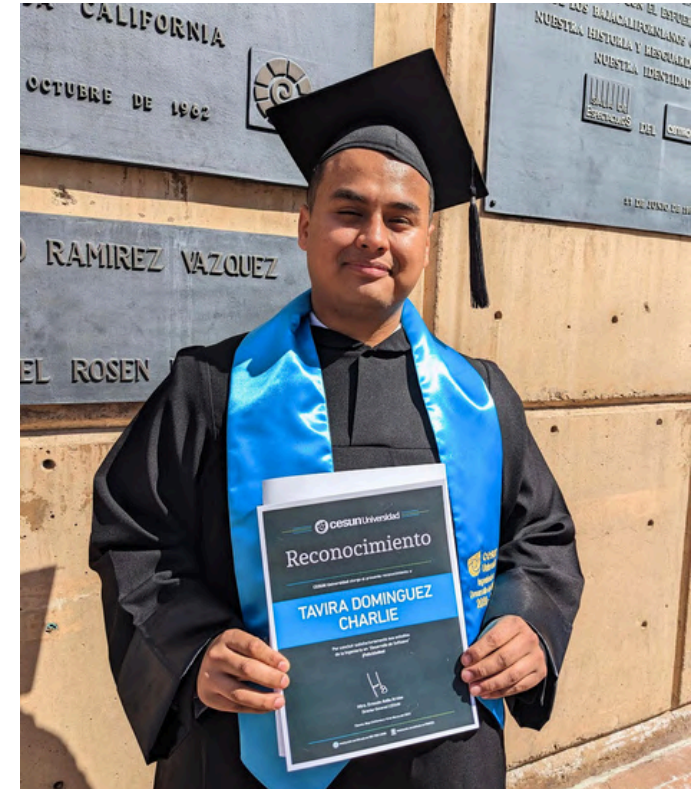
Corazon de Vida (CDV) is a US for purpose organization founded in 1994, providing life-changing support for orphaned and abandoned children in Baja, Mexico. We fund local orphanages, provide quality of life improvement services and invest in the children's future by funding higher education.



This program's focus is on sustaining life. We provide regular monthly funding to each orphanage to cover food, shelter, water and utilities. Funds are transferred monthly through a debit-card system connected to our bank account in the U.S. This system ensures accountability and helps us respond quickly to specific needs.



We partner with individuals, groups, clubs, churches, and organizations to provide project based funding to improve the children's quality of life. Projects include construction, facility improvements, repairs, as well as support to improve the overall wellbeing of the children such as medical, dental and psychological needs.



Support for K-12 education includes funding for uniforms, backpacks, transportation, and graduation costs. Our continuing education program provides scholarship based funding for teens aging out of the orphanage system and it includes funding for inscriptions, tuitions, housing, living expenses, and transportation.


**“I REALIZED IF YOU CAN CHANGE A
CLASSROOM, YOU CAN CHANGE A COMMUNITY,
AND IF YOU CHANGE ENOUGH COMMUNITIES
YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.”**

ERIN GRUWELL








LIFE-SUSTAINING SUPPORT


New Partnership

 Casa del Jardín orphanage joined our network, home to 20–25 children and teens.

Monthly Support Includes:

-  Food
-  Clean Water
-  Shelter
-  Utilities
-  Care & Supervision

Economic Adaptation




 We adjusted funding to account for the 15–20% devaluation of the U.S. dollar, ensuring consistent support.

QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENTS

Infrastructure & Repairs

Construction and renovation projects to improve safety and comfort.

Health & Wellness Focus


-  Increased medical care access
-  Expanded eye exams and glasses
-  Additional dental checkups and treatments

Health Emergency Fund




 Funds allocated for urgent medical needs & preventive care across all homes.

EDUCATION



Back-to-School Success

 Our community came together to deliver supplies and gear to hundreds of children.





Onsite Tutoring

-  Funded teachers & tutors
-  Helped children catch up post-remote learning
-  Supported new arrivals adapting to school

Coding Pilot Program

-  Taught with Scratch (from MIT)
-  Kids created stories, games & animations

Developed skills in:

-  Creativity
-  Problem-Solving
-  Collaboration
-  Self-Expression



CHANGING THE ODDS

Supporting higher education for teens aging out of the orphanage system is an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty. It allows students to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their community.

