

# Annual Report 2024

Making dreams of children and young people a reality  
20 years foundation "Minadores de Sueños"



## 2004: the dream awakens to give children a better future

The idea of keeping children off the street and accompanying them in their community came about 20 years ago. The goal was and is to ensure that these children never have to choose the path of a life on the street, and that they can enjoy a happy childhood in their own family.



## 2004–2009 Start with education and leisure activities

It was launched in a rented room in the district “Rancho los Pinos”, with task aid for 15 children. More than 100 children between 5-12 years enjoyed during the summer holidays the holiday programme with games and handicraft activities. These two projects are still the main activities of the Fundación.



Fundación site, summer 2003

Soon, the Fundación acquired construction land in the neighbourhood and by 2009, it had been possible to build two own school rooms. This made enabled the Fundación to take care of 45 children with a range of services in the morning and afternoon. In addition, 20 young people from the district could be offered regular activities on Saturdays.

## 2010–2014 Expansions in nutrition and health

With the construction of a stone road to the Fundación and the purchase of a vehicle, the logistics were secure. Besides the refreshments, it finally opened the much-needed lunch. At the same time, with the support of local people, the focus was placed on health aspects such as eye surgery, dental hygiene and family support.

Furthermore, the leisure activities were expanded to include a wooden playground adapted to the hillside location, so that the children could romp around in the Fundación.





## **2015–2019 Offer for all and end of construction activities**

During these years, even the youngest members of the nursery were given a place of safety. Task assistance also brought more and more new elements into everyday life. This resulted in a playroom for theatre and circus projects.

During this period, the second building was finally constructed at a rapid pace. It offers several school rooms, a multi-purpose room, a kitchen with dining room and an eco-toilet facilities.

With this building, the infrastructure that was once drawn on paper, was finally made reality after a total of 15 years of construction.



Fundación location, spring 2019

## **2020–2024 The pandemic is part of a new everyday life**

The pandemic and its consequences have had an impact in recent years. Due to the quarantine imposed, many were no longer able to work, and hunger spread. The distribution of 1,600 food baskets or approx. 16 tonnes of food by the Fundación initially alleviated the greatest needs in the families. Under strict hygiene conditions, the Fundación was able to open the doors again for a limited number of children after only a few weeks.

But returning to everyday life was difficult, as many children remained at a standstill during the pandemic. Nevertheless, or precisely because of this, the Fundación reactivated its projects and now once again offers integral care for 75 children, while young people are also involved in the project Zona Adolescente.



## Conclusion and acknowledgement

Hundreds of children have grown up in the Fundación in the last twenty years and have been saved from a life on the street. One example is Melania: starting as a teenager, she now works as a trained teacher with a university degree in the Fundación. She has also been president of the Fundación since this year.

Watch Melania's video here with a brief insight into her story.

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Finally, we would like to thank all those who have made this development possible over the past 20 years. To all who believe in this dream and contribute with financial support to realise our dream and live it. Likewise to all those whose knowledge and experience is a key part for children. This is the only way that the Fundación can continue to support the dreams of children and



loyal donors, who also make a decisive contribution so that we can continue to support all trainees on-site and in Switzerland, and actions cover a wide range of young people. Fundación can continue to support young people.

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