



NPH International

SAVING CHILDREN
HELPING FAMILIES



NUESTROS PEQUEÑOS HERMANOS

IS FAMILY

FAMILY CONNECTS US THROUGH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Whether a family is bound by blood, marriage or compassion, its role in our lives makes us whole. Your family helps you feel loved, safe and secure. It is your compass, shaping your responsibility, morality and spirituality. Without it, you would surely lose your way.

Our **Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos** family operates residential care homes and administers programs for vulnerable children and families in Bolivia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru.

Children, staff and volunteers playing games at NPH Haiti.



Father Wasson in 1956

CREATING THE NPH FAMILY

In 1954, Father William B. Wasson was a young priest in charge of a small church in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. One hot summer day, a young boy was arrested for stealing from the church's poor box. When Father Wasson heard the boy was homeless, he refused to press charges and asked the judge if he could release the boy to his care.

Just one week later, the local judge sent Father Wasson eight more homeless boys. By year's end, he was caring for 32 boys in residence and Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) - Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters" was born.

For over 60+ years, our homes and programs have served as a family for more than 18,000 vulnerable children and is a valuable local resource for countless families in nine impoverished countries.

POVERTY IS THE PROBLEM

Life is a daily struggle for many children and families in NPH countries. To survive, they must overcome the dangers and hardships that bring an enormous amount of stress into their daily lives. As a result, some turn to drug and alcohol use, gangs, crime or violence as a means of survival. Sadly, those paths are often the most destructive, destroying opportunities and lives in the process.



Family in Nicaragua

FAMILIES IN CRISIS PUT CHILDREN AT RISK

When the stresses of poverty, drugs, violence, illness or death are placed upon any family, its well-being and future is endangered. As a result, these children lose their childhood and are pulled deeper into the cycle of poverty. Without help, their chances of escape are very unlikely.

THE REALITY IN NPH COUNTRIES



GANG RECRUITMENT

In Mexico over 30,000 children participate in gangs, which offer false impressions of a family, income and protection to those who have none.⁴



VIOLENCE

El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras have the highest rates of femicide (killing of women) in the world due to gang violence.¹



DROP OUT RATES

Approximately 22.2 million children and adolescents in Latin America are not in school or at risk of dropping out of school each year.⁵



DISPLACEMENT

In 2014, over 68,000 unaccompanied children fled El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico to avoid violent crime, poverty and gangs.²



SANITATION & UTILITIES

One out of four people in the Dominican Republic do not have access to clean water. Millions do not have electricity including Bolivia, Haiti and Peru.⁶



CHILD LABOR

850,000 to 1 million children work in Bolivia, which is the first country to legalize child labor, making the working age just 10 years old.³



FOOD INSECURITY

Almost 11 million children die in developing countries each year. Malnutrition and hunger-related diseases cause 60% of these deaths



HOW NPH BREAKS THE CYCLE OF POVERTY



At NPH we grow much of our own food. We provide children with three nutritious meals and snacks every day as well as specialized treatment for those who are underweight.



NPH offers comprehensive health

care for all children in our programs, including community students who attend our schools.



NPH provides varied pre-K through university education programs based on the unique abilities of each child.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT NPH, most children suffered from hunger and poor nutrition as a result of their family circumstances.⁸

DEVELOPMENTAL RISKS ARE PRESENT IN CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT NPH. Malnutrition and neglect increases risks of developmental delay and a host of other medical conditions.⁹

PUBLIC EDUCATION IS NOT FREE. Children born into poor households are more likely to drop out of school because they can't afford the fees and materials. Many children have to work to support their family.¹⁰



OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITED. Youths with little or no education often join gangs to avoid being unemployed or taking jobs with poverty wages.

NPH ensures paths to vocational career training and university studies, including opportunities for advanced leadership and formation training.



WITHOUT EDUCATION AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT, TEENS CAN EASILY BECOME PARENTS.

Young adults give birth to children which continues the cycle of poverty.

NPH empowers each student with respect, spiritual guidance, and opportunities to serve in their communities. Youth development programs and life planning assist

with creating goals and NPH's mentoring helps each individual reach his/her full potential.





FAMILY IS THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING FAMILIES. SUPPORTING FAMILIES. BEING FAMILY.

At NPH, we know the value of family. From promoting parental care to preventing family separation, we do whatever we can to reinforce and rebuild the family as the best place for the child.

For our children with living relatives, we offer outreach programs that feature critical support and parenting training. In cases where the child has no living family members, we build a strong family structure to promote their healthy development.

The average family member size in Guatemala is 5.9.
Only 1 in 4 indigenous girls stay in school after age 16.

