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FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL GALA RAISES \$1.2 MILLION TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Chicago, IL — Each fall, **NPH USA** hosts events across the United States to raise funds for the homes, healthcare and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”) in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This year, due to safety concerns surrounding COVID-19, the organization moved its events online, hosting a single national virtual gala on October 17.

“While we had concerns about moving from our traditional in-person events, our supporters stepped up to the plate and made an amazing difference tonight. They participated in remarkable numbers and gave enthusiastically.” stated John Deinhart, President and CEO of NPH USA.

More than 1,100 people registered for the event which was broadcast on the Auction Harmony platform and can be viewed on YouTube at <https://nphusa.org/watchgala>.

A total of \$1.2 million was raised during the evening, including over \$120,000 from an online auction.

The program featured appearances by legendary sportscaster and NPH USA supporter Bob Costas, major league soccer player Andrew Farrell, and philanthropist and author Bill Cummings. Dental school student, Victor Amable de los Santos Jimenez, spoke about his life-changing experience being raised at the NPH home in the Dominican Republic. Clara Grove, who was raised at NPH Mexico, was the emcee and long-time supporter Glen Fladeboe served as auctioneer.

“NPH USA is overwhelmed by the generosity of our event sponsors, participants and donors from across the country and around the world,” said Deinhart. “We are extremely grateful for their support which helps provide thousands of children and families in nine countries with a safe home, nutritious meals, health services and education programs.”

About NPH USA

NPH was founded in 1954 in Mexico by Father William B. Wasson, a native of Phoenix, AZ. Today, NPH is fully supporting more than 3,300 boys and girls in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. An additional 2,800 community children receive scholarships, meals, health care and other support. NPH community outreach programs provided over 107,000 services in 2019. NPH has assisted tens of thousands of children since 1954.

NPH USA (originally Friends of Our Little Brothers) was incorporated in Arizona in 1965 to support NPH. Headquartered in Chicago, NPH USA now has regional offices in Boston, Chicago, Phoenix, Seattle, and Minneapolis. Together, NPH USA and NPH are empowering children to remain in their home country and build a better future for themselves and their communities. NPH USA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, Federal Tax ID# 65-1229309.

For more information about NPH USA, please visit <https://nphusa.org>.

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