



Pequeño Tour: Schools

Who is NPH USA?

Founded in 1965, NPH USA transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes, health services and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). Together, we help children overcome poverty and become leaders in their own communities.

Who are the *Pequeños*?

Since its founding in 1954 by Father William B. Wasson, NPH has assisted tens of thousands of children and is currently supporting more than 6,200 boys and girls. We lovingly refer to them as "*pequeños*," (Spanish for "Little Ones"). Many have suffered physical and other abuse, have been homeless, or have been shuffled from one family member to another. Like all children, they are seeking love and security, and hope for the future.

What is the NPH USA *Pequeño* Tour?

This year, a group of *pequeños* from the NPH home in **El Salvador** will be "on tour" in the Massachusetts area for a series of musical and dancing performances. These events are intended to help raise awareness and raise funds to support our work. From **September 24 – October 12, 2020** the group will share their colorful and culturally enriching entertainment with audiences across New England.

Can my school host the *Pequeños*?

Yes! Each school that invites the *pequeños* to perform is asked to help defray their travel expenses and raise money for all of the NPH homes by fundraising or making a donation, (min. \$1,000). These performances typically happen during school hours at a school-wide assembly or within Spanish language classrooms. Presentations generally include the following activities:

- *Pequeños* providing a cultural dance & music performance.
- A *pequeño* sharing his or her life story
- A brief presentation about NPH by NPH USA staff
- Interactive participation with students (i.e., teach a dance, Spanish/English language exchange)
- Q&A with students

Who do I contact for more information?

If you want to invite the *pequeños* to perform at your school, or have any questions regarding the *Pequeño* Tour, please contact Casey Rector at (617) 206-4940 or crector@nphusa.org.

Hosting the Pequeño Tour brings your school together around a positive, impactful mission while appreciating Latin American and Caribbean cultures!

