



our children



Name:

**Martha Gonzalez**

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Age:

**Thirteen**

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Martha came to Casa de la Esperanza on April 1, 2008 along with her five siblings: Santiago, Andres, Hector, Sebastian, and Cuquita. She comes from the Tarahumara heritage, and her family struggles with poverty, domestic abuse, and alcoholism. Martha did not have a birth certificate or a last name. Although she is thirteen years old, she had never attended school before arriving to Casa. She and her siblings have been neglected and not properly taken care of by their mother who struggles to make a living by working in the orchards around Cuauhtemoc. Martha is a shy, but friendly girl who likes to give hugs and befriends others quickly. She takes good care of her younger siblings and made many friends at Casa from the first days she arrived.