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2021 YE Annual President's Report

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Dear Supporters:

COVID significantly reduced our activities again in 2021. All scheduled 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. We are hoping trips will start again in March 2022.

The children continue to do 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. There are two students enrolled in Universidad (college) majoring in marketing and nursing. Four students are enrolled in preparatoria school (high school) and fourteen in Secundaria (junior high school). When COVID cases increased during the latter part of 2021, the directors decided to take all children out of in-person high school and junior high school training and started home schooling. Because of limited internet access, the children had to be bussed to downtown Nogales Wi-Fi locations to connect to the internet - not convenient or practical. Because more children are home schooled, their need for broadband internet increased. RISE elected to pick up the monthly cost of internet, enabling all children to have high speed access for remote learning. Installation will begin in early 2022.

I want to thank the people around the USA for their encouraging support (physical, emotional, spiritual and financial). Without their support, RISE would not have been able to supply the financial aid to the children's education. A special thanks goes to the following major Green Valley organizations for their support: Valley Presbyterian Church, Desert Hills Lutheran Church (DHLC) and DHLC Sewing Bee (monitory donations from their fund raising and 10 hand-made quilts), DHLC Benevolence Committee, and Valley Verde Rotary Club of Green Valley. Finally, I want to thank the RISE Board of Directors for its support again during this challenging year.

To learn more about RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc. go to the RISE website: www.risesa.org.

Sincerely,

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President