Colegio Meyalli: dealing with poverty through integral education
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Educar A.C. is the civil association that comprises 2 schools:
* Acuautla (school for boys)
* Meyalli (school for girls)
1991 the Government of the Estado de Mexico, donated a land of 10 hectares to Educar, Civil Association.

This was done when President Salinas created a Social Program called “Solidaridad” where the government encouraged civil associations to work in the area of Valle de Chalco, estado de mexico, in the outskirts of Mexico City.
- Streets were not paved, there were no streetlights, no drainage system, no schools, no hospitals
- Unefficient transportacion
- Family unity in danger
- Mothers could not cope with their problems alone
- In 2010 there were over 350,000 people.
Meyalli opened its doors in 1991 with just a preschool classroom with 35 students.

Currently, there are 657 students from preschool to high school.
Mission:
Working for women to acquire professional skills and a sense of life that allows them to transform themselves as well as the environment around them.

Vision:
To consolidate as an educational institution with social awareness, addressed to values, virtues and attitudes education, in order to overcome poverty.
“Don’t give them a fish, teach them how to fish”
Poverty of spirit, hope and family unity

Integral Education is what makes a difference
Many students have already studied a professional career. There are nurses, business administrators, lawyers, accountants, etc. now working at important companies and being well paid.

This fact has already changed their lives.
Institutional objectives:

• To educate human beings in a balanced academic, physical and social environment with fundamental habits and values.

• To prepare women professionally in order to give them the opportunity to get a dignified and well paid job.
“First the parents, then the teachers and in third place the students”.

- Parents School: Family Oriented Programs.
- Teachers training.
- School - Parents - Students Team work.

Through parents education, we aim to help the whole family to develop skills, as well as to foster a positive familiar relationship, so that they achieve an integral development.
Personalized attention system.

Each girl has a preceptor, who is responsible of her integral education, and also has deep knowledge, not only about her academic development, but also about her social and familiar interaction, physically and emotionally.
Preschool, elementary, middle and high school

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### Educational innovations

- acquiring knowledge
- development of skills
- intellectual capacity

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Extracurricular activities

- Computer literacy
- Sports
- Musical education
- Cooking, handicraft and needlework
- Psychological attention
- Typing
Since 1991:
• 13,399 students
• 10,355 families

Scholar year 2013-2014:
• 657 students
• 510 families
Families pay only 30% of the current cost of the school tuition.

The purpose of this cost pursues that parents make an effort to appreciate and value this help.

The families with a scholarship higher than 70%, establish working agreements with the school.
Meyalli achievements:

• 8 consecutive years at the top places of the ENLACE assessment.
• ENLACE 2013:
  Elementary school:
  4° place within 193 schools in Ixtapaluca.
  Middle school:
  1° place within 111 schools in Ixtapaluca.

Awards:

“Premio Compartir” 1997, for our organizational capacity and impact on service to the community.

• In 2006, we received a recognition from Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía, A.C., for having accomplished their institutional and transparency standards.
Thanks to the support of our friends and donors, it is possible to have sufficient financial resources to carry out our work.

Our financial resources come from:

• Periodical donations (26%)
• Donations from institutions (14%)
• One time donations (17%)
• Fundraising events (15%)
• Tuitions 25%
• Other (3%)
Our donors

International Federation for Family Development
How to support Meyalli?

**Elementary or Middle School:**
- Donating an annual scholarship for a whole classroom with a $672,000.00 mexican pesos (40 students).

**High School:**
- Donating an annual scholarship for a whole classroom with a $324,000.00 mexican pesos (15 students).
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