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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.

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**Looking Back at 2016 (part 2)**

*Alan Turing, the “father” of the computer who broke the German coding system bringing an end to WWII said:  
“Sometimes it is the people who no one imagines anything of who do the things no one can imagine.”*

**Meet three of our formers students who now attend college  
(These autobiographies have been translated and paraphrased by D. Lynch)**

*Irene Santos Santos*



First of all, I want to thank you for the scholarship you have given me each semester. I greatly appreciate the support provided by Responsibility.

My major is criminal justice. In December I successfully finished my seventh semester with good grades in every class. With the scholarship I purchased all my college text books, school materials, and a pair of reading glasses.

This past fall I took a class in United States justice system, so I have an idea of how laws are handled in your country. The Mexican justice system is both similar and different.

This year, my university has changed the requirements for criminal justice majors; therefore, I will be in school an additional semester. Students will be required to take more courses in civil procedural

law, and commercial and labor process law. This is good for me. I will be more prepared for my career. Presently, I am taking a course in mediation where we learn methods of solving conflicts between people.

The next semester I will be doing my student internship or field experience. I hope to be assigned at the state attorney general's office. That will be exciting to work in this office. I will send you pictures and let you know how I am doing. I want to thank you again for the support and I want to invite you to my graduation next year.

*Joselin Lizbeth Tolentino Jeronimo*



I was born on May 15, 1996 in Tijuana. There are six in my family: my parents and four kids.

At age of 4 I entered Kindergarten David Lynch. My first teacher was Professor Felipe for preschool. Professor Lili was my kindergarten teacher and Profe Jaime was my computer and art teacher. Writing my autobiography brings back beautiful memories of school.

After that, I went to elementary school which is located right next to the kindergarten. All through school I excelled and graduated with various awards and an overall A average.

After primary school, most of my friends and I attended the same junior high school. But when I moved onto high school, it was very different. I had to make all new friends because I chose to go to a school that was not near my home. While in high school and the age of 14, I was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. I was told that in the future my hands would deform and that I would suffer with much discomfort. I was on a treatment plan with my doctor for three year for the arthritis when my doctor sent me to a specialist who had a new treatment. Thanks to this doctor, today I am fine. (Being sick for 3 years was hard. There was a lot of pain and depression from age of 14 to 17. These years were the hardest and saddest of my life.)

In Mexico, when one goes to high school, you choose a school with your major and hope that you pass the entrance exam and there is room for you. My major was electronics and fortunately was accepted into the high school of my choice. While I studied there for 3 years, my team of students created a robot that was controlled by “microcontrollers”.

I am now in my 5<sup>th</sup> semester at the university. My dream is to be a junior or senior high school teacher. I appreciate the scholarships I have been awarded. It has been a great help for me and my family.



Transitioning from high school to college has been a little difficult for me. The way students are evaluated on their work and the method of teaching in the university is different from high school. It has taken me the whole first semester to get used to college. For my first semester, I took six subjects. The one I liked the most was history and the ones I found the most difficult were statistics and math. I “fought” with that class every day. But, I passed all my classes. When a student attends a university in Mexico, one is required to do 300 hours of social service work. The ways of completing these hours are varied. Some social services hours can be done at school.

A student create a plan and submit it to a committee for approval.

For my social service hours, I joined a group of 25 students. We were the “Teachers of Science and Technology.” In this program we visited primary schools to give children talks about what we study at the university in our various science classes. Topics included gravity, volcanos, species of bird that live in Baja California, and many more.

For me, going to school is a bit difficult because I must work at night. In the early morning I visited elementary schools to teach science. I had the same schedule as a regular teacher for the entire semester. I am a shy quiet person and I don’t like speaking in front of groups, especially kids who sometimes misbehaved, were rude, and uninterested in the topics. I had to learn to control my nerves and how to deal with children. In the afternoons, I went to college. So, I had no time for myself and little time to study; however, I got through it. And I am glad my social service hours are done, all 300 hours were completed in one semester. Now, I don’t have to worry about that anymore.

Those are the most remarkable experiences I had in my first semester in college.

**Responsibility’s Income and Distribution for 2016**

The most important gift we give to the children is an education. In 2016, you funded the education of approximately 800 students. And it is the gift that last forever being passed on from one generation to the next.

**Income**

Cash Income:	\$399,384
Stock transfer donation value:	\$14,000
Inkind donations:	
Christmas Presents	\$8,000
School materials	\$3,000
School Utility Bills	\$1,500
Tijuana School Lunches	\$8,500
<u>Total income:</u>	<b>\$434,384</b>

**Distribution of Funds**

Medical benefits	\$27,985	7%
Tijuana Project	\$107,253	26%
Main office	\$38,794	9%
Fund Raising	\$24,841	6%
U.S. Educational Program	\$29,500	7%
Nicaragua Project	\$30,920	7%
Taxes IRS/EDD	\$10,133	2%
Stock/Cash donation to Endowment fund	\$114,000	28%
401K	\$29,500	7%

Over the years, Responsibility has been the recipient of many people’s generosity through their wills and estates. These large donations, plus others, have been placed in our professionally managed investment portfolio with Michael Jennings, Senior Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors. As of December 31, 2016, the total value which includes the 2016 donations placed into the account was \$2,859,873.

**THANK YOU**

As always, friends, we thank you for your support in 2016. If you didn’t receive a thank you card for your gift, please accept my apology. I do all the administrative office work alone, so sometimes I make mistakes. But that doesn’t mean your gift is less appreciated. It means I should hire an assistant, but I won’t. I prefer to use your donations for the education of the kids. Your continued support is both needed and appreciated, especially today.

Gratefully, *David Lynch, the Board of Directors, the Mexican Staff, the Nicaraguan Staff, and all of our 800 students.*

**VIDEOS TO WATCH**

**Christmas Party in Nicaragua:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tR3VMF16c9g&feature=youtu.be>

(created by Director Leonardo Luquez)

**Our Mexico School:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4293C8Gv6Xw> (Created by Professor Cristian Quiroz.)