

CLUB VALLARTA OPENING SOON!!!

"Sirviendo a la Juventud de Puerto Vallarta."



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"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
– John Wesley

Educación y Deportes Para una Vida Mejor AC has been providing opportunities to impoverished youth in Puerto Vallarta for the past 4 years. We're now about to open our new facility, called Club Vallarta, which will be the center for the educational and recreational opportunities we will offer to the youth we serve.

On the education side, our new center features classrooms which will be used for reading, writing and math intervention, something needed more than ever after a year lost to the Covid pandemic. We'll also offer to our kids the Adventure room where our teachers will promote reading and imagination growth. Thanks to Andy and Dina Heese, from Colorado, for sponsoring the construction of the room and the teacher in charge of running it. A big thank you to Marcela Mangarelli, an Argentinian teacher who now lives in Canada, and her friends for donating most of the books, games and materials needed for this program. Our center will also feature a music facility where kids will have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and also how to record their musical skills in a recording studio. Thanks to Teresa Kelley, from

Minnesota, who not only provided the inspiration for the program but will also be volunteering her time as a teacher.

On the recreational side, our new center will feature a lighted basketball and volleyball court with shaded bleachers. The court will serve as the center for league games and tournaments for both children and adults in the community. Our newly constructed swimming pool will be used to provide swimming lessons to kids and to provide a place to cool off in the hot Puerto Vallarta weather. Our center also includes a multipurpose open-air salon for activities designed to promote physical fitness like dodgeball, Zumba, Cross-Fit and other activities.



As we make plans to open this new facility (tentatively scheduled for opening on November 15, 2021), we're reaching out to adults interested in supporting our programs. Here is a partial list of our immediate needs:

1. **Martial Arts Classes** - We want to offer these classes and need funding, approximately \$4,000 pesos (\$200 U.S. dollars) monthly for the salary of a martial arts instructor. We will also need martial arts equipment like mats and punching mits.
2. We have a skilled, motivated and youth-oriented instructor for youth basketball. He will be coaching different groups of boys and girls two hours each evening, Monday - Friday. His salary will also be \$4,000 pesos (\$200 U.S. dollars) monthly.
3. Brandon is a full-time teacher in our reading/writing and math intervention program, a program designed to help primary school kids who are behind on these subjects. Monthly salary needed, \$9,000 (\$450 U.S. dollars).
4. We also need sports equipment for all of our sporting activities: basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, volleyball nets, small dodge balls, basketball nets, puzzles, table games like chess, checkers, monopoly, cards, etc.
5. Our music program currently has 12 keyboards and 12 iPads thanks to a donation from Dave and Heather Betters (Minnesota) who were instrumental in beginning the music program we currently have. However, we are in need of 12 flutes to begin our flute class.
6. **Computers program** - We are planning to offer computer classes to teens and adults. We need 12 laptops and the salary of a computer teacher which is approximately \$9,000 pesos (\$450 U.S. dollars) monthly.
7. **Swimming lessons** to kids and teens from the area are a big priority for us. Knowing how to swim is a survival skill necessary in a town like ours with the Pacific Ocean on our doorstep. The swimming lessons have taken a more important role for us because in the month of October 2021, two children drowned in hotel swimming pools here in the city and in May a waiter died while rescuing a drowning girl. A swimming instructor will cost us approximately \$4000 pesos (\$200 U.S. dollars) per month as well.

If you can help with any of these needs it will be sincerely appreciated by the youth we are serving.





HOW TO DONATE

If you are a U.S. citizen and want a tax-deductible receipt, you can give through our IRS-Recognized 501(c)(3) partner organization:

Children's Shelter of Hope Foundation
P.O. Box 3135
Montrose, Colorado 81402
www.cshf-us.org

If you are a Canadian citizen and want a tax-deductible receipt, you can give through our Canadian partner organization New Beginnings:

Stevenson Ministries Foundation - New Beginnings
53105 Highway 21
Sherwood Park, Alberta
T8A 4T7
<https://newbeginningsmexico.org/>

Please be sure to specify that your donation is for EDVM (Educacion y Deportes Para Una Vida Mejor A.C. - Club Vallarta) and how you want your donation to be used (equipment, teacher or coaches' salaries, etc.).

If you are in Mexico, you can write a check made payable to:

Educacion y Deportes Para Una Vida Mejor A.C.

Thank you.

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