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Our Mission

Casa de los Angeles is a community of caring people who gather to nurture children, serving the needs of the less fortunate, treating each person with dignity and respect as they work to make a better life for themselves. It is located in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, and was founded on September 18, 2000.

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Welcome, Carolyn Edlebeck!



In the almost 11 years that Casa de los Angeles has been serving families of San Miguel de Allende, we have had just about 1500 volunteers from 20 countries. They have been the extra hands that we need in our classrooms, the muscle we need in construction projects, the smiles that help at fundraising activities and the voices that tell the story of Casa de los Angeles to others.

Five years ago **Carolyn Edlebeck** of Waupaca, Wisconsin made her way to our door. It was obvious from the very first day that Carolyn had an energy and a heart for service. It has become a relationship that our staff, the children and the moms value . . . looking forward to each of Carolyn's visits.

Now, we are happy to announce that, starting in September, Carolyn will be our Volunteer Coordinator, a new full-time position established so that we can grow in our connections to volunteers around the world. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carolyn double majored in International Studies and Political Science and hold certificates in Global Cultures and African Studies.

For the last year and a half Carolyn has been the Volunteer and Special Projects Coordinator for the Arlington Academy of Hope in Bumwalukani, Uganda. Carolyn has also been a long time advocate for youth development and positive involvement in volunteerism. In 2007 and 2008 he was an expert speaker and youth facilitator at four White House *Helping America's Youth Conferences* hosted by First Lady, Laura Bush. Since 2005 Carolyn has been on the Executive Board of the *Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development*. We are sure that Carolyn will be instrumental in the growth of the Casa de los Angeles volunteer program.

Welcome, Carolyn!

¡Bienvenida, Carolina!



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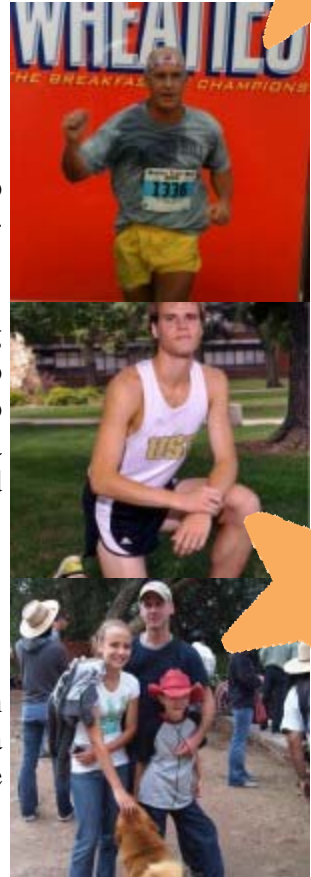
Support our runners . . . Be a part of the MATCH!!!!

Casa de los Angeles has 35 runners training for the **Bank of America Chicago Marathon** on Sunday, October 9, 2011. This is the fifth year that we are an official charity of this great marathon.

You may not be a runner, but you can be a part of the marathon by supporting our runners. **A generous anonymous donor has agreed to match up to \$10,000 in Team Casa donations starting August 10. Here's your chance to support Team Casa and double your donation!** Funds raised by Team Casa members go right to work providing daycare, meals, transitional housing and medical services to our families.

To make a donation, go to our marathon website
<http://marathon.casadelosangeles.org/>

You can pick a particular runner to support or make a general donation. You can be sure that every penny will be used to help those in our care. Also, post a comment to our runners. Your good energy will motivate them to run like the wind!!!



Graduation 2011

August 18 will mark the last day for 25 of our Casa de los Angeles children. They will graduate and move on to kindergarten! So often we speak to our mothers about the importance of education. And, we have some moms who have taken advantage of our scholarship program and have returned to high school. What a great example they are to their children! So, for our little ones, this is the first step, the first graduation. Congratulations to our 25 children and their families. We will miss you!



Gracias Sagrada Wellness Center

Last month we had a great visit with our friends from the beautiful **Sagrada Wellness Center** (www.sagradawellnessmexico.com). Blair, Katherine and Shane . . . along with Brody the Dog . . . came to us with a car load of gifts for our children. Thank you so very much! We are grateful for your friendship and for the good things you are doing!