



HOW YOUR SUPPORT BRINGS HOPE



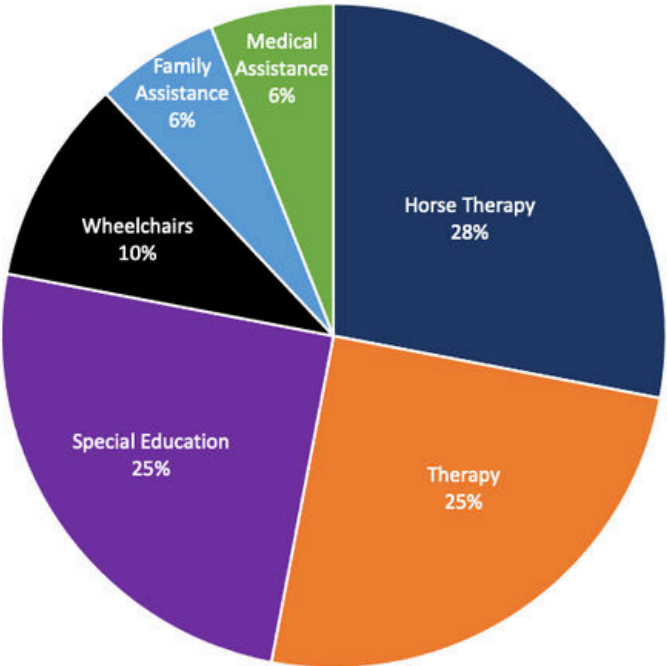
# HIS WINGS RANCH

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2025 was a year of growth and progress. With so much infrastructure in place, His Wings expanded the 6 programs serving kids and their families. Sue and Johnny, assisted by 9 staff, served 85 special needs kids with physical challenges like spina bifida as well as those with neurodivergent challenges like autism. This graph below shows where His Wings Ranch is investing time and finances to support kids with special needs and their families.

Money and Time By Program



SIX PATHS TO HOPE

You support the 6 components that together change the lives of special needs kids:

THERAPY 3

SPECIAL EDUCATION 4

WHEELCHAIRS 5

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE 6

HORSE THERAPY 7

FAMILY ASSISTANCE 8

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## Multiple Types of Therapy

You've probably heard of physical therapy which helps children improve their movement, mobility, and function but did you know that we also provide occupational therapy which helps kids improve fine and gross motor skills so they can write and coordinate their movements. OT involves making changes in the classroom like special desks. We also provide behavioral therapy which is especially helpful for children who have have undergone trauma often associated with neurodivergent disabilities. The demand for behavioral therapy greatly expanded in 2025.



## Why So Much Therapy?

Kids in wheelchairs and those with spina bifida, cerebral palsy or down syndrome aren't able to experience movement typical of children their age. They need therapy just to compensate for their lack of mobility. Then there are those with Neurodivergent who benefit greatly from horse therapy and sensory processing treatment.

## Remote Therapy

Sue holds an ipad using Zoom to allow a remote therapist on the screen to observe the behavior of a boy at the ranch. Both speech therapy and behavioral therapy can be performed remotely in this way. Licensed specialists in the United States volunteer their expertise to observe the kids and create recovery plans for the kids which local care givers in Mexico can carry out. It's one more way His Wings leverages relationships with volunteers abroad and technology (thanks Starlink) to provide solutions for the kids.



## Special Education

Kids arrive at His Wings Ranch with a variety of educational challenges. Our job is to both measure the proficiency of each child and implement a personalized instructional program to reach them using the learning style that works best for them. The way Augustine engages with the kids builds trust and respect which not only allows him to learn their learning challenges and preferred style but influences the kids to be more receptive to his assistance.



## Physical and Behavior Challenges



Behavioral challenges are an unfortunate but understandable reality among neurodivergent children many of whom have experienced traumatic family experiences. Working one-on-one with each child allows His Wings teachers to understand their specific challenges and trigger points so that teachers can move the needle not just academically but socially as these children learn how to engage successfully with others.

