



Choose a Project

Together, we build, we strengthen, we enable, we empower, we inspire and we serve!

Collectively, whether it's just two of you or a group of 10, you have the power to transform many lives. Join us as we continue our series of smaller projects in Mexico--smaller projects, smaller groups, same great Corazón experience!

Many families were feeling disheartened by the lack of sponsored construction projects and by the long waiting periods for their hard work to be rewarded. Therefore, the Choose-a-Project (CAP) program was designed to encourage our hard-working families to continue participating with Corazón and also, to give our families a renewed sense of hope.

Through the generous partnership of *Deconstruction & ReUse Network*, a local nonprofit corporation specializing in the careful dismantling and reclaiming of a structure's reusable, finished materials and rough lumber, Corazón was able to continue advocating for these families and our friends across the border in their quest for improvement.

Together, regardless of size or skill, we can change lives in one day! Choose between seven basic project types listed below and we will provide the same experienced Corazón leaders and assistance. Don't have enough volunteers? Not a problem! We will partner you with others in the US and in Mexico. We guarantee you a day you will never forget!

1. Room Additions (\$2,200)

Designed for medium-sized groups, anywhere from 10-20, you will build our standard 10' x 20' or 12' x 16' room addition. We have lowered the regular price of \$4,300 by using recycled materials that do the job but don't compromise the integrity of the structure. You will have all the technical support you need but not more than you want. This is our area of greatest need. The families must earn 500 hours to qualify for an addition in order to accommodate their growing families. We have many families waiting for additions, with many more qualified families discouraged by the long waiting list.



2. Concrete Slabs (Small \$350) (Large \$650)

Ever hear the lead builder or Blue Shirts grumble about the house slabs being out of square or not leveled, this is your chance to see how these slabs are made. Join in as they set the wood form, dig the footings, mix the concrete in the plastic pans and place and smooth the concrete. It's a hard, challenging day but it will give you an appreciation of all the work that occurs before you get to Mexico.

Leave your handprints in the fresh concrete!

3. Drywall and Insulation (Small \$400) (Large \$600)

Drywall and insulation turn adequate shelter into a comfortable home, especially in Tecate, where the temperatures range from the 30's to the 110's! An insulated house is not a luxury but a necessity. We'll help you with all of the technical stuff, supply the tools you need and provide any extra help you might require. You'll leave at the end of the day knowing that you really did make a difference.





4. Roofing (Small \$400) (Large \$500)

Most of these projects will consist of re-roofing or patching an existing roof. We'll have the old roof torn off and the plywood ready for the new shingles. Most of these projects were not roofed properly when they were initially built, so when the family hears the pitter patter of rain drops, they won't have to reach for the buckets and pails. They'll be safe and dry, thanks to you!



5. Bathrooms (\$600)



Provide a safe and sanitary 6' x 6' bathroom, ready for toilet, sink and shower, for the entire family! You'll build the new room, roof and paint it and cut in the new door from the existing house. The family and the local participants will finish off the plumbing later that week, but we guarantee you'll be remembered every day by the lucky family.

6. Masonry (\$200)

Virtually all of our Tijuana homes are built into a hillside, and heavy rains and mudslides pose an ever present threat. Make life safer and secure for a family by providing them with a retaining wall to hold back the side of a hill from eroding over their home. Most of our masonry projects will be retaining walls, so if you or someone you know have masonry skills, we'll make all the necessary arrangements for you to build this vital wall. If you lack the skills but understand how important these projects are and just want to help, we'll supply the skilled labor. You can help dig the trenches, install the steel and mix the mortar for the masons.



7. Painting (Small \$250) (Large \$350)

Every house needs a fresh coat of paint, not just so that it looks pretty but more importantly it lengthens the life of the exterior wood on the house. Anyone can paint! We'll supply the paint, brushes and rollers; you bring the enthusiasm and energy! You'll leave the community not just looking better but also having given a home the maintenance it needs but seldom gets.



¡Gracias por su apoyo! Thank you for your support!

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