



**MENTOR A MENTOR**

**Gracias...and What's to Come!**



## Gracias

Together, in a single day, we raised just over \$2,000 on our Facebook campaign...enough for us to employ one instructor to work with children at risk in Mexico for nearly one year! WOW! Thank you so much! We know that many deserving organizations ask for support on #GivingTuesday, and we are so grateful and humbled by those who chose to support our mission during this

campaign. Please know how much we appreciate your partnership, love, support, prayers and general good vibes in helping make our work possible. In this time of giving, your generous spirit will cheer all of us on at Mentor a Mentor! If you missed our #GivingTuesday campaign and would still like to help us reach our goal before the end of the year, you can certainly do so via our [website](#).

### **What's to Come**

In December Javier and Rebecca will be spending time at Mentor a Mentor's sites in Mexico:

#### Chihuahua, Mexico:

We will be at Orphanage Adonai with directors Luis and Cecy, their children and Mentor a Mentor's Capoeira instructor, Gabriel. We will also attend Capoeira trainings with Mentor, Raul, at his studio and visit partner sites and instructors we worked with earlier in 2017-18.

#### Ciudad Juárez, Mexico:

We look forward to visiting Breakdance instructor Daniel, seeing his classes in action, and meeting the youth he works with daily! If we are lucky, we will get to attend one of their public breakdance demonstrations at their secondary school.

In both Chihuahua and Juarez we will be meeting with potential new instructors and partner sites for 2019.

#### Cancún, Mexico:

Foundation Wayak Páal, of whom we partnered with in 2018 to support

continuing education for one of their fútbol instructors, serves to help under resourced and at risk children participate in their local soccer league. We are excited to meet and see how we may be able to further partner together in this new year to continue to support their instructors!

Stay tuned to our social media accounts (be sure to follow us if you don't already!) this next month for pictures, videos and updates of our time on site in Mexico; we will send a proper update later of what we hope will be some exciting news in 2019! We appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we discern the right steps to further make a positive impact in Mentor a Mentor sites and their local communities.

Thank you again for all of your love and support, Mentor a Mentor would not exist without you!

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A Few Stories Highlighted on #GivingTuesday



Luis and Cecy, directors of orphanage Adonai, daily sacrifice to give children a safe haven with the love and care they need. Twice a week Gabriel, Mentor a Mentor's instructor, travels one hour by bus to their orphanage on the outskirts of town to teach Capoeira classes to their children. Gabriel is a constant support to the orphanage directors and another consistent positive adult in the lives of these children

Four days a week Daniel teaches breakdance classes after school to youth on the outskirts of Ciudad Juarez. In a border city riddled with violence, drug cartel activity, a transient community of migrants and parents working excessive hours in factories, these youth now have a trusted mentor investing in them and offering them a constant alternative, something they love to learn with someone who truly cares.



#GIVINGTUESDAY



Children from orphanage Casa Hogar Adonai were invited by their instructor Gabriel and mentor Raul to a weekend training with a Brazilian capoeira master and many others from Mexico...they saw their instructor Gabriel graduate cords and trained alongside some of the best, learning yet again to set their sights high!