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If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
If you want to help for a while give them a tree;
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education

Meet a Few Children You Are Educating

(If it were not for you, none of these children would be in school.)

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Amairan Gonzalez Aguirre

I live next to the cemetery where there are a lot of dead people buried in front of my house. A lot of times I play on the top of the grave stones. I have no idea where my father works but my mom takes care of the babies at the community day care center. She also cooks the lunches for the kindergarten. My grandmother loves me very much. She helps my teacher Profe Felipe in the classroom and also works in the day care center. I am four but almost five.



Paulina Lira Hernandez

I live in a small wood and cardboard house in a canyon in front of the city dump with my mama and papa. They work in the garbage looking for things to sell. I have one little baby sister that my mother carries with her when she takes me to kindergarten. When I walk to school, I get very tired because the road is long and it is all up hill. There are also a lot of wild dogs on the road that scare me. My teacher Profe Laura likes to talk a lot with me and she likes to sing with the class. We also color, learn the alphabet, and write our names in our notebooks.



Monserrath Mancera Millan

I live with my family next to the garbage dump. My mamá works in the dump with my papá. They also have a little store in front of my house. A lot of people live in my big wooden house. Along with my mamá, papá, and me, we have my cousins, my aunt and uncle, and my grandmother. And we have two dogs and four cats (two white ones and two black ones). I walk to school by myself because it is very close to my house. My teacher is Profe Laura. She is very pretty. She tells us stories and teaches us numbers.



Teresa Sanchez Solis

I live by the entrance to the garbage dump with my mamá and papá. My wooden house is small. My mom and dad sell tacos. I go to kindergarten and my teacher is Profe Lili. She teaches us a lot of things. My teacher tells me I am very rebellious because I am always running around my classroom. I am very good at math.



Kiara Mendoza Lopez

I live next to the garbage dump with my mamá in my grandma's house. I have a little brother. My mamá works in a factory at night. I almost never see her. I have to walk to school by myself. My teacher is Profe Felipe. He is a great teacher. He plays with me and talks to me a lot. I like to paint and run during recreation time. My favorite food is the pizza that the cafeteria ladies cook for us for lunch. I don't play with my father because I don't know who my papá is.



Katherin Castro Pantoja

I am four years old. I live with my papá and mamá in my grandma's house. We live in the canyon that is in front of the garbage dump. It is very ugly where I live. My mamá cuts hair at the community center and my dad works in a supermarket. They take me to school in the morning on their way to work. My grandma comes for me in the afternoon to bring me home. My teacher is Profe Felipe. He teaches us songs, numbers, letters, and colors.

Summer Camp (Just a reminder)

My summer goal is to send the children living next to the old Tijuana municipal dump to Summer Day Camp by busing them out of their daily surroundings. For many, this is their only chance to leave their neighborhood.

The Summer Camp program will include morning classes in English, sports, art, computers, dance, and math, with afternoons at the beach. Cost per child: 1 week, \$35; 2 weeks, \$70; 3 weeks, \$105; 4 weeks, \$140.

All 413 kids enrolled in our schools would love a summer at the beach, away from the stench of the decaying garbage. We need your help to reach this dream. To send a child to camp, write "Summer Camp" on the memo line of your check. You can donate online through our website: www.responsibilityonline.org. Click "donate."

FYI: *One thousand people are receiving this request. The number of children who get to go to camp depends entirely on the number of people who sponsor a child.*

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Fund Raising Gala: Saturday, September 20, 2008

Special Featured Guest: Singer Cuba Gooding, Sr.

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Place: The Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park

Sincerely,
David Lynch and Kids