

Kind Coins for Mexico

What

Kind Coins for Mexico is a unifying service project to build a school and friendship center in Mexico. All Great Kindness Challenge students, families, and communities are invited to participate.

When*

Now until March 1, 2020. All raised funds are due by March 1, 2020.

Why

- All children in the world deserve to have access to education so they can have happy and fulfilling life.
- Responding to the needs of others teaches empathy and compassion.
- Learning about global issues helps students to be active global citizens.
- This is a dynamic way to fulfill one of the 50 acts of kindness, “Make a wish for a child in another country.”
- To unify all Great Kindness Challenge schools around one common service project. Kindness is working together!

How

1. Watch our “Kind Coins for Mexico” video (coming soon!)
2. Use the video as catalyst to discuss the need for a school and friendship center in Mexico. You may use the grade appropriate Video Learning Guides (available on the GKC tools page on our website).
3. Invite your students to help raise funds to build the new school and friendship center.
4. Each student creates his/her own “Kind Coins for Mexico” collection container, using decorated cans, jars or large envelopes.
5. Students collect spare change around the house, ask neighbors to contribute, host a lemonade stand, take it to their parent/guardian’s workplace, or any other creative way.
6. At the end of the campaign, collect the money, count it, and complete the Kind Coins for Mexico Contribution form.
7. Mail a check or money order along with the Kind Coins for Mexico contribution form and Wall of Wishes photo (optional) to Kids for Peace Headquarters (1302 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008). If the check is issued by an individual or a school district on behalf of a school, please in the memo include the name of the school so we can give appropriate credit.

Where does the money go? The raised funds will go to build a school and friendship center in Mexico. All collected money is mailed to Kids for Peace (501c3 #26-1564351), the nonprofit that hosts The Great Kindness Challenge. Kids for Peace is partnering with a Mexico-based partner. The entire process will be documented with photos for you to share with your students.

Thank you. Your KINDNESS MATTERS!

**The March deadline is essential for us to determine the scope of the project and it allows our partners onsite in Mexico to start the building process, especially since the turn-around time for the entire project is very tight. From an idea to completion, a new school and friendship center will be built within one year! With that being said, we will continue to raise #KindCoins until the end of the school year in order to reach our full goal and meet all expectations.*

Kind Coins for Mexico Contribution Form and Directions

Thank you for participating in our Kind Coins for Mexico campaign. Your students will bring much joy to our friends in Mexico. We are so very grateful.

School Name: _____

Contact Person (Full Name): _____

Email: _____

School Street Address: _____

School City, State and Zip Code: _____

School District: _____

Amount Raised: _____

Check, Cashiers Check or Money Order Number: _____

Approximately how many students participated in collecting Kind Coins? _____

We will build a “Wall of Wishes” at the new school and friendship center and would be proud to feature your students photo and their wish.

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Due by March 1, 2020

Please make checks payable to **Kids for Peace** with the “Kind Coins” in the memo.

Kids for Peace is a 501c3 #26-1564351

Thank you, kindly. Your KINDNESS MATTERS!

Wall of Wishes

Fact Sheet

What

Wall of Wishes is part of our Kind Coins for Mexico campaign. After students raise funds to build a school and friendship center in Mexico, students take a photograph of themselves that incorporates a wish for their friends in Mexico. The photos will then be displayed on a Wall of Wishes in the new school and friendship center.

Who

All students are invited to participate in the Kind Coins for Mexico campaign. This may be a single student, one classroom, or the whole school, We ask each school to only submit one Wall of Wishes photo.

When

The photo may be taken during or after the Kind Coins for Mexico campaign. The photo will be permanently displayed in the new school and friendship center in Mexico which is scheduled for completion in August 2020. All photos are due by March 1, 2020.

Why

The children of our Mexico school and friendship center will love seeing the smiling faces of all the children who helped raise money to build their new school! This is a beautiful way to put into action one of the 50 kind acts: "Make a wish for a child in another country."

How

1. During or after the Kind Coins for Mexico campaign, decide on a wish for the children of our Mexican school and friendship center.
2. Write the wish in your desired format: painted banner, using markers, using computer-generated designs, etc.
3. Take a photo of the participating students with the wish incorporated into the picture. Yes, it's OK to Photoshop the wish after the photo has been taken!
4. Print the photo in any size up to 8" x 10. 5". Write the name of your school on the back of the photograph.
6. Send a printed photo (hardcopy) along with the Kind Coins for Mexico donation check to: Kids for Peace, 1302 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008
7. Email a digital copy of your photo to info@greatkindnesschallenge.org.
8. Smile BIG knowing that you are changing lives!

More Information?

Contact Jill McManigal at 760-730-3320 or jill@kidsforpeaceglobal.

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