

# HELP 100 KIDS IN CENTRAL MEXICO TO OVERCOME EDUCATIONAL LAG DUE TO COVID-19



**FOR MORE THAN 10  
YEARS, OJALA NIÑOS  
HAS BEEN FOSTERING  
CRITICAL THINKING  
AND SELF-CONFIDENCE  
ON CHILDREN FROM  
THE RURAL COMMUNITY  
OF SAN MIGUEL VIEJO  
IN CENTRAL MEXICO**

## LET'S BET ON EDUCATION

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing gaps in learning, increasing school dropouts and inequality, which will affect children into adulthood. The situation in rural communities, is even more devastating since families do not have internet access to continue their children's education and parents have lost income. Ojala Niños Program aims to overcome the educational lag and keep the children interested in learning, in a outdoor and sanitized space, where they can freely explore and discover; share and learn together with proper guidance.

# CHALLENGE

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting children education severely. In Mexico, it is causing lags in learning and increasing school dropouts, especially in the poorest areas where families must spend their days with their children trying to find food. Many of these children will not return to school as we begin to return to normal. The situation in San Miguel Viejo, a rural community on the outskirts of San Miguel de Allende in Central Mexico is even more devastating since families do not have internet access or televisions to continue their children's education and parents have lost income.

# SOLUTION

For more than 10 years, Ojala Ninos has provided a successful after-school program to the children of San Miguel Viejo. Now, we mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on learning, using an integrated and interactive learning processes, in outdoor lessons and with health safety measures, about Science, Technology, Arts, Mathematics and Reading Encouragement, so children can improve their critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, communication, and creativity skills.

# LONG-TERM IMPACT

This project will offer the life-skills needed to prepare children to take their rightful place in the economic order, such as: sowing food in a garden and taking care of chickens to promote food self-sufficiency, learning digital skills, studying mathematics and English, encouraging reading and, promoting artistic expression, music and dance. These skills will contribute to their own development, the wellbeing of the community and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



**CHILDREN LOVE TO  
LEARN.**

**CHILDREN ARE  
NATURAL LEARNERS.**

**WE ARE THEIR  
OPPORTUNITY!**

**WOULD YOU HELP US?**





# THE CLASSES

The program offers alternative educational opportunities 5 afternoons a week, year round, at no charge. We provide space, materials, ideas and guidance as the principle focus for turning curiosity into exploration, discovery and learning. We emphasize the importance of social service and social justice in order to develop critical thinking skills, self confidence and sustainable work ethics.

By 2021, we will offer 750 hours of lessons in Environmental Education and health, Digital literacy, story telling and literacy for children, art, music and dance, mathematics and english as a foreign language.



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Children explore in a garden and a hen house, where they learn how to grow their own food and taking care of the chickens. The objective is to promote an environmental awareness, ecological knowledge, attitudes, personal health, values, commitment to actions and ethical responsibilities for the use of natural resources with the purpose of achieving an understanding of nature.

## DIGITAL LITERACY

Digital skills are powerful tools helping people connect, learn, engage with their community, and create more promising futures. With these lessons' children gain the digital skills necessary to engage in a digital world and improve their own livelihoods. Kids learn how to use a computer and internet to explore and find relevant information for their education, for creativity or just for fun, responsibly and safely.



# THE CLASSES

## STORYTELLING AND LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN

Reading enriches the lives of children by, improving language skills, develops the ability to concentrate and stimulates the imagination. These are some of the many benefits of promoting reading in children, that's why Ojala Niños has a focus on storytelling and literature where kids sit in a circle to read and listen to stories, and talk about their thoughts and feelings



## ART, MUSIC & DANCE

**STAINED GLASS:** The aim of this sessions is to develop an understanding of the creation process of stained glass windows and to learn how to apply the techniques needed, then apply those techniques to create a one of a kind project.

**RECYCLE ART:** The goal of this sessions is to promote environmental awareness and find new purposes for discarded items while children express themselves and create something useful.

## MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH

Using the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), children learn different techniques to solve problems more efficient and a second language at the same time, gaining relevant vocabulary and language skills.





# DONATE TO OUR PROGRAM

**WE HAVE DIFFERENTS AND EASY WAYS TO DONATE.**

Your donation will allow us to continue offering the place, the materials and the guidance, at no cost, to help San Miguel Viejo children to to overcome the educational lag and keep children interested in learning, in outdoor and sanitized space, where they can freely explore and discover; share and learn with proper guidance.

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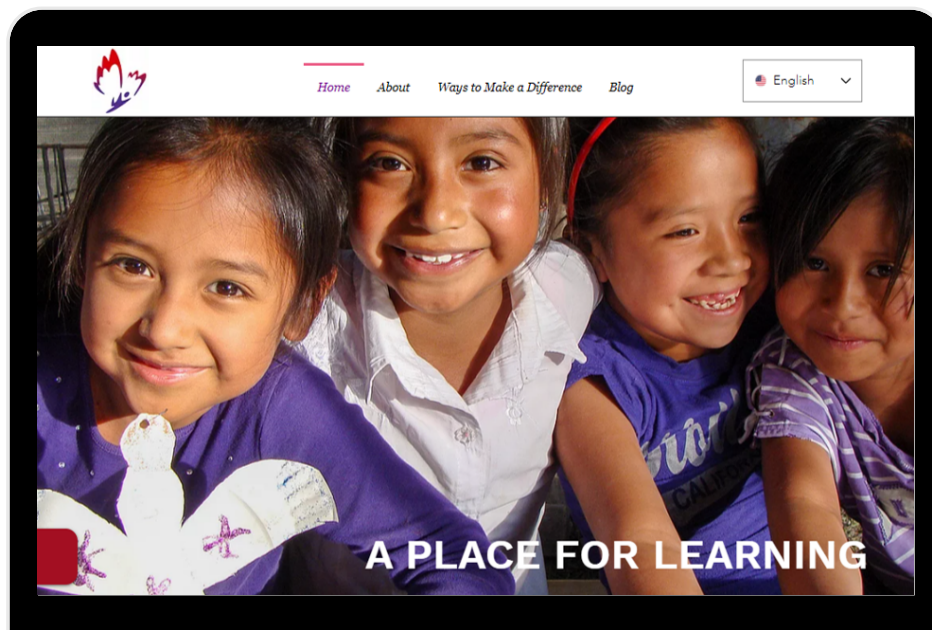
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