



RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc.
“*With RISE, the children have HOPE.*”
A Green Valley, AZ 501 (c)(3) Corporation
www.risesa.org

2018 YE Annual President’s Report

January 9, 2019

Dear Supporters:

2018 was the first full year of operations for RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc. Thank you all for your encouraging support (physical, emotional, spiritual and financial). Running a new charity has its challenges but we managed to reach most of our goals this past year while some goals were postponed until later in 2019 due to time and people. We are thankful that with God’s help, RISE is now established and is expanding its presence in our local area; however, in 2019, we need to increase our outreach / fund raising activities. In 2018 the number of children going to preparatoria school (high school) increased from 4 to 6, and the cost increased from \$300 to \$563 each. The cost increase was due to the change from a public to private school for a much better education. RISE agreed to the cost increase because it supported our mission: *To provide a sustainable source of revenue support for higher education and skills acquisition to eligible students at Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. enabling them to continue the learning process as a core value which increases their opportunities to follow their dreams for a better life.*

In this second President’s Report, I thought it would be best to review the reason RISE was created and who it is laserfocused on helping: the wonderful children of Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C.

Background: Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. (House of New Life for the Children) is a “Home for Children” in Nogales, Sonora, MX, established to nurture and care for abused and abandoned children. Part of its mission is to foster an environment that keeps the children excited about their education. With support from their peers and the Home’s staff, these previously abandoned children are excelling in the public/private school system. However, the Mexican government only provides free/public education through the 8th grade. Their preparatoria schooling level (our version of high school) costs about \$563 USD per school year. This cost may not seem like much to most Americans, but for poor families in Mexico, it’s a fortune. The cost prevents many young people from acquiring the skills needed to make a good life for themselves. Financing is a constant challenge for this Home for Children with a growing number of children to send to preparatoria school and higher education every year. A group of Green Valley, AZ volunteers decided that something had to be done to help these wonderful children become a viable part of society. **With God’s help, *Rise Scholastic Achievements, Inc.* was formed.**

What is RISE? RISE is a Green Valley, AZ based, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to provide a sustainable source of revenue support to eligible students from the Home for Children who have been accepted for upper education including preparatory school, colleges, universities, trade schools, professional/technical studies and/or work/study programs. The financial support includes, but is not limited to, funds towards tuition,

books, supplies and living stipends, and commences upon confirmed acceptance by the upper educational organization or program and continues through completion. Each participating student's progress is monitored regularly to ensure that they are moving toward graduation or completion of the enrolled program. RISE board members do not draw a salary, and their time and travel expenses are not compensated. With the exception of nominal fees and expenses required for governmental filings, the remainder of all donations go directly to supporting the children's higher educational goals.

To learn more about RISE and the support provided to the children, go to the RISE web site: www.risesa.org .

2018 Accomplishments

- Preparatoria school scholarships awarded: \$3,378 (6 children at \$563 each)
- RISE Board Meetings: January 19; March 23; and November 2
- Four visits to Casa Vida Nueva para Niño's: March 10; June 2; October 13; and December 8. Total number of people visiting on these trips: 104.
- Trips by Norma Baker to educate the children on how to sew: August 4 and September 8
- RISE t-shirts with RISE logo and slogan: "TODO ES POSIBLE" awarded to the 6 preparatoria school children.
- RISE Certificates of Achievement awarded to each of the 6 preparatoria school children.
- RISE investment plan implemented - Roger Fisher
- RISE Educational forecast expense created
- RISE presentation given to Desert Hills Lutheran Church Sewing Bee group
- Improved RISE web site: www.risesa.org

2019 Concerns: How to sustain a stable level of donations to support a steady increase of children enrolling in higher education.

I want to thank the RISE Board of Directors for all their support during this year, and to thank all the people who have given their time, talents and financial support to help make 2018 a very successful year for RISE. I am looking forward to growing RISE and continue our mission in 2019.

Sincerely,

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President