The Juanfe Foundation is a private and not-for-profit organization committed to social transformation and poverty reduction in Latin America.

Since 2001, we contribute to the enhancement of women as development actors through a holistic intervention program for adolescent mothers in situation of extreme poverty and vulnerability.
At the Foundation, we offer quality technical education, thus promoting the educational, social, and economic inclusion of the teenage mothers and their children.

Through our Employment and Entrepreneurship Office, we support them in the achievement of a job with satisfactory working conditions, a decent wage, and social security.

Our 360 Degrees Model includes psychological counseling to restore the mothers’ self-esteem and develop their social skills. They define and promote a new life project, and are able to achieve respect, resilience, and independence.

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By addressing adolescent pregnancy and preventing subsequent pregnancies, we reduce poverty, inequality, and vulnerability situations in underserved communities.

In addition to poverty, these young women and their children have been and are exposed to situations of abuse, all kinds of violence, machismo, and family abandonment.

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We focus on ensuring the mental, emotional and physical health; on providing quality education; and on promoting the formal labor inclusion and economic stability of adolescent mothers in situation of extreme poverty and vulnerability, thus benefitting their children and their families. We achieve this through our holistic intervention model, called 360 Degrees, which comprises:

- Psychosocial care.
- Sexual and reproductive health and education.
- Life project construction.
- Education in soft skills and ethical values.
- Technical and vocational certified education.
- Labor inclusion and employability.
- Support to entrepreneurship projects.
- Enhancement of knowledge.
- Physical, psychomotor and cognitive development of the early childhood.
- Active family involvement.
The young women exercise their rights, raise their social and economic self-esteem, and create wellbeing cycles for themselves, their children, their families, and their communities.
At the Infant Development Center (CIDI) we promote the physical, psychomotor and cognitive development of the babies; we educate the teenagers in their maternal role; and we strengthen the maternal-child bond. This allows us to guarantee better performance and to avoid drop-out of the beneficiaries.
Daniela Martínez is 20 years old and has a 5 year-old daughter, called Dani Sofia.

She is a victim of forced displacement from the Department of Choco, in the Colombian Pacific coast.

She graduated in 2014 from the technical career of Hotel and Touristic Services of the Juanfe Foundation.

Thanks to our Employment and Entrepreneurship Office, she started working as a Service Representative in the restaurant chain Kokoriko in 2015.

She has a scholarship in the International Business Administration university program in CEIPA Education Institution. She obtained a GPA of 4.2 over 5.0 during the last cycle.

She is the financial supporter of her family. She recently bought her first house in the Ciudad Bicentenario residential complex, located in the northwest side of Cartagena, and valued in USD$ 22,400.

Daniela is only one of thousands of examples of personal self-improvement, social transformation, and economic mobility of the Juanfe Foundation!
Today, the 360 Degrees Model is an economic development strategy that has been replicated in Medellín through a partnership with the Mayor’s Office; in Panama City by the Voces Vitales Foundation; and in Santiago de Chile by the Soymás Foundation.

In the picture, a Voces Vitales Foundation’s student.
IMPACT 2018

4,101 adolescent mothers benefitted since 2002.

1,600 young women trained in productive workshops, technical and university careers since 2005.

1,942 young women entered the formal labor market in the last 4 years, being the Juanfe Foundation the #1 female labor force supplier at the pyramidal base in Cartagena.

1,350 children between 0 and 24 months attended at the Infant Development Center since 2011, with 0 accidents reported.

4,449 children younger than 1 year of age saved between 2002 and 2017. Thanks to Juanfe’s intervention during its first 7 years of operation, there was a decrease of 81% of the infant mortality rate in Cartagena.

204,063 patients –20% of the total population of Cartagena– attended in the Juan Felipe Medical Center between 2005 and 2017.

20,587 chronic and malnourished patients assisted through the Nutritional Recovery Program from 2006 to 2017; 85% of them were children, and 15% were adolescent mothers.

99.7% of the adolescent mothers do not become pregnant in the 5–7 years after they join Juanfe Foundation.

The 360 Degrees Model has been replicated 3 times: in Medellin, Chile, and Panama; and will soon be replicated in Yopal and Villavicencio, in Colombia.

13,000 m2 of LEED Silver certified Green Building space: classrooms, offices, cafeteria, productive workshops, and green areas, among others.