

# NOVEMBER CHARITIES

Teatox Australia

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The first recipient for the month of November was **ORCA**. We know that the threats faced by whales and dolphins are a huge global problem that seems far too big and wide to tackle here in the UK.

But ORCA believes that the only way to protect our whales and dolphins is to identify areas where they're vulnerable and study their habitats. That way, we can protect these places by changing the way we use them. That includes shipping, fishing, noise pollution, marine litter and more. Best of all, this information can be shared and used across the globe. And that's the local solution to the global problem.

## What they've achieved so far.

1. We are helping the UK government identify important whale and dolphin hotspots around the UK coastline
2. We are helping the UK government establish the conservation status of the whale, dolphin and porpoise species that frequent our waters
3. We have identified the area with the highest recorded density of the elusive and rare beaked whales in the North Atlantic, helping governments create ways to study and protect them
4. We are creating a national network of trained marine mammal surveyors from all walks of life
5. We have brought together representatives from the shipping industry, NGOs, government and scientists to discuss and plan how to prevent large whales being hit by ships in the North Atlantic.



With your help, we have been able to donate a large amount to ORCA. We certainly hope it makes you feel as good as it makes us feel helping out these birds in need!

To donate, head to [www.orcaweb.org.uk](http://www.orcaweb.org.uk)

Thanks again for allowing us with your help, to make a difference this month.

**Much Love - Teatox Australia xx**



Our second recipient for the month of November was **Mision Mexico**. Misión México provides a loving, secure home for children of all ages who have been abused, neglected, orphaned or abandoned. The number of children in our care changes constantly, but on average we care for between 40 and 50 children on a permanent basis.

Since it was established in 2001, Misión México has helped transform the lives of more than 250 children, giving them a much deserved second chance at life. All are regaining a sense of confidence and self respect having found Misión México.

The refuge resembles a family home rather than an institution, where the children feel loved and secure. The children attend school, something most of them had not experienced before. They also have access to tutors who help with their studies as many of the children find it hard to learn due to their abuse or never having been to school.

Why we do it

In 2000, Alan and Pamela Skuse left their home in Australia to volunteer at an orphanage in Tapachula, Mexico for a year. But when the organisation they were assisting closed down after six months, the Skuses had to make a life-changing decision: to return to Australia, or take on the overwhelming challenge of caring for the remaining seven children full time.

The thought of leaving the kids - who would go back to the streets and lives of abuse - was not an option. So despite the lack of resources and support, Pam and Alan decided to take on the huge responsibility of opening their own refuge. Soon 'Albergue, Misión México, Dando Amor, Vida y Esperanza' (Refuge, Mission Mexico, Giving Love, Life and Hope) was born, with the all-important dream of creating a family environment for the children.

**With your help**, we have been able to donate a large amount to Mision Mexico. We certainly hope it makes you feel as good as it makes us feel helping out these animals in need!

To donate, head to [www.lovelifehope.com](http://www.lovelifehope.com)

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