

Testimonial

Hello, my name is Jesús Emmanuel, I'm 16 years old and I've been living in Albergue Infantil Los Pinos for 4 years.

I entered on August 24th, and it was my first day of secondary school as well. That day was especially difficult for me, I remember that after dinner I felt upset, and I cried because I thought this place was not for me; but someone told me "how do you know it is not for you if you have not tried", I called my mom and tell her "I do not want to be here, this is not for me". I've never heard my mom say anything with her heart like that time, she said: "son, I thank God you're in the Albergue, because I only have 20 pesos and 2 eggs for the whole week" that phrase had a great impact on me, making me really question what I should do here.

Since that day, I live motivated. Today I can't believe everything I've accomplished, I am who I am, in great part thanks to my mom; but there are many other people who have encouraged me. If I had to list their names and actions, I wouldn't end.

Some of the achievements that I have reached are: to become level 4 in a month and a half, (the highest grade a boy can reach in the Albergue, based on his behavior and good habits), to finish secondary school with an average of 97, and being studying high school with more enthusiasm than ever.



These are some of the goals that I have achieved, but all this wouldn't have been possible without the support that I received at the Albergue.



I still do not believe all the blessings I have, when I turn back and see where I was, and where I am now, I am full of pride and motivation; because I remember each person who have been by my side during my growth, and all those things they have done for me.

Dedication, effort, focus, honesty, hunger for success, perseverance, discipline, sacrifices, and respect, are the values that I have learned since that day and define me, which I seek to live daily, not just saying..

The only thing that remains for me to say is "Thank you so much for helping me", because I know that all the support that the children and young people who live in the Albergue receive, is possible thanks to people like you, who even without knowing us, support the Albergue, and thus give us the tools, the hope and the motivation to reach our dreams.

Thank you!