



Classes in Braille and support groups are part of our work with persons who are blind in Aguascalientes.



Fresh fruits and vegetables from local markets provide healthy diets.



Volunteers join Comunidad staff to promote safe sex and healthy living.



Comunidad De Los Martinos A.C.

# The Community of St. Martin Guadalajara, Mexico

## Get to know us!

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

### COME VISIT US!!!

***This may be your year to visit Mexico!!!***

#### **To study Spanish:**

Timothy Murphy(R) Claremont School of Theology spent a



month with the Comunidad to learn Spanish and Mexican popular culture. Formal classroom study was accompanied with travel and participation in local cultural events. Check out Scholarships!

#### **To do an independent study:**



Dr. Junda Woo, gynecologist from Austin, TX discusses HIV treatment for children with

Manuel Salcedo, Executive Director of a local AIDS Service organization. Her ten day independent study included travel and reflection on our popular healthcare education model. Spanish classes for healthcare workers can be arranged!

#### **To travel:**

Annual senior friendly trips are scheduled beginning in Guadalajara with trips to local villages. Packages include cultural events, hotel, 2 meals a day and ground travel. Hospitality is provided for



professors and organizers of programs for students in Mexico. Book your travel today! Check our website!

#### **To do volunteer work:**

Volunteers are needed to help do street outreach, assist in our group work with persons who are blind and youth. Office volunteers are always welcome! Spanish not a requirement.



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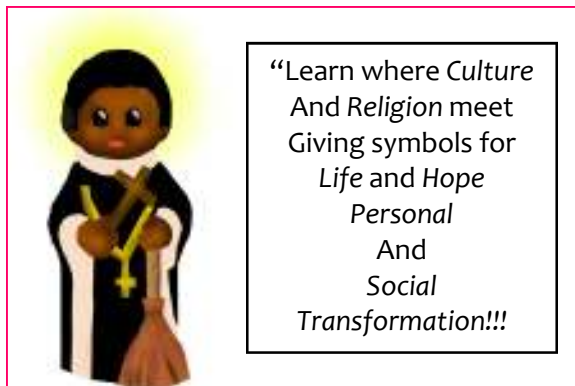
## Mission

To promote leadership formation among youth and adults through experience in the areas of holistic health, including sexuality, education and popular culture which can empower people to become agents for change generating both personal and social transformation permitting access to a broad-based development.



## Vision

By 2017 consolidate an organization economically, structurally and with strengthened work in the formation of community leaders who impact the construction of a society of equality with opportunities for everyone to live with dignity.



## Get to Know Our Projects

### Aguascalientes

Since 2008 La Comunidad has worked with people who are blind in Aguascalientes. Our work includes a monthly support group, microeconomic support for local industries run by our members. (We are currently producing natural skin lotions and creams and selling them.) Building a culture that is positive and life-sustaining is our overall objective as we seek to expand access to healthcare services and build self-esteem.

### Polanco

Polanco is a marginalized neighborhood in southern Guadalajara. Our work includes HIV Prevention, early detection of HIV and building a positive youth culture that reduces harm. Popular education includes a booth in a Sunday street fair where hundreds of persons pass and hear about family planning, HIV prevention, diabetes detection and healthy eating. Visiting scholars spend their time in our Casa de San Martin located in Polanco where they experience popular culture at its best. A monthly cultural presentation in a local park enhances our presence in building a culture for life.

### Plaza Tapatia

Located in the center of Guadalajara, Plaza Tapatia is the home and work place of many sex workers and transvestites. Victims of abuse, of violence and sexually transmitted illnesses, the Comunidad seeks to be a life-enhancing presence that provides counseling, referrals, food, condoms and emergency housing. Our work seeks to build a safety net for those working in the plaza and reducing harms that cause death and abuse. Our work is to build relationships especially with adolescent sex workers providing other options for living in a big city if they desire.

### International

Students from the United States and Germany have come to the Comunidad for especially arranged independent study programs, Spanish language opportunities and cultural immersion experiences. Seniors come in the fall for a week-long cultural experience that includes theatre, museums, travel to local villages and the beauty of downtown Guadalajara. Check out our website for more information about scheduled tours and Spanish classes. Or get in touch with us directly to plan your independent study!