



Holiday 2017 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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As we wrap up another exciting year at FEP, we want to send our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones over this special Season.

This November we experienced a first for the organization, we celebrated the graduation of our original 'Generation' of women, GEN14. In 2014, these brave and incredible women blindly embarked on a journey together with the FEP board and staff. This adventure paved the way for foundation enabling us to develop our programming and purposes. In Today's Newsletter we proudly get to take a glimpse back at the women's past 4 years, and share more about the graduation day for these 13 inspiring FEP pioneers.

Prior to taking time for Christmas vacation, approximately 180 of our FEP Family gathered to celebrate the year at our Annual Posada (Christmas Party). The party included entertainment put on by the members themselves, while local

businesses cooked up a fantastic feast. 2017 brought much for our 50 families to celebrate.

We kick off 2018 with inordinate change to our organization. Our wonderful psychologist Teresa Manzano has left FEP to focus her time on her recent marriage and her family commitments. There is a special person that we are so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy in the hearts she has touched, and the incredible curriculum she built. We will look to find a remarkable psychologist to continue on with this legacy created.

We hired a new English Teacher, Marie Carmen, just prior to the Christmas Break who will commence with classes shortly after the New Year.

We enter this New Year of our journey as we did 4 years ago, with an open spirit and mind to learn and serve each other. We thank each and everyone of you for being part of this journey. We look forward to keeping in touch, and updating you on the blessings 2018 brings.



Graduation GEN14

Members and board reflect on FEP's 1st Graduation

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Posada 2017

Photos from Annual Christmas Party

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GEN14 Women's Graduation

Reflections by: Members and Board of Director



"When they told me that we would have a graduation ceremony, the first thing I thought was that maybe they were joking. But when the graduation day arrived, we were given day and time filled with nostalgia and at the same time joy. When I graduated, I felt very happy to see all the generations reunited, our families and all the collaborators of the foundation. It was exciting to see the memories everyone in photos and previous activities we completed. As I began to review and read I realized how much we all changed. It was something very special and I will never forget"
 Karina – Graduated Member



It was a real pleasure and honor to be involved in the Gen 14 Graduation Ceremony held recently at the Centre. What a joy to witness the transformation, over the past three years, in the lives of these graduating members. We have seen huge growth in the self esteem and confidence of these individuals, as they have learned valuable skills through participating in their programs. We are excited about the positive impact this is having within the families of these graduates! The Gen 14 graduates seem to have a renewed sense of pride, and have every reason for this.

Pat Olson – Board Member

Graduation day for our 2014 group was truly an emotional and important event for me and my companions. It was a cycle, part of my history, and I thank God for the beautiful people he put in my way
 Caty – Graduated Member

The 13 women of GEN14 who graduated this November have participated in the weekly group therapeutic program for 3.5 years. Many have taken the opportunity to participate in individual, couple and family therapy. As a group they have engaged in over 650 service hours to help the Foundation operate. Over half are enrolled in the English Training program. The group will continue to meet once a month at FEP to be a support for each other, and share their acts of service in their community. The graduated members will continue to volunteer at the Foundation, and take on a mentorship role for the Generations of members after them.



Posada 2017

Members and Families of all 3 FEP Generations came to celebrate 2017, and kick off a New Year of community, friendship, well-being and joy.



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Participation

If you have the wonderful opportunity to visit the Puerto Vallarta area this winter, and you wish to take a tour or spend some time at the community centre in Las Cañadas, please email Corinne at c.kfisher@fepfoundation.com and we will arrange with you a time to share the FEP Community.

Fundacion Para El Empoderamiento Personal is currently a registered charity in both Canada and Mexico, giving us the ability to provide tax receipts for monetary and gift in kind donations. We currently have our application in to become a registered charity in the US, and patiently wait for our approval. To learn more about how your monetary donations will serve the people of Mexico we look forward to sharing how funds are utilized please contact the Executive Director.



Thank you to each of you for your interest and support of FEP Foundation.



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Where is Las Cañadas?

Las Cañadas is small community located roughly 20 Minutes North-East from Puerto Vallarta and 20 Minutes South-East from Nuevo Vallarta. It currently consists of nearly 500 families and growing.

To learn more about Fundacion Para El Empoderamiento Personal, check out our video and updated website at

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