

A black and white photograph of a group of six children of various ages, smiling and posing for the camera. Some are making hand gestures. They are wearing casual clothing, including t-shirts with logos like "BBVA" and "ACCOR LIV".

**BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT VALLE DE UCO**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

**Dear Friends and Supporters,**

In the Valle de Uco, transformation begins with small moments. A child opening a backpack filled with school supplies she didn't think she'd have. Students gathering for nutritious meals that enable them to learn. A community member getting certified to run a forklift. These moments mark the beginning of change—where human potential is unlocked, and futures begin to take shape.

The Vines Foundation is guided by one simple but powerful principle: community is at the heart of everything we do. Through our community kitchens, we've provided thousands of meals to underserved communities, while our distribution of backpacks with school supplies and shoes for children in need has helped remove barriers to education for the youngest members of our community.

Our commitment to transformation includes investing in people's economic futures. Our vocational programs have equipped community members with lasting skills, internships, and certifications that open doors to economic independence. These programs, along with our English classes, represent our belief that education and skill-building are pathways to sustainable change for families throughout our community.

We've also strengthened community health through our mobile spay/neuter clinic and dog refuge efforts, which have helped hundreds of animals find homes. These initiatives reflect our holistic approach to community wellbeing that encompasses all residents—human and animal alike.

That vision is taking a major step forward as we make progress on a community center to be located in Vista Flores. Informed by research with Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs and a feasibility study with the National University of Cuyo in Mendoza, this hub will demonstrate the power of integration—bringing education, health, nutrition, and vocational support together under one roof to help families build brighter futures. If you are going to be in Mendoza this year, reach out and we will give you a tour of the plans and location.

We are deeply grateful for your support and invite you to continue this journey with us as we step into 2025 with bold goals, new staff members, and a shared vision for a thriving Uco Valley. Together, we are not just building projects—we are building futures.

With gratitude,

**Michael Evans (Founder)  
Emily Monaghan (Board Chair)  
The Vines Foundation**

## WHO WE ARE

### MISSION

The Vines Foundation is a catalyst for positive change in the Uco Valley of Argentina. We are a dedicated partner who supports sustainable initiatives that improve the overall health and vibrancy of our surrounding community of Tunuyán.

