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WEB PAGE & News Editor John Harrison Luis Alfaro In need assistance for a Children that were relocated to Orphanages because of a Fire in Guatemala Central America.

Guatemala, Central America suffered an unfortunate event in a government owned halfway home early March. An overcrowded facility named "Virgen De Asuncion", was home to a community of minors and children. The children and or minors were located there in a mix of kids that were abandoned by their families, recovering ex-gang members, and or physically or sexually abused children. The facility was equipped to handle at maximum capacity 400 children. However, the facility was hosting over 540 children.

The children within the "Virgen De Asuncion", had been complaining of overcrowding, poor living conditions, abuse physical and sexual but sadly the right people were not hearing the message. Every night the children and young adults were locked up in long rooms and forced to stay there. As a last resort some of the young teenagers that were locked up in one of the rooms lit fire to a mattresses in hope to have a guard open the door as an emergency and the plan was for the kids to run away. However, the fire ran quickly throughout the facility.

Sadly, 40 Children died and over half the children in the halfway home were burned with  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  degree burns. The survivors were all divided into other government owned facilities throughout the county.

The San Francisco Latinos Unidos Club is in contact with one of the organizations "Departamento de Protecsion a primera infancia." that took in some of the teen moms and burned victims ranging from 14-17 years of age. The director of the facility in Quetzaltenango Guatemala, was stating that the facility is currently housing 85 girls in total, and although they not have plenty of food, they are still in need of some basic necessities.

The San Francisco Latinos Unidos Club, combined with your help is hoping to send the items and or money to the Lions club in Guatemala city as joint venture and for them to offer the full amount of money and items for the direct care of the children that were affected to "Departamento de Protecsion a Primera Infancia" in Quetzaltenango.

Also United for Guatemala victims of Volcano many families, Children, are abandoned, homeless, all their basic personal belonging and food are gone.

## NEED:

Financial Support, plus ~Baby Diapers/ Bibs/ Baby Clothing~Clothing Pajamas~Underwear Shoes~Socks~Back Packs~Bed Sheets for twin size beds For the House: New Living Room Set Couches New wall for the patio as old wall is falling apart

## Children:

1-12 months = 17 1-3 Months – 24 months = 5 11-15 years old= 42 15-17 years old= 21 There is a total of 500+ children are in desperate basic required needs Lion Rufino Ramos President You may call: Lion Thelma 415-770-8781, Lion Stella 415-350-7179,Lion Vilma 415-602-5276, lion Diana 925-848-8370, Lion Rufino 415-609-7263