

# News from Villa Infantil



*Dedicated to the life and spirit of Sandra Cartwright*

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## Vote! BOTAB Event Benefits Top 3

Online voting is open now at <http://lagunachapala.com/botab-home>. Please visit the site and vote for Villa Infantil. The three charities that receive the most votes will split the proceeds (50/30/20) raised at this amazing event. Voting closes November 26th at midnight but don't wait—vote now!

www.lagunachapala.com is the organizer of the first ever Bring on the Apocalypse Now Bash (BOTAB) charity fundraiser. It will be held on Lake Chapala's south shore Tuesday, Nov. 27 from noon to 6 p.m. One hundred percent of profits raised will go

toward Lakeside charities. Admission is only 75 pesos!

Don't want to drive? Sign up for the bus! Visit the BOTAB website for more information.

The event will feature food, drink, entertainment, door prizes and more raffles. All proceeds and auction commissions going to charity.

Plan to go and enjoy yourself at this wonderful event but even if you can't go, please visit the BOTAB website and vote for Villa Infantil. Remember—YOUR vote counts!!!



**Madre Maria**

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## News Roundup

The Villa family continues to grow with four new faces adding their smiles. Welcome to Maria Lourdes, Nadia, Pedro Antonio and Jose Francisco. It is so telling to see the happy faces on new children. They seem to sense that they have found a safe place full of love.

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Needle Pushers, a Lakeside group that sews and knits for local children, is currently working on a project that will be giving each child at the Villa a new sweater. What a great organization.!



Many lakeside residents have become aware of the good things going on and the needs at Villa Infantil. As a result, many events have been planned to benefit the children of Villa Infantil. Dinners, auctions,

road races and more have named the Villa as recipient of proceeds. Madre and the sisters would like to give thanks to all those who work so hard to help make normal lives for these wonderful kids.

# Note from the Editor

I'd like to share with you some of my holiday wishes. I know I wish that this newsletter wasn't necessary. I wish that every one of the children had parents and a home. Then there would be no need for the Villa or any other orphanages. Sadly, that's not the case. But I can say from the bottom of my heart that the children who are blessed to be part of Villa Infantil have found a very special home indeed.

Madre Maria is a wonderfully strong woman. When you meet her and see her

beautiful smile, you can't help but fall in love with her and her dream of helping these kids have a better life. Her faith is absolute. And with that faith she accomplishes the impossible. Time after time.

This year brought the celebration of Margarita's 15th birthday, her quinceañera. It seems impossible that so many years have passed and Margarita has blossomed from a little girl into such a beautiful young woman. Her life could so easily have been spent in poverty and despair

instead of living a life of hope at the Villa. I wish for Margarita the best of everything in a wonderful world ahead.

Through her network of supporters and friends, Madre made the customary Mexican celebration happen for Margarita as she makes so much happen.

Part of Madre's faith is that we, as supporters will stay with her. I wish her that and much, much more.

*Sally*



## Give the Gift of Sponsorship

Have you considered giving the gift of sponsorship? Sponsorship helps provide basics like food, water, medical care, and education. Your \$30 monthly will help the children of Villa Infantil attain a brighter future. What a wonderful way to honor a family member or special friend. Do consider putting Villa Infantil on your holiday gift list. It's one of the few gifts you can give that will leave you feeling richer. Your monthly payments can be made conveniently through The Foundation For Lake

Chapala Charities.

If you are interested in sponsoring, co-sponsoring, or having your group become a sponsor, please contact [info@friendsofvillainfantil.org](mailto:info@friendsofvillainfantil.org) for more information. Or visit the Foundation for Lake Chapala Charities at [www.lakechapalacharities.org/](http://www.lakechapalacharities.org/) to make a donation. To those who already sponsor, the children and Madre give special thanks for your generosity.

Donations of any amount are always, of course, welcome.



## Food News

For the last several years volunteers have purchased and prepared delicious meals for the children at Villa Infantil two days a week. This consistency has been something that has given Madre and the sisters much to be thankful for. When funds have been short, the Villa could always count on those good meals being prepared and served twice a week. Recently a new group of volunteers

has joined the ranks and meals are now being prepared and served three times a week! Thanks so much to Geoff Long for organizing this worthy project and to all the volunteers who make it happen!

Also being discussed is an Operation Feed network that will have several drop-off points Lakeside for donating food to the Villa. Watch the website for upcoming information.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

Thanks to ALL of you who give of your time and hearts to help the children of Villa Infantil.

**You are the best!**





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