

## P-418 Rancho Sordo Mudo Sustainability

The Rancho Sordo Mudo leadership and staff were asked to provide a list of the school's greatest needs and their estimated cost (in US \$) that will support the upcoming school year thus sustaining the school's mission of educating disadvantaged deaf students. Many of the items on their list of greatest needs are consumables and must be replenished in order to sustain work of the school.

Included in the list of needs are maintenance items that will impact more than one school year, thus extending the sustainability of this funding.

Providing these basic needs allows the school's leadership to focus on continuing to develop other sources of funding necessary to sustain the school in the long run.

The Rotary Club of San Clemente Sunrise has had a close working relationship with Rancho Sordo Mudo for 15 years. Club members make at least two official visits per school year and several unofficial visits. Additionally, the school's leadership and staff visit the club at a regular meeting at least once per year to provide the club with a status report. These personal contacts provide the club with an understanding of the impact of funds given for specific purposes, which insures sustainability.