

Dear Friends,

This month we would like to pass along to you a note from some of our students.

May you and yours have a Happy Thanksgiving!

The Volunteers of MTF

Dear Sponsors and Donors,

We, the young women of the residence Casa Santa Maria, are very thankful and proud to be students in junior high and high school. Having to leave our villages and come to town for an education has taught us new values and joys. Also, thanks to the support of the residence, we have been able to experience greater personal growth. We have especially been able to make many new friends and develop good relationships here and at school. All this has helped us to have a greater respect for ourselves and for others.

We have seen the necessity of knowing and conserving our own customs and traditions. Here at the house, we are a mixture of two ethnic groups, Ch'ol and Tzeltal Mayans. We try to respect our differences and join together in what we have in common. We just finished the feast of the Day of the Dead where we built our altar and decorated it with natural offerings such as food and fruits. During these celebrations, we remember the importance of God in our lives.

We are very, very thankful for you and for all those who have supported our personal progress. Thanks to our sponsors and friends, we can continue to learn, finish our education and contribute towards a more dignified life for our families and communities.

May God bless you and may you have much success in life.