WE ARE A FAMILY TO THOSE WITHOUT ONE

NPH ensures the love, care and support of a family unit. This builds a strong sense of self, community and culture.

As their family, NPH helps children build relationships with their peers through play, empowers them by nurturing self-confidence and provides spiritual formation that is grounded in moral values. This means keeping siblings together, and providing a safe environment, proper education and excellent medical care. Our mission is to free these children from a cycle of poverty by giving them the skills and support so they can shape a better future for themselves.

NPH programs provide each individual child the resources they need to remain in their home country, where as adults they play a critical role in improving their communities.

NPH works in partnership with local child welfare government systems to ensure either a protective state (living at an NPH home temporarily or permanently) or family strengthening (family reintegration with parenting support). Our goal is finding the best solution for each individual child and their family.

If and when an NPH child is reintegrated with family, NPH promises a continuum of care that provides extensive follow-up support focused on the well-being of the child, including a connection to the broader NPH family for life.

“NPH’s family model helps promote well-being in children because it focuses on nurturing, play, and peer support. This helps the brain heal from trauma and aids in creating healthy attachments.”



Ana M. Gómez, MC, LPC, is a psychotherapist in private practice, a researcher, and a national and international speaker.

In 2014, after a government facility in Honduras closed, NPH welcomed 60 new children to our family. Most of them were under four years of age.



NPH Core Programs, ensure that every child is provided the opportunity to thrive in their individual, developmental process.

CARING FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN

One in five NPH children have special medical needs or a disability, ranging from asthma and cerebral paralysis to epilepsy and HIV. We care for them through life-saving surgeries, specialty medications, consultations with international experts and additional treatment options through our healthcare partner organizations. Without NPH, many would simply not survive. In some cases, we will provide children with chronic conditions round-the-clock care for their entire lives.

Since radiation therapy is not available in Haiti, NPH's St. Damien Pediatric Hospital partners with our Dominican Republic home to offer room, board, care and transportation to Haitian pediatric oncology patients. After receiving therapy in the capital, Santo Domingo, patients return to Haiti for continued care at St. Damien.



The NPH Haiti Kay Germaine Outpatient Rehabilitation Center provides education and therapy for special needs children along with parenting support.



Oncology patient and her caregiver at NPH Dominican Republic home.

OUR FAMILY RESPONDS

Whether it be responding to a natural disaster or local crisis, or partnering with national child welfare agencies, saving children and their families takes the combined resources of NPH and our partner organizations. Together, we implement the best care practices and customize our services to meet the needs of the surrounding area while ensuring that we adhere to local legal, ethical and cultural standards. By uniting international and local efforts, we are able to achieve meaningful progress in the community.

44,707

Physician and nurse
consults at NPH clinics

NPH teens in the Dominican Republic helping local community members. All NPH programs focus on modeling charity and helping others in need, especially our immediate neighbors.

OUR GROWING FAMILY BY THE NUMBERS

18,197

Children raised at NPH
since 1954



15,242

Meals cooked daily



100,068

Community outreach services²



2,331

local people employed²



5,627

Children and youths
attending school²





FAMILY TRANSFORMATIONS

CHILDREN LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Our goal is to prepare NPH children to lead by example in their local communities. We develop these abilities through a variety of educational opportunities, including youth development conferences, and our year of service program. These programs promote self-confidence, leadership development and open doors so that our youth are empowered to pursue their career interests.

International Youth Development Conference is held yearly with participants from all NPH homes.

