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LUPITA MONTES, 12, visits St. Andrew's Children's Clinic recently. She has been a patient at the Nogales clinic since she was a toddler.

need in their home country. Their families are also unable to financially afford medical treatment for them. Clinic day is the first Thursday of every month (except July) at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Ariz.

"We see children with cerebral palsy, brittle bones disease, nutritional disorders, seizures, hearing loss, vision loss, cleft palate and cleft lip, and a variety of equally debilitating conditions," Fitzsimmons says. "We do this entirely with volunteer doctors, therapists, nutritionists,

and others who help the clinic to function."

Medical care is free, including surgeries, prostheses, wheelchairs, walkers, orthotics or whatever the child needs, Fitzsimmons says.

Eneyda Guadalupe "Lupita" Montes first visited the clinic at age 2, with feet so deformed that doctors determined she would never walk. They recommended bilateral amputation below the knees and prosthetic legs. Lupita returned home from a successful surgery but refused to walk on her prosthetic legs. She returned to the clinic where doctors and therapists still could not persuade her to walk.

That day, **Father Ed Gustafson**, executive director of the clinic at that time, had one of his dogs with him. The dog licked Lupita on her cheek and walked out of the room. Up jumped Lupita and followed him.

"She has been walking ever since," Fitzsimmons says. "She is a beautiful, 12-year-old sixth-grader and loves riding her bicycle."

Donations to the clinic cover the costs of X-rays, laboratory tests, prescriptions, orthopedic devices and hearing aids for the children.

Donations can be mailed to: St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, P.O., Box 67, Green Valley, AZ. 85622 or visit their Web site at www.standrewsclinic.org to learn more and to make a donation online. Call the clinic office to schedule a tour at 520-648-3242.

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helped needy children have a better life.

"We see between 200 and 250 needy children with physical disabilities 11 months out of the year and we help children live a better life — one child at a time."

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is a non-profit agency, providing free, specialized medical care to children from Mexico who cannot get the care they

Volunteer **Vickie Fitzsimmons** is proud of St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Ariz. The reason, she says, is because for more than 35 years, St. Andrew's has