

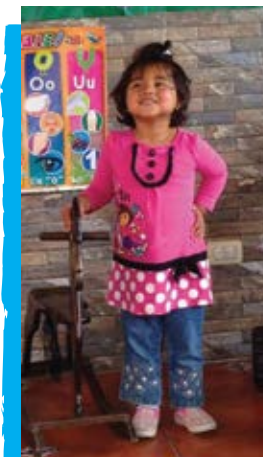
Summer 2017

MI CASITA OUR GIRLS

Linda arrived at Mi Casita one year ago, at one week of age. She has the cutest smile, and she smiles a lot! The first six months we hardly heard her, only when she was hungry. But lately she can be very grumpy, and cries about nothing. She really doesn't like strangers, and the last months she even cries when she sees people whom she sees every day. It was a bit difficult for her to start crawling, but she found her own way to move forward. She is done with her mashed vegetables, but loves to eat bread. Her hair gets curlier every day. She plays a lot with Dulce who is just 4 months older. Overall she is just a happy baby and we love having her with us!



Tatiana, our eldest at almost 4 years old, has been with us a year. She NEVER, NEVER, stops talking. She can talk all day about her family, the children in our home, about the house rules and what not to do (and then still does it) or what to do (and, of course, does not do it). Her favorite topic is her new shoes (only 2 months old, but already full of holes). She loves to dance, listen to music, and eat mangos. She is a bit quirky! She repeats the same things over and over, has no concentration, and totally does not understand the consequences of bad behavior. Playing together with the younger children is not going well. Sharing toys is not going to happen. However, she giggles a lot and loves to be tickled. Mi Casita would not be the same without her!





Dulce arrived at Mi Casita in December 2016. She was 9 months old and didn't even weigh 12 pounds. She had to have special formula, and since her birthday in March, she is also eating table foods. And yes she's growing, but gaining weight very, very slowly. She has had court ordered tests for which Mi Casita paid. She seems completely healthy with the exception of her weight. She's a happy little girl and often has a big grin on her face with lots of giggling. Every time she sees somebody coming in or going out, she starts waving. She crawls around all the time, and with help, is starting to walk. And because of her high voice, we hear her babbling almost all day. She adds joy to our family!



Yulisa arrived at Mi Casita 2 months ago when she was not yet 2 months old. Her story is very sad. Her mom is only 14 years old. She and her mother were initially in another home, but the home could not take care of Yulisa anymore. She came to us very dirty, and weighing not even 7 pounds. Luckily, she has already gained 3.5 pounds because of the special formula we're feeding her. She is a very quiet baby, who lately is starting to smile more and more. The court has ordered many tests for which we must pay. These tests require that we transport her to the hospital in Guatemala City for which we also must pay. As a result, we go to the City once a week and spend a whole day in the hospital. We still have no medical reports pertaining to her condition. Regardless, we are happy to provide her with a loving home!



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The Yard Sale was a great success thanks to our volunteers, Giselle, Jenipher, and Tessa, and for all those who donated their excess, un-needed items. And thanks to everyone who came out to support us. We want to have another yard sale in a few months. But we need things to sell. If you have baby or household items, or anything that you don't need any more and you want to donate, please let us know.



Our Financial Contributors are greatly appreciated. Child abandonment is a global issue. So we are very thankful that we have global donors; people from the Netherlands, Guatemala, the UK, and the US. We welcome all of your contributions and could not provide for these children without your help! MANY THANKS!

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CASA MEA OUR BOYS

Vlad is now almost 16! He was only 7 when he arrived at Casa Mea so it is hard to believe that he now seems so grown up. Vlad is in a German trade school where he is finishing his high school classes and learning a trade. The German school provides both his educational classes and his training. While he trains, he earns a salary. If and when he graduates from the program in 2 more years, he will have a job in a German factory in Brasov. We are all working hard to keep Vlad, a 16 year old "boy," focused on his future!



Raul is a real sweet heart. He is bright and has many talents, including music, dance, and soccer. In fact, he is an extremely good athlete. Considering his late start in school, he does very well. Raul is a happy and healthy boy and we are fortunate to have him with us at Casa Mea!

Stelian, now 11, is a beautiful and loving child. He is a good student who has shown great discipline and dedication. He not only plays soccer, but also enjoys swimming, biking, and running! Occasionally, he has anger management issues as we all do from time to time. And is occasionally jealous of the other boys. However, he loves to help around the house and is a joy to have at Casa Mea!



Robert is a very active boy who loves to play! It is hard for him to attend to his school work. He is an active participant in karate and has now earned a blue belt. He also enjoys dancing! Although he keeps all of us on our toes, Casa Mea would not be the same without him!

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David & Hazel's fund raiser ad

Eurovision Song Fest was sponsored by our friends David & Hazel in Menorca this spring. Doesn't this look a fun fund raiser? Wish we could have been there! They raised a great deal of money for Casa Mea for which we are grateful. In addition, Children's Helpers Worldwide from the UK also donated to Casa Mea to enhance David and Hazel's contribution. Thanks to all!



David & Hazel's fund raiser



icon painting

Enriching the experience of our children. Many donors from Romania and elsewhere shared their generosity with our children. Our children learned to paint icons on glass from a renown icon painter, spent the day at the park and cinema, and another day at a famous fairy tale castle, Corvinilor. Without these contributions, our children would not have been able to participate in these normal childhood experiences. MANY THANKS!



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