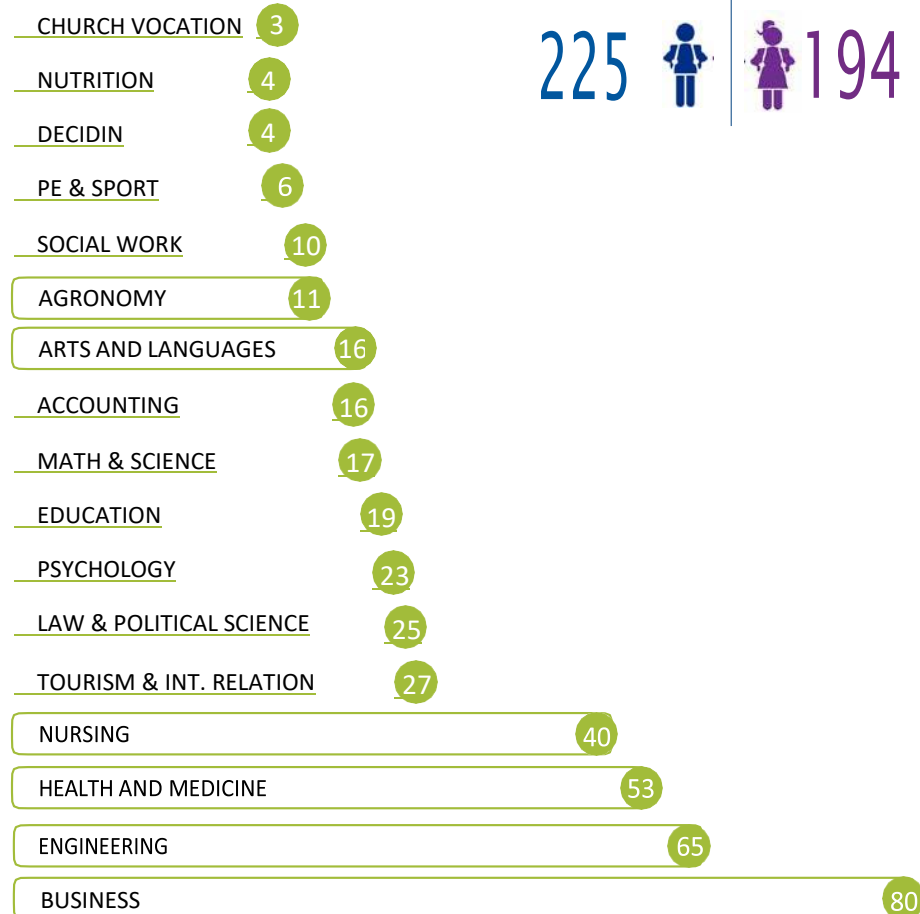


NPH OPENS DOORS TO CAREERS AND COLLEGES

After secondary school, each NPH youth has the opportunity to finish a technical course or pursue a university degree. In return, those that attend college must volunteer for a year of service at NPH before or after the completion of their studies. In sharing their experiences with their family, graduates help and inspire their brothers and sisters to follow in their footsteps.

In our nearby communities, a university degree is rare. But the impact and the leadership of higher education are immeasurable.

University Courses of Study



Current University Students



ADVANCED SKILLS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We further develop leadership skills in our young adults through the NPH International Seattle Institute. This program brings some of our most promising youths together to experience a year of service, teamwork and personal growth. For 10 months, these students live with host families in Washington state and attend English classes at a local community college where they experience a broader view of the world around them.

Over 25 young adults are now graduates of this program and have returned to their home countries better prepared to serve their local communities and their extended NPH family in a variety of leadership roles.



POWERFUL GIRLS CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

At NPH, we are empowering the next generation of women through “Chicas Poderosas” (Powerful Girls). This gender equality program prepares girls to achieve sustainable life goals through education, activities and community service on their way to realizing their full potential.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In today's world, collaboration and partnership are more important than ever before. That's why NPH partners with the iLEAP Global Leadership Program to create specialty leadership training for select members of our adult family and staff. This program prepares attendees to improve their local communities through sustainability and entrepreneurship. Over 30 NPH adults have completed this program and its impact is already being felt in the communities they serve.



BECOMING FAMILY ROLE MODELS

MEET ILEAP GRADUATE DORIS LEMUS

Doris grew up as a member of the NPH El Salvador family and she graduated with a degree in Psychology. As part of her studies, she worked with diverse populations ranging from children to domestic violence survivors to the elderly. Her goal is to help people promote personal change and visualize the positive impact of their lives. Doris is currently working at the NPH Honduras home as the Family Services Coordinator.

We are honored that our NPH youths continue to contribute to their families, communities and the world around them. Through their efforts, the vision of Father Wasson continues to come to life.

Doris in her role as Family Service Coordinator, helps mentor and guide her younger sisters at NPH Honduras.

OUR CHILDREN ARE PAYING IT FORWARD

Many NPH children have gone on to realize their true potential by completing high school, graduating from college or learning a trade.

As leaders of their local communities, you'll often find NPH children working hard to improve the lives of others through volunteering, activism or entrepreneurship.

Meet Aurora Zacarias. She arrived at NPH Mexico at the age of eight. Aurora worked hard and graduated from the University of Monterrey with a degree in Business Administration.

Aurora is now a godmother to a child at her former NPH home in addition to being an excellent ambassador for our organization. Thanks to her corporate responsibility efforts, Aurora's has become a shining corporate contributor to the NPH mission through service projects and donations.



MEET GABRIEL AND SULEMA



Gabriel and Sulema came to NPH from their respective families when they were both nine years old. Both are currently employed and Gabriel is also attending university. After leaving NPH they began their relationship, and they have been together for more than three years.

