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In the spirit of Thanksgiving the students of the  
Augustinian Scholarship Fund - *A Su Futuro* send you a heartfelt

**¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

**THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!**

They, and I, thank you for the many ways you express your generosity towards them. Throughout the year your monetary donations, gifts of books, school supplies, graduation gifts, time commitments and most importantly your prayers of support for them are so very much appreciated!

**THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES ASF PROVIDES!**

This year has been one of transition and enrichment. We have now been meeting at the community center in Tecolote for one year. The center is conveniently located for most of the students and has become a place where the students feel very much at home. They have access to the kitchen, meeting rooms and to the computer lab. The Centro de Comunidad provides a venue for them to socialize and strengthen their personal bonds to one another. In the computer lab our older students are teaching the younger ones word processing skills and how to use e-mail. Students also use the computers during the week to complete homework assignments. The community center offers much to the students and the students are given an opportunity to give back as well. They are volunteering at the center, interacting with the community members and helping with service projects. They will be canvassing the neighborhood in December to identify what the community wants and needs and how the center might be a part of improvements there. These activities are as vital as the book learning they do at school. Opportunities to make a difference and to be agents of change give them a sense of purpose and hope. We believe that this combination can make a critical difference in their lives.

**THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR THE CELEBRATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE SHARE!**

A total of forty-nine students enrolled in the program in July 2004. In June 2005 forty-four students successfully completed another school year. Twenty-seven students studied at the "secundaria" level (7-9th grade) and twenty-two of those students completed the school year.

Seven of them graduated and all seven are going on to “preparatoria” (10-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Seventeen students studied at the “preparatoria” level and all seventeen completed the school year. Of those seventeen, eight graduated and seven will go on to the university. Five students studied at the university level and four completed the school year.

We have a total of 51 students enrolled this year. Thirty-six are returning from last year. Ten of the students are new to the program and are beginning secondary school. Three of our past participants who completed secondary school and then left the program have returned. After being away for almost three years they realize what ASF offers them. We are very pleased that they want to further their education. We have accepted two University students who live in the neighborhood as we see the value of having the students at the college level taking on leadership roles in the program. That brings our total to nine students pursuing higher education!

**WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR AND WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR  
HELP!**

We hope that we can count on your support once again so that our students can have another  
successful year.

As our students have been blessed by you, we wish that you will be blessed as well.

Sincerely,

Monica Santos

Director

P.S.

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We are planning a fundraiser in the spring which will include a bus trip to Tijuana to meet the students. Let us know if you are interested! e-mail: [msantos222@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msantos222@sbcglobal.net)