

Tlamacazapa's



FUTURE USE

Future expansion of the centre would focus on more classrooms and accommodation in the women's shelter. Additional space would be allocated to therapy and meeting rooms for special needs children and adults as well as a daycare for the small children of personnel.



VOLUNTEER QUARTERS

International and Mexican volunteers in Tlamacazapa are generous with their time and expertise. Their accommodation in the centre provides a comfortable space in an unfamiliar setting, allowing volunteers to rest as well as regulate their food sources and preparation of their meals.



PEACE GARDEN

The centre is a place of rejuvenation from the harshness of local living conditions. Containing flowers, medicinal herbs and a restful atmosphere, the Peace Garden allows for moments of contemplation and seclusion from the outside world.



LEARNING CIRCLES

The formation of learning circles allows women to learn new information and skills in a safe environment. Women can congregate for meetings, classes and friendship in the centre's large outdoor shaded area.



KITCHEN AND NUTRITION EDUCATION

Most villagers cook with firewood over a "three rock" fire, with the smoke causing considerable lung damage for families, especially for the women. The centre will use ventilated adobe stoves and gas stoves, greatly increasing fuel efficiency and decreasing kitchen smoke. Classes in the preparation of low cost and nourishing foods will provide fun and skills.



MIDWIFE TRAINING CENTRE

Midwifery students from Tlamacazapa and elsewhere will come to learn hands-on techniques from experienced midwives and teachers.

On-site classrooms and accommodations will attract students and aid in promoting the centre as an important and prominent teaching facility.



BIRTHING CENTRE

Women in Tlamacazapa live in poverty and environmental contamination. They suffer increased risk of complications during pregnancy and delivery, especially when giving birth at home in badly lit and unhygienic conditions. Local women will have easy access to a clean and well lit facility with a full range of safe motherhood services (prenatal care, attended delivery with emergency transfers to hospital if necessary, postnatal and newborn follow-up.) Four trained local midwives currently provide these services, using a small rented room as their base. The centre's birthing rooms, consulting room and classroom will give the midwives and women adequate space to work, to meet and to welcome newborns into this world.



CRISIS CENTRE

The women's shelter will provide short term accommodation for women and their children who need to leave a dangerous or abusive living situation. It will provide a safe space for women to recover and to make plans for their future. The centre will be the only facility of its kind in northern Guerrero, and one of two in the state.