Corazon de Vida began its Continuing Education Program with 3 students who entered university in the 2011/ 2012 school year. More than 51 former orphanage residents are currently in university or trade school. They are role models to their younger 'siblings'.



👩‍⚕️ MEDICINE - EUNICE

💊 NURSING - MAGUI

👩‍🎓 EDUCATION - ALEJANDRA

👩‍🎓 EDUCATION - PALOMA

🦷 DENTISTRY - ROCIO

✂️ COSMETOLOGY - GRISELDA

💼 BUSINESS ADMIN - KELLY

📦 LOGISTICS - OSBALDO

🍴 CULINARY - ANGELA

👨‍🔧 ENGINEERING - CHARLIE

👨‍🔧 ENGINEERING - KAREN

⚖️ LAW - LUPITA

HIGHER EDUCATION MILESTONE

12 Graduates in 2023

Meet our newest CDV Alumni. From trade schools to universities, our young adults are now pursuing careers in their fields of study. A powerful testament to their perseverance and your support!

CDV CONTINUING EDUCATION STATS



51 Students in the current 2022/2023 school year.

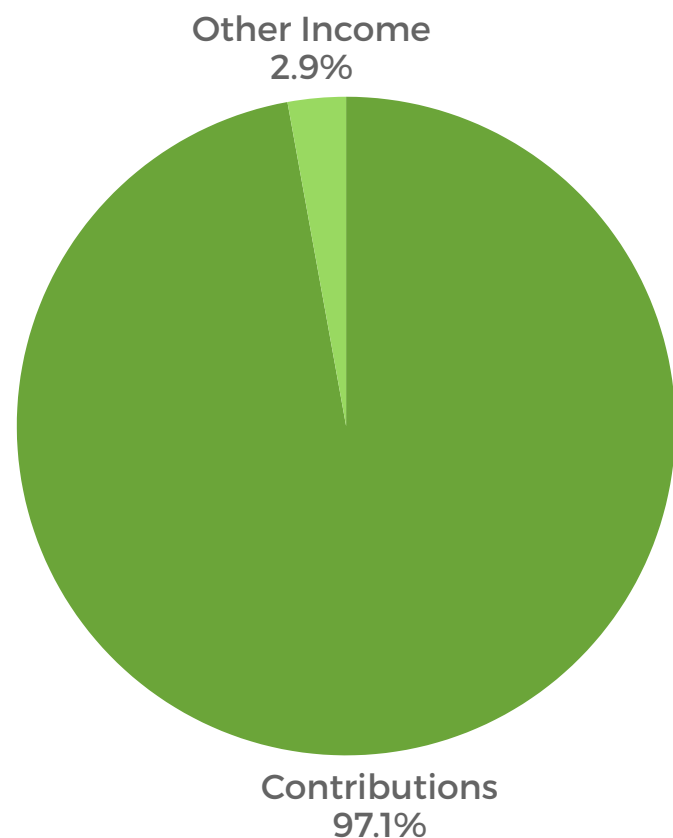
62 TOTAL GRADUATES TO DATE.

A close-up photograph of a young boy with dark hair, smiling broadly and looking upwards and to the right. He is wearing a dark blue jacket with a bright yellow-green collar. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people, including one in a pink and black plaid shirt.

