

# 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
- Uneficient transportacion
- Family unity in danger
- Mothers could not cope with their problems alone
- In 2010 there were over 350,000 people.



Our project

Meyalli opened its doors in 1991 with just a preeschool classroom with 35 students.

Currently, there are 657 students from preeschool 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

Social impact

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.

**Educational Methodology** 

"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

Program	Beneficiaries
Preschool	192 students
Elementary and middle school	437 students
High school (on-line program)	28 students
Parents school	510 families
Staff professional training	60 teachers

- acquiring knowledge
- development of skills
- intellectual capacity

Classical	Eye motor	Neuro linguistic programming	Emocional
music	exercises		intelligence
Brain	Speed	Character	Mathematiké
gym	learning	education	

- Computer literacy
- Sports
- Musical education
- Cooking, handicraft and needlework
- Psycological attention
- Typing





## Since 1991:

13,399 students10,355 families

Social impact

## Scholar year 2013-2014:

657 students510 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.

Scholarship Program

#### Meyalli achievements:

•8 consecutive years at the top places of the ENLACE assesment.

•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.





Fundraising

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%)











#### 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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