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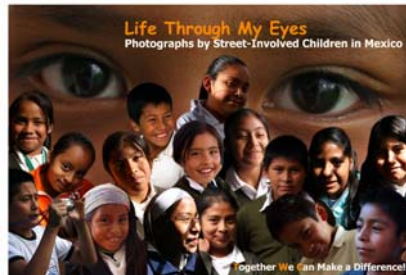
# TWC Update

## Life Through My Eyes: Photographs by JUCONI's Children to be Shown in Denver this Winter

This fall, we launched a photography project with the market-working children of JUCONI in which we provided the children digital cameras, taught them basic photography skills and encouraged them to record their lives. Thanks to support from Bread for the Journey of Denver, we were able to give the children high-quality cameras and design an eight-week educational and therapeutic curriculum for the 22 children who participated in the project.

Life Through My Eyes culminated in the final

selection of 20 photographs to be professionally printed and mounted



for display in the Denver area. On December 7 at 6 p.m., we will have a First-Friday opening of the photographs at Tenn Street Coffee (address below) in Denver. The photographs will be available for purchase as a donation, and all pro-

ceeds will go toward helping the children of JUCONI. To view the photographs online and make purchase requests, visit our website (see back page) or visit one of the following Denver locations:

### December 2007

Tenn Street Coffee  
4418 Tennyson Street

### January 2008

Café Europa  
76 Pennsylvania Street

### February 2008

Java Creek Coffee  
287 Columbine Street

### March 2008

CapuVino  
728 S. University Blvd.

## 501(c)(3) Status Approved in July

Supporters are encouraged to send contributions for TWC and JUCONI directly to Together with the Children at P.O. Box 370188, Denver, CO 80237-0188. TWC will issue tax receipts.

In February 2007, TWC submitted materials to the IRS to apply for 501(c)(3) status as a public charity. This past July, the IRS approved our application. All donations made for JUCONI through TWC are now tax exempt. Many thanks to the Cordillera Foundation for years of support as JUCONI's fiscal agent!

## JUCONI Successes 2007

○ JUCONI's Technical Support Center, in coordination with the VW-Union of Germany and Terra des Hommes, began providing three Peruvian organizations with personalized training. With this addition, JUCONI provided consultancy services to 12

national and international programs, indirectly benefiting more than 1000 children.

○ In 2007, JUCONI educators received intensive training and accompaniment in Play Therapy: an expressive therapy designed to broaden the

communication of child victims of violence.

○ JUCONI helped dozens of under-resourced public school teachers create and maintain positive educational environments that incorporate, rather than exclude, children with behavioral problems.

○ JUCONI strengthened its Transitional Youth House program for former street-living boys between the ages of 15 and 20. Last year, the program's capacity increased from five to 12 youths.

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## Visit our Expanded Website

Please visit TWC's new and improved website:

[www.TogetherwiththeChildren.org](http://www.TogetherwiththeChildren.org)

In September 2007, we launched a new website full of photographs, stories and information on JUCONI and TWC. Please visit our new site and let us know what you think!

## Thank you to all of our supporters!

TWC would like to give special acknowledgement to those supporters who have helped us develop as a new non-profit in Denver in 2007.

**Rick Barrett** at Picture This Superior for editing, printing and mounting the children's 20 photographs for Life Through My Eyes at a huge discount; **Bread for the Journey of Denver** for gifting TWC our first grant!; **Melinda Cain** for her unwavering support as a volunteer; The **Cordillera Foundation** (Jim Bye & Dee Mangels) for supporting JUCONI and TWC as our fiscal agent for many years; **Loy Dickinson** for helping TWC get to know local Rotary clubs; **Mary Hillsman** for advising TWC on board development and for traveling to Mexico to meet with our board; **César Hurtado** for providing professional expertise to help our children with their photo project; **Dee Mangels** for inspiring TWC to start Life Through My Eyes; **Ted** and **Connie Ning** for offering advice and support; **Jim Polsfut** and **Mary Buckley** for introducing us to the philanthropic community in Denver; **Robert Roehl** at Tenn Street Coffee, **Lindsay Sinette** at Café Europa, **Eric Isbell** at Java Creek and **Kevin Swaney** at CapuVino for offering space to TWC to show the 20 photographs by JUCONI's children

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## Pilot Insight Trip A Success!

By Melinda Cain, *TWC Volunteer and Insight Trip Participant*

Seeing is believing. Even though most of us had a strong familiarity with TWC/JUCONI and Mexico, I am not sure we expected to see the magic we encountered – both in terms of what we saw and how we felt by the end of the trip. All of us enjoyed getting to know each other, Puebla and the JUCONI staff. The festivities of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) added to the ambiance and total enjoyment of the trip.

We were very busy yet had ample time to reflect on our experience, and share feedback with each other and the staff. The hotel was comfortable and historically appealing and was conven-



iently located near restaurants, shopping and the town center.

Highlights included the evening dinner with residents at the transitional youth house where we talked with the boys, marveled at their personalities and resilience, and became staunch cheerleaders for their challenging lives ahead.

A second highlight was our visit

to the families – ones who had received JUCONI assistance for awhile. They were so grateful for the help and showed determination to continue making progress. With children in school and fathers with employment, the houses, while simple, felt warm and optimistic. The heartfelt gratitude was very moving, and we left with the firm belief that results like these are hard earned and very special.

Given the beginnings of the children served by JUCONI, their progress is nothing short of miraculous. Not all steps are forward, but JUCONI is always there when they falter. To never give up on a child is unique indeed. **Mark your calendars! The next trip will be May 5 through May 9, 2008.**