



Maria Guamán Narváez entered the Calderón Ayluardo home of la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil as a scholarship recipient at the age of 12. Her parents requested the Institution for help given the family's financial hardship.

"I worked recycling next to my husband. One day I was recycling on 9 de Octubre with my daughter and a nun who saw me asked me if I wanted to intern my daughter in the aforementioned home.

At that moment I felt frightened because I did not know that La Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil could offer me the help I needed", expressed, Carmen Narvaez, the mother who wants her daughter to have a successful future.

"My daughter entered the Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil Calderón Ayluardo Home in March of 2005 and, as if that were not enough, the Institution gave me a job there. That was a blessing for my family". Added Carmen.

Her daughter Maria is undergoing the eighth grade of secondary schooling at la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil Santa Luisa de Marillac Educational Unit where she is studying since she entered as a scholarship recipient of the Calderon Ayluardo Home belonging to La junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil

In 2013, with the support of her academic preparation teacher, she entered the mini-geniuses contest organized by the El Universo newspaper and, together with her schoolmates, came in second place. "In 2014 they called me for the geniuses contest in a literary category and, with my mother's and schoolmates' support, got up the courage to answer questions honestly and make it to the championship in that category", she commented thoroughly moved.

"My purpose was to make the Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil Calderon Ayluardo Home look good since I was the only representative and made it with the help of God, my mother, teachers and the sisters from the home", she added.

Preparation was arduous since she was studying until very late at night to finish her homework at the Santa Luisa de Marillac Educational Unit as well the time consumed preparing for the contest.

In the future, María wants to study foreign trade because she wants to help her parents and poor people as a sign of gratitude to la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil for helping her family when they most needed it.