With leg braces provided by His Wings and a classroom accessible by a ramp, Quetzaly is already receiving far more assistance than she could hope to find in a Mexican public school environment. These basic accommodations combined with caring and competent teachers have boosted her academic performance.





# WHEELCHAIRS AND BRACES

## WHEELCHAIR WORKSHOP



Dave from Northern Arizona University is about to outfit Aiden's wheelchair with wheelie bars so he can do what every teenage boy spending all day in a chair would want to do, make the best of it by leaning back and balancing on those two wheels without the risk of toppling over.

Wheelchairs are very expensive. We collect donated chairs from the United States so that we can combine a chair that is mostly functional with another used for parts to create a chair designed to meet the specific needs of an individual child. This means changing out wheels, upholstering seats and adapting belts and harnesses.



## WALKERS AND BRACES

Children of different sizes have different requirements for braces which is why we need such an extensive collection of them. Even when we get the perfect brace for a child they grow and their level of support changes (hopefully towards less support) resulting in an even broader variety of braces needed throughout their lifetime. Earlier this year pediatric physical therapist Annie Fern-Boneo came down from the United States to fit the kids and teach the His Wings staff how to make similar assessments.





## Medical Assistance Groups

Both Loma Linda University and Azusa Pacific University nurses and healthcare workers visit the ranch multiple times each to provide vision, and health assessments while, Loma Linda, Northern Arizona and Point Loma Universities Therapy provide Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies.



Seeing clearly for the first time. That's the experience Angel had when he looked through corrective lenses to see his doctor Whitney Hardeman in focus for the first time.

## Enabling Surgical Gifts

Your support also enable kids to leverage life altering surgical gifts. It begins with Sue doing the legwork of applying for free surgeries for the kids from Shriner's Hospital and Fresh Start Surgical Gifts. Your sponsorship is key to make sure the kids can get a passport, visa and transportation so that they can benefit from hundreds of thousands of dollars of gifted surgeries.

Melanie shown here with her dad on the right and Johnny from His Wings on the left was in car accident as infant and suffered brain damage and hip dysplasia as well as motor disabilities in controlling her legs . Melanie is shown here at Shriners in Pasadena where she received physical therapy to prepare her for her upcoming hip surgery coming in January back at Shriners hospital. She will also get a brace for her ankle so she can walk without falling.







## New Horse Bridge

Joe Reyes and his construction company made this ultra sturdy bridge across the arroyo creating a sensory horse path designed to help riders with core strength and balance.



## Therapy Horses

Our horses provide unparalleled emotional regulation for kids on the autism spectrum and extensive mobility exercise for kids normally confined to wheelchairs and braces. It takes years to train a behaviorally stable animal who can calmly accommodate both physically and emotionally disabled kids.

## New Horses



We acquired 3 new horses this year. One is the offspring of our existing therapy horse Sapphire while the other two full grown horses Luna and Hurley were donated by missionary couple DJ and Lynette Schuetze who live just an hour away. They will bridge the gap between our existing therapy horses Chonita and Saphira.





Your support provides family assistance so parents can support their own children. Keeping families with special needs kids together is our calling. In Mexico there is cultural pressure to put special needs kids in orphanages. Instead we help parents to take care of their own children by helping establish basic housing, providing food and supplies as well as coordinating daycare so parents can work.

## BUILDING HOMES for Families



## HELPING MEXICO'S SOCIAL SERVICES

In addition to helping 82+ kids at His Wings Ranch we support the municipal and state chapters of the Baja social service program called DIF (Development for Integrated Family). By providing them with our excess wheelchairs and medical supplies received as donations from the United states. We are able to share any excess medical supplies with the local hospitals in Ensenada.



The Cesena family was one of several families to receive a home or major home improvement this year. A group of 21 Ebenezer church volunteers drove down from Georgia to build their house over 5 days. Father Jesus and mother Flor have a special needs son Nolan who is enrolled in the His Wings Ranch program where Nolan receives horse and physical therapy.