



# Casa Quivira

*“Providing Hope for the Children of Guatemala”*

## PRESS STATEMENT

15 August 2007

Since the illegal police raid on Casa Quivira last weekend, we have received an outpouring of support from the adoptive families that we have helped over the past 16 years. One family with two children from Casa Quivira would like to share their story. Their statement is attached to this release, and they are happy to answer questions and can be contacted via e-mail at [msmalbouef@yahoo.com](mailto:msmalbouef@yahoo.com) or phone at (313) 330-3423 if you would like to speak with them directly.

I would like to reiterate that as of today, 15 August 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Guatemala time; all of the children remain in Casa Quivira's care with our own personnel but under the supervision of the National Police and staff from the President's Office for Social Welfare (SBSW) We are working very hard to resolve this situation so we can return our focus and energies to caring for children and helping families.

We are working with American and Guatemalan officials, with whom we have longstanding relationships, to resolve this situation. We demand that the attorneys that are being held by the National Police and Ministerio Publico (MP) be released immediately as they have no formal charges against them. We demand that the authorities of Guatemala recognize the validity and authenticity of our documents which demonstrate that Casa Quivira is a legally formed and sanctioned organization. We demand that the private property of Casa Quivira immediately cease to be illegally occupied and trespassed by the National Police and personnel from the President's Office for Social Welfare (SBSW).

Clifford Philips  
Director  
Casa Quivira

**Statement of support from a CQ family attached**