



## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

By providing families with long-term assistance and the specialized support they need to care for their children, we can ensure that children's rights are upheld and they are empowered to reach their goals, while also helping to strengthen families and communities.

While many children are raised at our NPH homes until they reach independence, others may be entrusted in our care temporarily because their family is unable to provide for them or because they are referred to NPH through the local child welfare system. In accordance with the *United Nations Guidelines for Alternative Care* released in 2010, we have developed the NPH OneFamily program to provide a continuum of care to children who transition from our homes to reintegrate with family, ultimately helping to strengthen the families and communities we serve.

## INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Specialized long-term care plan developed for each child and managed by a team of qualified specialists
- Intensive visits to monitor the health, well-being, academic performance, and overall development of your sponsored child in his/her home environment in the first six months of reintegration
- Annual health and wellness exams and assistance with major health needs
- Families are provided with a monthly stipend to assist with the purchase of food, clothing, school tuition and transportation costs for your Godchild
- Frequent opportunities for your sponsored child to remain engaged with our NPH family

## OUR REACH

The NPH OneFamily program currently supports children in Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Peru. We are actively working with local child welfare authorities in all nine countries we serve to determine the best way to support children who transition from our homes to reintegrate with biological family.

## WE PUT CHILDREN FIRST

- We advocate on behalf of children who may not wish to reintegrate with family
- We engage children and their families in awareness programs to understand their opportunities and right to live together
- We prepare children and families for reintegration while abiding by local laws and customs
- We provide extensive follow-up support focused on the well-being of each child so they can reach their unique potential in their family environment

## THE NPH ONEFAMILY PROMISE

- To uphold and protect the rights and opinions of all children in our care
- To make children aware of their right to live with biological relatives and strengthen family bonds whenever possible
- To ensure children can reach their unique potential after reintegrating with family
- To strengthen families and communities with training and support from childcare experts
- To provide four updates per year on each child's well-being and academic progress
- The continued opportunity for sponsors to write to their sponsored children
- To remain accountable and transparent to our sponsors and donors

# BACK AT HOME, AND THRIVING

*How one pequeña reintegrated with her family with support from the NPH OneFamily program*

Little Stephanie is smart. While at NPH Honduras, she was a model student. So, when Stephanie and her two older brothers were given the opportunity to reintegrate with their family with support from NPH's OneFamily program - helping pequeños return to live with biological family members without sacrificing the care, love, or resources offered at NPH - one of our biggest concerns was whether the change in her environment would throw Stephanie off her upward educational trajectory.

Holding up her most recent quarter grades in the backyard under the family's mango trees, Stephanie's pride in her hard work is as evident as her grades are impressive.

At NPH, Stephanie lived with a group of similar-aged girls looked after by the same three "tías," or caregivers: girls who she would walk to school with, eat meals with, study with, and spend free time with. Now, Stephanie lives with her grandmother, grandfather, two younger brothers, an older sister, and an uncle and aunt. While she still walks to school and still has homework, the walk is a few minutes longer, and traveling and homework are now done with her brothers and grandparents. Stephanie loves her new life.

“Classes are all easy for me. I have really good professors who explain the material well, and lots of friends in my class. Living at home is really nice. We eat, cook, study, play, do chores together - I have a lot of fun.”

~ Stephanie

Her favorite class is her hardest - math, and even though she is only 11 years old, she already knows she wants to become a lawyer. Law school is a long way away, but for now, NPH's OneFamily program has provided her with two families that will support her every step - her grandparents and NPH Honduras. With the support of her sponsors, Stephanie is able to continue working toward law school. Because public school is not free, she receives a large scholarship at the beginning of each year to cover tuition, school supplies, and other yearly costs.

Thanks to the continued support of her sponsors and her NPH OneFamily team, and most importantly, her own hard work, Stephanie's future is indeed bright.



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