

HISTORY OF THE



Amigos de La Cruz had its beginning in 2003 when the new highway to Punta de Mita was built. Unexpectedly, La Cruz was left with an embankment and no entry into town!

The residents and small business owners of La Cruz got together and petitioned the Municipal President for several things:

- Construction of a town entrance
- Protection of the huanacastle trees
- More frequent garbage removal
- Investigation of the effectiveness of the sewage treatment plant
- Improved communications through the Delegado (town delegate)

Their efforts were successful and La Cruz now welcomes visitors with views of the glorieta and the sparkling waters of Banderas Bay. They continued working to improve garbage collection, street cleaning and communication with government officials.

The group is now known as the **Amigos de La Cruz de Huanacastle, A.C.** and in 2014 received the legal nonprofit status of **Asociación Civil (A.C.)** as it continually strives to:

**Contribute to the quality of life in
La Cruz de Huanacastle**



MISSION STATEMENT

ORGANIZATION ~ Amigos de La Cruz de Huanacastle, A.C. is an Asociación Civil (non-profit corporation) made up of volunteers working together in harmony to address the continuing needs of our community.

MISSION ~ To contribute to the quality of life in the community of La Cruz de Huanacastle through cultural, educational, environmental and charitable assistance programs.

GOALS ~ Increase educational and cultural opportunities ~ Facilitate improvements in health and safety ~ Support a sustainable environment ~ Maintain a collaborative relationship with local officials and citizen groups.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ Become a member!
- ✓ Attend our fundraisers
- ✓ Tell your friends and neighbors about us
- ✓ Come to our meetings & give us your valuable ideas and feedback
- ✓ Volunteer to help the medical program
- ✓ Volunteer to help with events
- ✓ Volunteer to help with community clean-ups

Your donations are always welcome

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE



STREET CLEANING

Maintain a cleaner pueblo by utilizing local residents to pick up litter and trash. Each resident is assigned his own streets and spends several hours a week cleaning his area. This usually happens in the early morning while the rest of us are still in bed.

RECYCLING

Place collection bins throughout town and hire local residents for regular pick-up of plastics.

GARBAGE

Distribute plastic garbage cans throughout town with almost daily collection by GIRRSA.

CLEAN-UPS

Cooperate with the Delegado and schools for cleanups of the arroyos and beaches.

MEDICAL

Support residents with insufficient resources through the purchase of medications, medical supplies and medical transportation.

EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL

Support for local programs that improve communication though language classes, donation of computers, books and supplies.

Promote goodwill among our neighbors

WHAT'S NEW IN 2015

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

In ongoing efforts to maintain a cleaner pueblo the Amigos de La Cruz “adopted” the section of the highway that stretches roughly from OXXO/Subway to the bridge on the west side of town. With the support of the municipality and hiring local residents, the laterals and median will receive regular maintenance and present a clean and cheerful welcome to all.



Would you like information on co-sponsoring a stretch of highway? It's easy!
For information, speak with an Amigo or email:

lacruzamigos@gmail.com.



THE website for:

- Amigos news
- Amigos events and activities
- Meeting notifications and agendas
- Meeting minutes
- Stories and articles about the people who make La Cruz happen

We welcome your contributions. If you enjoy writing and know someone or something making a difference in La Cruz, let us know. We'd love to feature your story on the website.

None of this can happen without dedicated vision and participation. We actively seek residents, both short & long term as well as visitors, who share our desire to see La Cruz flourish and can help us make it happen.

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<http://amigosdelacruz.org/>

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