

TWICE THE HELP

With proper funding, we can begin operating a modern community center in the struggling neighborhood of Asentamientos Humanos by September 2011. This will allow us to respond to the need for more and better services for approximately 3,500 sponsored children and to serve an additional 3,500 children for a total sponsored population of 7,000 children.

The cost to renovate the center has been budgeted at US\$295,000. This includes development of structural and architectural plans, raising the level of the ground to prevent flooding, renovating the existing space, new construction, a playground, furniture and equipment.

In addition to the rooms shown, the center will also include the following functional spaces:

- A large, airy **waiting room** where children and parents can comfortably wait to receive services and benefits.
- A **community enrichment hall**, which will serve as a gathering place for community events, parent workshops, children's events, etc.
- A secure **warehouse** area where thousands of items such as clothing and school supplies can be stored for distribution to children and families.
- A **playground**, because having a safe place to play is so important – and is a highlight of any child's visit to their center.



A

MEDICAL CLINIC

Quality medical care is one of the greatest services offered at our community centers. Clinic rooms provide a private, well-equipped space for exams and parent consultations.



B

DENTAL CLINIC

Dental care is no longer a luxury for sponsored children. Dental chairs, sterilizing equipment and proper dental tools ensure excellent care.



C

LIBRARY AND STUDY CENTER

Books, games and puzzles keep the children excited about learning in a safe environment perfect for reading and doing homework.



D

COMPUTER CENTER

Providing access to computers gives our youth valuable training and skills that can help them get a better job someday.



TWICE THE NEED

Twin sisters hope a new center means they'll soon have sponsors, too.

A little girl's head pokes around a sheet that serves as a door of the shanty home. She giggles and soon another smiling face peeks out. The second girl's face is a little fuller than the first, but has the same facial features and eye-catching grin.

Their names are Zeily and Keily, and they're twin sisters. And although it's said that twins are double the fun, for their mother, Blanca, it's double the pain as she struggles to provide for them in the rough slum neighborhood of Asentamientos Humanos.

The twins' father abandoned the family when they were infants. They moved here in desperation about six months ago, now sharing a wood shack with seven other family members, including Blanca's sister and her children. Blanca sometimes works at a local sewing shop, but it's not a steady job and some weeks there is no work at all.

Despite their impoverished surroundings, Zeily and Keily almost always have smiles on

their faces. There's a spark in their eyes and an energy about them that pulls you in. You can't help but be charmed by these smart little girls and the potential they possess.

Their cousin, Dennis, is sponsored, and the girls look with envy on the clothes, shoes and school supplies that he brings home. Blanca can't wait for the day the new, upgraded center opens and her children will be eligible for sponsorship. "I would feel happy for them and for myself," she sighs. "Who wouldn't be happy? [Children International] provides a lot, and the care they give is very good."

With your support, we can double the assistance we provide in Asentamientos Humanos. Your contribution will help us renovate and upgrade the existing center, allowing us to grow from 3,500 sponsored children to 7,000! Then Blanca won't have to choose just one daughter to be sponsored. There will be plenty of room for both.