**“ONCE YOU CHOOSE
HOPE, ANYTHING’S
POSSIBLE.”**

CHRISTOPHER REEVE

2023 FINANCIALS



2023 REVENUE BY SOURCE

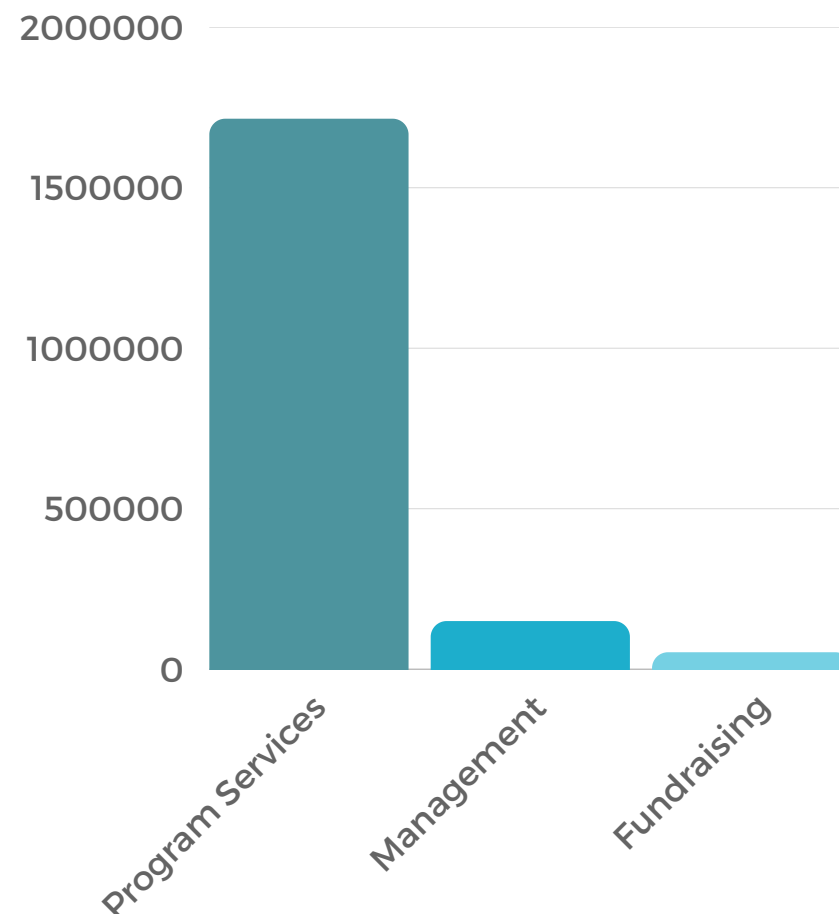
Contributions ● \$1,836,720

Other Income ● \$8,482

Program Service \$18,862

Interest/ Capital Gains \$26,586

TOTAL REVENUE \$1,890,650



2023 ANNUAL EXPENSES

Program Services ● \$1,715,069

Management ● \$149,932

Fundraising ● \$52,768

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,917,769

WITH GRATITUDE

\$50,000 +

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\$20,000 to \$49,999

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WAYS TO *give* LOVE

BECOME A HEART ANGEL



Our monthly sponsors, "Heart Angels" offer the stability of monthly support for the orphanages. These orphanages give abandoned children security, nutrition and shelter, and allow them to grow in a positive and loving environment.

Visit: <https://www.corazondevida.org/recurring-donation>

JOIN US ON A TRIP



Board our bus for a life-changing day-trip as we visit an orphanage in our care. We can also organize a private visit for your group, organization, or small group of 2-5 people. For private trips email trips@corazondevida.org, for standard bus trip registration visit the link below.

Visit: <https://www.corazondevida.org/events>

PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISING



Use social media to fundraise for an existing project or create a new fundraising campaign for your birthday, wedding, or in honor of a loved one. You can ignite a movement for the orphaned and abandoned children of Baja.

PLANNED GIVING



Individuals may include Corazon de Vida in their estate plans and wills, as well as through retirement plans and IRAs, which may provide a number of tax advantages.

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BECOME A MISSION PARTNER



Partners are our "Corporate Angels". Funding can come from your giving fund, cause related marketing programs, and/or employee donation matching programs. The program can provide employers and employees with a sense of shared purpose, which results in higher employee satisfaction and retention.

Contact: Hilda Pacheco-Taylor | (949) 476-1144 x 3 | hilda@corazondevida.org

HOST A THIRD-PARTY EVENT



Through our Third-Party Fundraising Agreement you can make Corazon de Vida the beneficiary of your existing or new event. We can offer support as needed to help make your event a success.

Contact: Leny Acosta | (949) 476-1144 | leny@corazondevida.org

VOLUNTEER WITH US



Volunteers are the backbone of Corazon de Vida's success; we would not be able to function and manage our events without volunteer support.

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