

## The Homes

Located in Central and Northern Mexico, the homes supported by the Mi Casa Foundation are dedicated to the care and development of those most affected by poverty: children and elderly who have no one to care for them.

Children who come to these homes range in age from 0 to 17 years old. In some cases, the children have been abandoned by their parents because they could not afford to care for them or were unable to raise them. In other cases, the children have been abused, neglected, or are orphaned. The homes offer refuge to hundreds of boys and girls: providing them with lodging, clothing, food, and medical care. At the same time, they offer hope for the future by providing educational and moral formation. The positive influence that the homes have had on the children is evident in the fact that many have grown up to become doctors, nurses, ministers, CPAs, and other professionals.

The abandoned and lonely elderly also find refuge in homes supported by Mi Casa. The facilities provide nutritious meals, medical care, companionship, and a clean, enriching environment. They offer attractive patios and personal attention, but most importantly, they give the residents the chance to live out their lives in dignity.

The homes that we support have served thousands of children and elderly, all while being supported almost entirely by donations. You can make a difference in their lives by sharing the blessings that God has given you.

## Testimonials



"Looking back at my experience, I realize how rich and meaningful it was. I still feel connected to the residents and staff through prayer as part of God's family. The challenges faced for one year humbled me and helped me put priorities in my life. My experience encouraged me to seek God in every person and every place, knowing that our humanity bounds us beyond any difference in race or culture."

**Thomas Clouqueur, Cahon, France**

"My time volunteering in Mexico was the most challenging and rewarding experience I have had. The caring and the chaos in the culture combine in such a beautiful way that it brings you to a newer and more simple way of viewing the world. You see everything through immense love. An experience like this teaches you to have a stronger faith, a deeper recognition and appreciation for human dignity, and most of all patience - more patience than you thought it was possible to have."

**Kristina Sample, Claremore, Oklahoma**

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# Have You Always Wanted to Make a Difference?



## Volunteer with Mi Casa Foundation in Mexico

# Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at the homes supported by Mi Casa Foundation is an experience of a lifetime. For those that have served, their lives have been forever changed. The love and goodness of the children and the elderly touches your heart in a special way. You will receive much more than you can ever give to the home.

There are many ways to help at our homes. With hundreds of children and dozens of elderly in our homes, the opportunities to serve are countless. The following are just some of the ways that you can serve:

Caregiver for children	Teacher
Caregiver for elderly	Cook
House Parent	Mechanic
Maintenance Person	Driver
Activities Coordinator	Gardener
Doctor	Nurse



# Basic Requirements

**AGE:** 21 years or older  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single or married, but without dependents  
**MINIMUM LENGTH OF SERVICE:** 1 year  
**HEALTH:** Good physical and mental health  
**LANGUAGE:** Working knowledge of Spanish

## What do Volunteers receive?

- The opportunity to serve God's needy children and elderly
- The gift of a cross-cultural experience
- Placement and support:
  - ◇ Orientation program
  - ◇ Room and board
  - ◇ Stipend and health insurance
  - ◇ Transportation to the site from orientation in San Antonio, Texas
  - ◇ Guidance and help with financial support
  - ◇ End of Experience Retreat
  - ◇ Transportation home after completion of service

## What expenses do Volunteers incur?

- Language school, if needed
- Transportation to orientation site in San Antonio, Texas
- Vacation and personal travel
- Emergency leave

## When do Volunteers begin?

The start of the volunteer experience begins about August 1. Depending on the school calendar, the commitment would last until about July 31.

# The Application Process

## Step 1

### Request for Information

A telephone interview with the Executive Director of Mi Casa Foundation. A description of our volunteer program and an application packet are given to the applicant.

## Step 2

### Return of the Completed Application

To be complete, your application must include the completed application form, an autobiography, a recent photo, and psychological and medical reports (if requested).

## Step 3

The Foundation will respond to all applications after review.

## Are you ready for a life-changing experience?

