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Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Augustinian Scholarship Fund- *A Su Futuro*,

The students send you a heartfelt GRACIAS! And thankful they are for all you have done. Without your support the program could not continue to grow and improve. In June we were proud that 7 of our students graduated from secondary school, 3 graduated from high school and Jesus graduated from medical school!

Many of our students worked at the community center in Tecolote this summer as teacher assistants. They helped with art activities, sports and drama, chaperoned field trips and taught the children about conservation and caring for the environment. Their participation added to the quality of the summer camp and strengthened the ties we are creating with the neighborhood.

We have 66 participants who enrolled this fall. Their attendance at the meetings has been excellent. Advisory Team members have accepted their leadership responsibilities. They supervise group activities, meal preparation, and they also prepare set up and clean up for monthly meetings. Team leaders celebrated the holidays with a Christmas party they hosted for everyone. Each team was responsible for a different aspect of the party. Working together they had delicious food, decorations, a piñata and a DJ for entertainment. Our group is large but as members of the individual teams we have created they are encouraged to participate and interact more.

Three ASF students are now responsible for the computer lab at the community center. Sandra is teaching classes during the week and Juan Carlos and Luis are providing regular maintenance and repairs to keep the lab working smoothly. Up until now the center was dependent on random volunteers to come and troubleshoot. These students and any others who work for the community center receive more money for their school expenses through the work-study program we initiated this year.

When ASF began more than 20 years ago one of our main goals was to provide each student with a portable typewriter. Well things have changed since then and we realize the students now need computers. Through the generosity of Ben Coppock and the Mexican Orphanage Computer Project we were able to give Jesus a laptop computer. Our goal for this year is to provide all of the college students with laptops and USB “thumb drives” for the younger students. If there is any way you can help with this endeavor we appreciate it.

We are pleased to announce that ASF successfully passed the 5 year probationary period that the U.S. government requires of all nonprofits and it will continue to be recognized as an official 501(c) 3. All of your donations are tax deductible!

This year we intend to continue to find ways to strengthen the effectiveness of our monthly meetings in an effort to provide the students with opportunities to develop the skills they need to be successful in school and in the careers they are preparing for. We hope we can count on your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Jesus at graduation



Volunteer students helping during summer