



La Unión Chicana Por Aztlán

1st Annual "Mission Ch.A.N.G.E."

Mission: **Ch**icanos **A**broad: **N**ueva **G**eneración de **É**xito
Spring break service trip to Mexico

January 25, 2008

We, Chicanos, were born into families that were displaced from Mexico due to the many economic, political, and social injustices that plague Mexico. As students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, our goal is to retrace our roots and embark on a culturally enriching quest into the heart of Mexico: *La Ciudad de México*. However, seeing the city through the eyes of a tourist would be to blind ourselves from the struggles and realities our families faced. Currently, there are about 240,000 abandoned street children in Mexico City. Though we cannot improve the lives of all, we can at least dedicate our week-long vacation to a few of these orphans, picked up from the streets, and inspire them to strive for a better tomorrow.

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RE: Mission Ch.A.N.G.E.
Date: January 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Our organization, La Unión Chicana por Aztlán (LUChA), is dedicated to providing both cultural and academic support to students who identify in any way with Mexican-American culture, as well as bringing a unique and ancient way of life to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In addition to being a family away from home, we are mindful of our past and proud of our culture, and conduct ourselves in a manner that reflects our noble heritage to the entire MIT community. Yet, many of us have never had the opportunity to visit Mexico.

Mission:

We, eight LUChA members of diverse backgrounds, would like to undergo in this cultural experience that not only takes us back to our roots but also touches the lives of homeless disadvantaged youth.

With the help of *MexCity Mission* (McM--a *Family Care Foundation* program) we will spend our weeklong spring break vacation (March 21-30, 2008) volunteering at 4 local orphanages in Mexico City. Some of us will help with the distribution of wholesome food and clothing to these orphanages, while others will work with the missionary's musical band to raise funds for poor communities through performances. In addition, those interested in the medical field will have an opportunity to volunteer at the "Patch Adams" ministry to work with children suffering from cancer.

Still, throughout our service trip to Mexico, our primary duty will be to inspire these "street kids" who have never had a big brother or sister in their lives. Furthermore, we would like to make a \$200.00 donation to McM so they can continue to be a family for many children without a home.

Contribution:

Given the financial need of the orphanage, they will not be able to provide us with housing, flight tickets or basic needs. Even through our various fundraisers and anticipated funds (please see the attached itemized list) we are still in need of \$2,485.00.

We would therefore greatly appreciate any donations made to LUChA's MIT account or a direct cash advance to purchase our plane tickets and/or housing needs.

Thank you for helping our mission become a reality!

Sincerely,
Mission Ch.A.N.G.E. 2008 Participants

LUChA Account Number: 2720958

Itemized Budget - 1st Annual Mission Ch.A.N.G.E.

Estimated Cost Budget:	Unit Cost	Quantity	Cost
Airfare (Boston, MA to Mexico City)	\$500	8	\$4,000.00
Hotel	\$180	8	\$1,440.00
Ground Transportation	\$20	8	\$160.00
Mission Ch.A.N.G.E. donation to McM	\$200	1	\$200.00
Total Cost:			\$5,800.00

Fundraising Efforts	Date	Completed	Profit
Día de los Muertos-Sugar Skulls Sales	11/07	Y	\$150.00
Hot Dog Stand in Spanish House	12/07	Y	\$25.00
Valentine's Day Teddy Bear Sales	02/08	N	\$160.00
LUChA's Symposium Raffle	02/08	N	\$300.00
LUChA Alumni Sweatshirt Sales	02/08	N	\$380.00
Mes Latino T-Shirt Sales	03/08	N	\$500.00
Total Fundraising:			\$1515.00

Anticipated Funds			
Personal Dues (\$200 per person)	02/08	N	\$1,600.00
LUChA's Main Account	02/08	N	\$200.00
Total Anticipated Funds:			\$1,800.00

Total Funding Need:	\$2,485.00
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