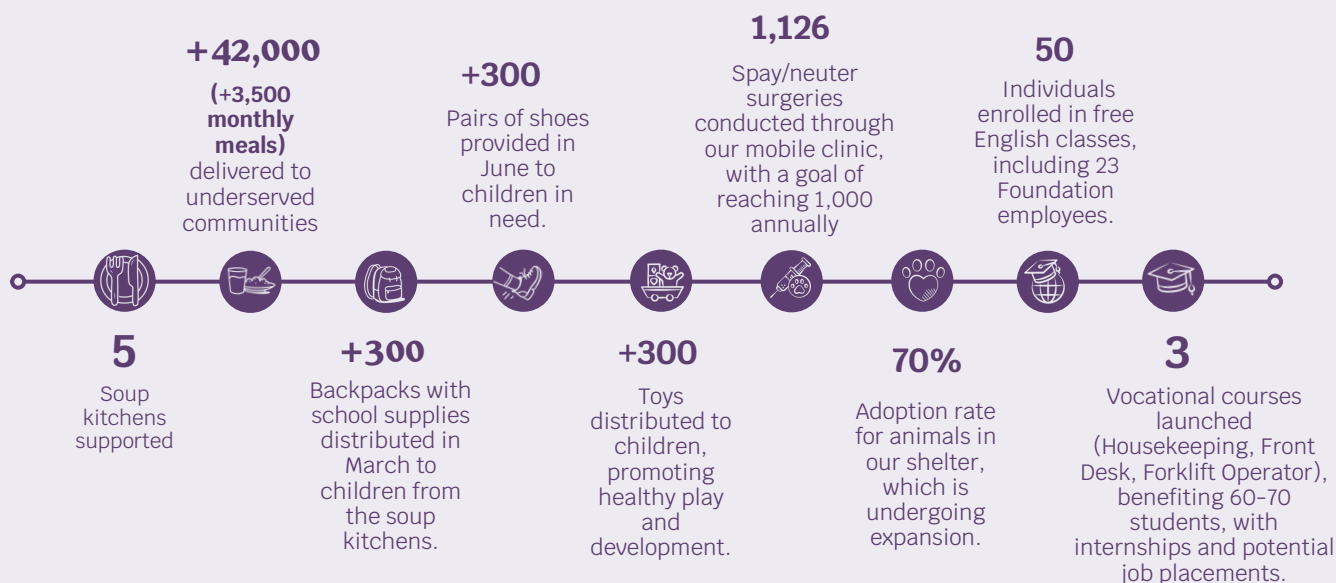
### VISION

Our vision is to see the Uco Valley flourish as a model of sustainable development, where The Vines Foundation's initiatives serve as a blueprint for community-centric progress.

### VALUES

- **Collaboration:** Working together with partners, donors, and the community to achieve shared goals.
- **Integrity:** Acting with transparency, honesty, and respect in everything we do.
- **Innovation:** Developing creative solutions to address challenges and promote sustainable growth.
- **Empathy:** Understanding and responding to the needs of those we serve with compassion and care.
- **Sustainability:** Promoting practices that ensure long-term environmental, social, and economic health for our communities.

## 2024: A YEAR OF IMPACT



## RELIEF (DIRECT ASSISTANCE) MAIN PROJECTS

### COMMUNITY KITCHENS

- **5 kitchens** supported, delivering **42,000+ total meals** (averaging **3,500+ monthly**) to underserved communities.
- New tracking and monitoring system for soup kitchens food delivery.
- Distribution of **300 backpacks** with school supplies in March and **300 pairs of shoes** in June for children in need.

### MOBILE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

- **1126 spay/neuter surgeries** conducted for dogs and cats since its launch.
- Reached the 1,000 annual procedures to reduce stray animal populations and improve community health by preventing the spread of diseases.

### ANIMAL SHELTER

- Achieved a **70% adoption rate** for rescued animals.
- Initiated an expansion project to increase shelter capacity and improve conditions.

## DEVELOPMENT LONG-TERM PROJECTS

### VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

- Launched **3 courses** (Housekeeping, Front Desk, Forklift Operator), benefitting **60-70 students** with practical internships and certification opportunities.
- Collaboration with **INSTITUTO DE EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR VALLE DE UCO (IES)** and **local businesses** to enhance job placement rates.

### COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESS

- Partnered with **The National University of Cuyo (UNCUYO)** and **University of Notre Dame** to develop plans for the center, focusing on education, health, nutrition, and vocational training.
- Conducted community assessments to tailor services to local needs.

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## 2025 GOALS: EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

### EXPANSION OF CURRENT PROGRAMS

- We aim to enhance community health by introducing a more nutritious meal plan, which will be provided to local children through our community kitchen partners.
- We will continue to expand our education initiatives, partnering with local primary schools to provide tools for success to underprivileged students.

### NEW INITIATIVES

- **Community Center:** Secure the funds to construct a community center in Visa Flores what will become our hub for community programming and engagement for years to come

### SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

- Strengthening partnerships that foster long-term sustainability.
- Introducing new funding sources and expanding our fundraising efforts to ensure strong support
- Launching more frequent and diverse communication initiatives, so we can better showcase our impact and maintain stronger engagement with our supporters.

## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THIS POSSIBLE

Everything we accomplished in 2024—and everything we dream for 2025—is only possible because of you.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have supported our work this year:

- **Donors:** Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us achieve our goals and create meaningful change.
- **Partners:** A special thank you to IES, UNCUYO and all our collaborators for their ongoing support and shared vision.
- **Volunteers:** Your dedication and hard work continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.
- **Employees:** A heartfelt thanks to our team for their unwavering commitment and adaptability during a year of significant change.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE NOT JUST BUILDING PROJECTS—WE ARE BUILDING FUTURES.**

### Join Us

- **Give:** Make a tax-deductible donation to support our programs.
- **Partner:** Explore corporate sponsorship or program collaboration.
- **Volunteer:** Get involved and make a hands-on difference.

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