



Feed the Children Vallarta

School Feeding Program

School of Champions

Day Care Centers



Newsletter

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THE DUMP IS CLOSED

The city dump in Puerto Vallarta was officially closed in June.



How will this affect us and the communities we work with?

1. More unemployment in an already impoverished area.

Several hundred people were working in the dump. About 50 to 80 will remain. This will exacerbate the poverty of the families living in the area we operate in. To alleviate the effects of this on the children whose lives we aim to improve, we've set up a new "Firefly" program, which feeds over six hundred hungry adults and children from the community that lives around the dump.

2. Programs to help the people living around the dump continue as normal.

Most of our programs will be unaffected by the closure of the dump. Nobody is currently living in the dump (as they were when we started out), but these people are still very much in need. We continue to assist the disadvantaged communities of the dump area by supplying basic provisions and giving their children an opportunity for a better future through education.



Feed the Children Vallarta

replaces Children of the Dump
as our official name.

Real progress is being made...

“Feed the Children Vallarta” was established in 1998. Our priority has always been to get the children from the disadvantaged dump area into school and to ensure the necessary conditions for them to stay in school and learn, believing that this is the best way to offer them a better future. And we have achieved results:

- In 1998 70% of the children living in/around the dump didn't complete grade six. Today, 90% of these students continue with their education into grade seven and beyond.
- All of the schools in which we operate have at least doubled in enrollment.
- The School of Champions now has its own fully air-conditioned three story building with two recently-added extra classrooms and a computer laboratory.

Our new name reflects this progress and the work we are currently doing

Today there are no families living in the dump and no children working there. The vast majority of the children are in school. We feed them during their regular classes and help them with math, English and computer classes after school. They are no longer Children of the Dump; they are students and Champions. We are changing the name of the charity to Feed the Children Vallarta, and calling the children in our after school programs, **Students of the School of Champions**. We hope you will continue to support our endeavors, as the achievements we have seen and the continued progress we hope to witness in the future are made possible by your contributions.

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