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## **2020 YE Annual President's Report**

January 12, 2021

Dear Supporters:

2020 activities were limited due to the prolonged closure of the US/MX border crossing sites throughout the year and COVID-19. All supportive trips to see the children were canceled including the Christmas trip. However, we were able to collect donations to help the children have a good Christmas.

There is good news: The children of Casa Vida Nueva para Niños are doing well because they are blessed with adults who love them, have a roof over their head, plentiful food, great education opportunities (RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc.), a love of God in their lives, and support from across the USA; plus, they all get along with each other. This past year, three students enrolled in Universidad (college) majoring in: marketing, robotic engineering, and nursing; five students in preparatoria school (high school - at a cost of \$560 USD per child) and eleven in Secundaria (junior high school). RISE also donated 6 new laptop computers for the children to use as they remote learn from home.

Elias Herrera, Director of the Home, created two short, year-end videos (that will be loaded onto the RISE web site in February, 2021). The first video shows the initial construction phase of their new basketball court. The second video personalizes how grateful the children are for the support they have received from the Green Valley, AZ community and throughout the USA. This month's report announces that the children are healthy (no COVID) and are well taken care of. Please keep the children in your prayers. Let's hope the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 will allow us to start our visits again. The children miss us and we miss the children.

I want to thank the people around the USA for their encouraging support (physical, emotional, spiritual and financial). A special thanks goes to the following major organizations for their support: Valley Presbyterian Church, Desert Hills Lutheran Church (DHLC) and DHLC Sewing Bee (personalized quilts given to all high school graduates), DHLC Benevolence Committee, Valley Verde Rotary Club of Green Valley, and Evangelical Free Church (Men's Prayer Group) - all from Green Valley, AZ. Finally, I want to thank the RISE Board of Directors for all their support during this challenging year.

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Sincerely,

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