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FONDO *guadalupe*
MUSALEM
20 AÑOS

Educating girls, helping individuals,
families and communities.



Alma Delia and Sydney Paulina, scholarship holders of the Fondo Guadalupe Musalem, coexist with Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize 2014, during a private meeting in Mexico City.

20 YEARS CHANGING LIVES

We are a group of committed people, women and men who believe that through generosity and dedication, we can change the social context in which we live, we can provide opportunities for young women to achieve their dreams.

We started this educational project 20 years ago with the goal of contributing to the empowerment of talented women with the potential to become leaders and agents of change in their families and communities.

We are able to accomplish this goal through the good will, hard work and generous contributions of many people.

A SOUND PROJECT WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS

Donations made to the Fondo Guadalupe Musalem, A.C., have supported academic fellowships for 135 young women. The majority of the recipients come from rural communities located in the eight regions of Oaxaca state. A special effort has been made to reach Native American students and 70% of the beneficiaries are speakers of indigenous languages. A rigorous yearly process is used to recruit and select students from public schools. The students must have a GPS of 9 out of 10, come from low income families and have shown a proven calling for community service.

Achievements

- In 2015, the Oaxacan State Youth Prize for Social Work was awarded to an alumnae of the Fondo.
- Four alumnae of the Fondo have been awardees the National Youth Prize.
- Two alumnae have been awarded scholarships to study in USA.
- Several other alumnae have taken part in international meetings on: Leadership, Feminism, Tourism and Indigenous Youth.

LILA DOWNS, OAXACAN SINGER AND PERFORMER, IS A MAJOR DONOR AND A FUNDAMENTAL PILLAR OF THIS PROJECT.



BENEFITS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- Monthly stipend to support studying and staying in high school.
- Monthly student workshops on topics as: sexual and reproductive health, Leadership, gender equality, community development and academic support and improvement.
- Each beneficiary of the fellowship is assigned an adult female mentor, who serves as a role model and supports the personal growth and development of the student.
- Medical and psychological care.
- Bi-monthly food and personal hygiene basket for the beneficiary and her family.
- College and scholarship guidance.

Paulina Mendoza Gutiérrez one of our fellowship receivers, Lila Downs and Elvia Rodríguez Rodríguez alumnae of the Fondo and winner of the 2015 State Youth Prize at the launching of the campaign "Your Donation Changes Their Life".