

Good News

November 7, 2019

With all of the bad news out there, we thought now would be a good moment to share some of our recent good news from Mentor a Mentor's sites and instructors.

Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico

Meet Brenda Ornelas: A Miraculous Encounter



In May, Sara Papworth trained for and **completed a triathlon** to raise funds for Mentor a Mentor. Thanks to her, we received enough funds to begin the search for a new instructor!

This fall, Luis Delgado, director at Orphanage Casa Hogar Adonai told us about a music instructor he hoped could work with their children. The connection was made and with the funds in place, Brenda began teaching music classes on the weekends with the children at the orphanage in September. We are so grateful for the support of Sara and the work that Brenda is now doing! Brenda brings the gift of music and

art to the children, something they had been longing for!



Best in His Category: North American Capoeira Games



In case you missed it, Mentor a Mentor instructor Gabriel (aka *Graduado Faísca*) took first place in his category at the North American Capoeira Games this spring. We are thrilled for him and honored to have him continue his work teaching children at Orphanage Casa Hogar Adonai and the strong example he provides them.

Check him out during one of the games below (Gabriel is the one with

curly hair)!



Click the link to watch the video - <https://vimeo.com/371724064>

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico

A Win for Chess Students



Students of Mentor a Mentor Instructor, Jaime Pineda, competed in a round robin chess tournament against students of the five other technical schools in their zone of Ciudad Juárez...and won! They will continue on to the next competition between mixed zones (Dates and Location TBD). They were already motivated, but now they have that much more drive to keep up their hard work!

A Close Call



Breakdance students of Daniel Pineda had rehearsed and were prepared to present at a Día de los Muertos celebration in their school this past week. Unfortunately, the beautiful *ofrenda* that students and teachers built caught fire and the presentation was canceled! We are so grateful for the safety of all students and staff, and the parents from the school who came to help firefighters in their efforts. We are also so impressed by the students and their abilities. See their rehearsal below; we hope they will

have the opportunity to publicly show off their skills soon!



Click the link to watch the video - <https://vimeo.com/371729889>



Mark your Calendars:

If you're interested in supporting the work these amazing instructors are doing with youth and children at risk in Chihuahua and Juarez, stay tuned because Giving Tuesday is just around the corner! We will let you know how you can specifically help to keep this work going. And if you don't want to wait, see our [support page](#) to make a donation now.

Gracias from all of us at Mentor a Mentor!