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# News from LIA ...

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## Open House Honors Donors' Renovation Projects at LIA

Love In Action hosted an Open House event on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to honor our donors and celebrate the completion of "House #4!" The house was totally renovated thanks to donor, **Geoffrey Kay**, who generously funded the project, making these much needed renovations to this living area possible.

**Geoffrey Kay** was presented with a certificate from Love In Action, and was given the honor of performing the official ribbon cutting, which ceremony capped off the dedication of the new building.

At that same event, the "**Sonrise Chapala Rotary Club**" presented Love In Action with a check for \$22,500 to provide funding for our next renovation project, slated for House #3. This much needed renovation will address the urgent needs for improvements in our building which houses girls ages 10-18 years old. The building was close to becoming uninhabitable due to dilapidated conditions in the ceiling, walls, floors, and restrooms.

When it is completed, House #3 will be 100% occupied by a house parent, 8 girls, and 4 teen girls who are "transitional age" – those who are older than 18 but still

need support while continuing their education. These girls will have their own room in the newly renovated house. The project will also convert some existing space into a "Community Room" that will be used for multiple purposes. We will be able to provide a space where the children can come to use computers for completing their homework (which gives excellent training for their futures). The space will also contain tables for board games, a recreational area for table tennis and foosball, as well as a TV that can be used for movie nights and for training purposes.

Additionally, we will be able to use this space for Campus Wide Weekly Family Meetings, training for our staff and volunteers, and a general large meeting space. The upstairs of the building will be converted into two private psychologists' offices and one group therapy room. Construction is scheduled to begin on January 6<sup>th</sup> of 2015 and is expected to take six weeks.

Love In Action is so grateful to our donors and supporters who are making LIA such a safe and livable place for our children who call this Center their home.

*-Kari Romey contributed to this article*



## CURRENT NEEDS:

*We are still in need of many furnishings for our next renovation project that will take six weeks to complete.*

*Items needed include folding tables, chairs, TV, game tables, computers, furniture, desks, etc.*

*If you are interested in donating furnishings, please contact Kari Romey at [kari@loveinactioncenter.org](mailto:kari@loveinactioncenter.org).*



## Kids Learn Fire Safety, Service on Field Trips

In November, our Love In Action children had the opportunity to visit one of the local fire departments on a field trip.

While on their visit, the children learned important tips about fire safety, and emergency procedures and practices.

They also had a lot of pure fun as well – and especially enjoyed getting to try their hands at being “miniature fire fighters,” with activities such as climbing onto the fire truck, sliding down the fire truck, sliding down the pole, and trying on the suits and gear that the fire fighters wear.

All of the kids who participated absolutely loved this field trip!



“Mini Fire Fighters”



**GIVING BACK:** Some of our children had a wonderful time visiting a nursing home recently. As our kids have been blessed, we strive to teach them to be a blessing to others.



*Love In  
Action would  
like to thank  
all of our  
donors,  
supporters,  
and  
sponsors.  
We wish you  
blessings in  
the New  
Year!*

### Who says school can't be fun?



### LIA Offers Onsite Education

This year, Love in Action has been able to begin operating their own school on the grounds of the Center.

**“God continues to bless us with an Oasis of faith, hope, and love.”**  
-Lilia Quezada

Being able to have the option of attending school on site has been a tremendous blessing for many of the children, particularly those who have been challenged by or have not functioned well in a traditional public school setting. Director, Kari Romey, pointed out that children

who come from the orphanage are often looked down on and bullied at school by other children. Being

able to receive their classes at LIA affords them the opportunity to learn in the same loving and supportive environment they are familiar with, without the added stresses of low self-esteem often imposed by outside peers, and they have access to specialized care.