



Annual Report 2019-2020

Guadalupe site La Paz, Bolivia



Chalice has run the sponsorship program in La Paz since 2009, and in 2019 it came under the direction of the Good Shepherd Sisters. This congregation also runs Chalice's Levantate Mujer site in Sucre, Bolivia. La Paz is a metropolitan city, but even though the families live within the city limits, they face extreme poverty and isolation from the advantages it offers. Many families have little access to education, health, and basic services. These communities struggle with high drop-out rates among youth, leaving them more vulnerable to substance abuse, unemployment, and domestic violence. The site focuses on building up families in the areas of nutrition, hygiene, leadership, financial literacy and violence prevention.



Child



- Guadalupe site supports 549 sponsored children.
- 90% of sponsored children are enrolled in formal education.
- 10% are in preparatory courses to enter technical and university level studies.
- 154 sponsored children accessed dental care through the site's oral health program.
- 5 university students are part of the Hope for My Future program, which supports their housing, food and transportation.



Family

- Guadalupe site works with 16 family circles.
- Site staff worked with 35 parents within the family circles to empower them as decision makers and leaders among their fellow mothers and guardians.
- They also trained family circles through workshops in nutrition, hygiene, financial literacy, violence-prevention and leadership.
- 68% of parents participated in an educational session about oral health.
- 4 family circles ran activities to encourage group savings.
- 4 family circles had "knowledge exchanges" in which the parents recorded homemade how-to videos demonstrating different skills and shared them with each other through online messaging.



Community

- 538 sponsored children along with 378 non-sponsored children participated in one of their locally-organized Christmas celebrations (following public health guidelines).
- 12 family circles organized 10 charitable initiatives for neighboring families lacking basic necessities and pooled donations for families who could not afford medicine.

