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## **CASA HOGAR “REFUGIO Y ESPERANZA”**

Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico

Casa Hogar Refugio y Esperanza, meaning “Refuge and Hope,” stands as a place of safety, restoration, and transformation for vulnerable children in northern Mexico. Located in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, the home was established on May 10, 2000, in response to a growing need to care for children suffering from abandonment, abuse, and neglect.

From its earliest days, the purpose of Casa Hogar has been deeply rooted in compassion and faith. The founders recognized that many children in the region were living in extremely difficult and dangerous circumstances—often without consistent care, guidance, or love. The home was created not simply to house children, but to restore their lives.

A defining moment in the history of Casa Hogar came on July 4, 2004. During a time of crisis, when the home had been left without staff and the children were effectively abandoned, Claudia Hernández Salas stepped in to help. What began as a temporary response to an urgent need became a lifelong calling. Deeply moved by the condition of the children and their need for stability and love, she chose to remain. For more than two decades, Claudia has faithfully served as director, providing steady leadership, compassion, and vision.

Under her care, Casa Hogar has grown into a true refuge. Today, it serves approximately 30 children, ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Each child arrives with a story—often one marked by hardship, trauma, and instability.

As described by those who serve there, the children often come “sick, broken, badly beaten, abused, without school, without education, without training, without discipline, without a sense of responsibility and care, without attention, emotionally lost and spiritually far from God.” This description reflects the depth of need that Casa Hogar addresses on a daily basis.

The work of the home begins with love. The first responsibility is to offer each child the love of God and genuine personal care. From there, attention turns to immediate needs: health, safety, nourishment, and stability. The goal is to create an environment where children can finally experience peace—often for the first time in their lives.

Once stability is established, the focus expands to long-term development. The children are provided with clothing, shoes, and all basic necessities. Education is a priority—every child is enrolled in school and expected to attend regularly. In

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addition, each child participates in activities that encourage growth, discipline, and self-confidence.

These activities include sports such as soccer, American football, taekwondo, Olympic gymnastics, and dance. They also participate in creative and educational pursuits such as drawing, painting, English classes, and folk dance. Each child is encouraged to explore their interests and develop their abilities according to their individual talents.

Daily life at Casa Hogar is structured but nurturing. Children follow routines that include meals, school, study time, chores, recreation, and spiritual instruction. This structure helps restore a sense of order and responsibility that may have been missing in their early lives.

Nutrition is an ongoing priority. Meals are prepared daily and designed to provide balanced nourishment, including proteins, dairy, fruits, vegetables, and staple foods. The home also provides medical care, hygiene supplies, and access to healthcare professionals when needed.

A dedicated team supports the work of the home. In addition to Director Claudia Hernández Salas, the staff includes caregivers, cooks, a nurse, a psychologist, maintenance personnel, and administrative support. Volunteers and community members also play an important role, offering their time and skills in teaching, medical care, and mentoring.

Spiritual development is central to the mission of Casa Hogar. The children attend worship and are taught about God, helping them understand their value and purpose. The staff seeks to instill faith, hope, and a sense of identity rooted in God's love.

The overarching goal is not merely to care for children in the present, but to prepare them for the future. Casa Hogar seeks to give meaning to their lives and provide them with the tools necessary for independence and success. The hope is that each child will grow into a stable, responsible adult who can contribute positively to society.

The work is sustained entirely through donations from churches, individuals, and organizations. Financial needs are constant and significant, covering food, utilities, education, clothing, and daily operations. Yet through God's provision and the generosity of supporters, the home continues its mission.

Casa Hogar Refugio y Esperanza truly lives up to its name. It is a place where broken lives are restored, where hope is renewed, and where children are given

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the opportunity to dream again. With God's help, these children are being guided toward full and meaningful lives—lives marked by faith, purpose, and the promise of a brighter future.