Gabriel explains, "NPH helped both of us prepare for the future and gave us self-empowerment, set good examples, provided us with an education and most importantly, a good spiritual foundation. NPH is our family. We define family as a place where learning takes place.

Father Wasson was the head of the NPH family for so many years, and we remember his teachings. Even though we have left our NPH home, we carry with us the NPH philosophy and we are living our lives with dignity and grace and providing a good example to all of the youths in NPH. We are very proud to have come from such a strong family."

"Father Wasson told me, 'My children have to be caring people. They have to be able to share with others and to care for people outside who need their help. I want them in their prayers to ask God for kindness. This is a family, they should be acting from the heart, knowing what's right and wrong and acting to do the right thing.'



Dr. Michael Maccoby (left) is an internationally recognized expert on leadership. He has advised global leaders in 36 countries for 40 years, and is president of The Maccoby Group in Washington, D.C., and the Strategic Advisor for NPH International.



JOIN OUR EXTENDED

NPH FAMILY

The Comedor Infantil, or Soup Kitchen in Talanga, Honduras is an NPH program that provides impoverished children from the community with a nutritious lunch and after school activities in a safe environment.

NPH SAVES CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
THANKS TO PEOPLE LIKE YOU.

We work hard to ensure that every donation makes an immediate impact. From education and healthcare to security and maintenance, every gift, no matter what amount, makes a big difference in the lives of the children and the families we serve.



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Our primary support comes from people like you. This makes your role as an NPH donor absolutely crucial to help empower children to reach their unique potential. You can help us address our greatest needs, or support any number of projects and programs, including:

- Wellness; food, clothing, education, healthcare, spiritual formation
- Advanced Education; vocational training, university, professional development
- Community Outreach; social services, therapeutic programs, parental training
- Specialty Health; pediatric hospital, clinics, surgery and rehab centers
- Youth Development; empowerment and youth groups, leadership conferences and opportunities abroad

Donors and founders of the NPH Holy Family Surgery Center in Honduras, Dr. Peter Daly and wife Lulu with NPH graduate Dr. Merlin Antunez. Surgeries are performed at the Center for NPH children and community patients for a symbolic fee or for free.



WORK WITH US

As an NPH volunteer, you have an opportunity to put your faith into practice by bringing your gifts to vulnerable children and their families. In return, this enriching experience will change the way you see the world and your place in it.

- Immerse yourself in another culture
- Share your talents and expertise
- Experience a wide range of activities
- Make unique friendships and cross-cultural connections
- Help us meet the challenges of our daily operations



Started by volunteers, the NPH Nicaragua Casa Samaritan project on Ometepe Island offers children with special needs from the community a safe center for therapy services and parent training.



A Godparent at our NPH Peru home.



EXPERIENCE THE LOVE

If you're looking for a way to personally make a difference in the life of a child in need, becoming an NPH godparent is a wonderful way to join our extended family. As an NPH godparent, your gift includes:

- A personal connection with an NPH child
- Notes on their academic and social progress
- A yearly Christmas card with a current photo
- Opportunities for in-home visits

No matter how you choose to support NPH, we welcome you to our extended family. For more information on our current needs and how you can help, contact us at www.nph-spain.org or info.es@nph.org



WE ARE RECOGNIZED FOR OUR IMPACT, COMPASSION AND EXCELLENCE

We are proud that NPH continues to receive international recognition for our role in saving children and families from the pain and ravages of poverty. Since our inception in 1954, Father Wasson and his colleagues in the NPH Community, including Father Richard Frechette, C.P., D.O., continue to receive acclaim for their leadership in fostering the development of children and enhancing the quality of life for their families and communities.

Below is a sample of our awards which represent our past successes but they also serve as a validation of the NPH mission and our commitment to the next generation of children at risk. For full list visit: www.nph.org

1977 - The Luis Elizonda Humanitarian Award (The Mexican National Prize)

1979 and 2014 - Catholic Good Samaritan Award

1981 and 1990 - Franciscan International Award

1996 - Excellence Humanitarian Award

1997 - National Caring Award

1998 - KFC Colonel's Way Award

2000 - Kellogg's Hanna Neil World of Children Award

2001 - Commitment to Others Award

2003 - Jefferson Award for Public Service

2004 - International Erich Fromm Award

2005 - Ivy Humanitarian Award

2009 - Hollywood Film Festival Humanitarian Award

2012 - Opus Prize

2013 - Unidos Para Ayudar Award


2016 - United Nations Women Together Award



"It's surprising what you can do in a lifetime if you do it just a little at a time." Father William Wasson

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