



**NPH USA**  
Raising Children. Supporting Families.  
Transforming Lives.

## OUR HOMES: NPH MEXICO

### COUNTRY FACTS

**Area:** 761,602 square miles – almost three times the size of Texas

**Population:** 130,207,371 (July 2021 est.)

**Languages:** Spanish, various indigenous languages

**Issues:** Lack of clean water, deforestation; hurricanes, volcanoes and earthquakes; illicit drug production and trafficking resulting in a high level of violence

### NPH MEXICO FACTS

**Opened:** August 2, 1954

#### Locations/Facilities:

- **Miacaatlán:** Located 77 miles south of Mexico City, Casa San Salvador has served as NPH Mexico's main facility since 1970. Once a sugar plantation, the 130-acre site features primary and secondary schools, a clinic, a greenhouse and farms.
- **Cuernavaca:** The pequeños attending NPH's *Bachillerato Tecnológico* (technical high school) in Cuernavaca live at nearby *Casa Buen Señor*, where the NPH Mexico and NPH International offices are also located.
- **Monterrey & Mexico City:** Youths attending universities in Monterrey live at Casa San Luis. In Mexico City, students live in group houses.
- **Matamoros:** Founded by John and Cindy Shinsky, the *Ciudad de los Niños* ("City of the Children") home is located on 17 acres of land across the border from Brownsville, Texas. The children attend local schools and some of their caretakers are pequeños in their year of service.

\*Total services provided includes fully supported children and youth; community children and adults who attend our onsite schools, have scholarships to other schools, and/or receive in-kind donations and/or medical/social services; and support for *Hermanos Mayores* who grew up at the home.



**632**  
children fully supported



**1,026\***  
services provided



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The National Director is an *Hermano Mayor* ("older brother"), who was raised at NPH Mexico. ▶
- Livestock, fish, fruit and vegetables are raised on the farm, which has "green stations" (small ponds) to improve the irrigation system and preserve the home's natural resources. A second greenhouse was added in 2015, and one for organic tomatoes was opened in 2017.
- The *Estudiantina y Danza Troupe* performs folkloric music and dances locally and in the U.S.
- On September 19, 2017, a 7.1-magnitude earthquake caused an estimated \$5 million in damage to the NPH facilities in Miacatlán and Cuernavaca, although thankfully none of our children, volunteers or staff were injured. Several reconstruction projects were completed in Miacatlán in 2018
- In 2018, 74 indigenous Mixtec children from Metlatónoc in Guerrero, the country's second poorest municipality, were welcomed to NPH. Although they were undernourished when they arrived, their condition steadily improved and they are doing well.
- International Volunteer Alaina Hall of Plymouth, MN, (at right) completed an initiative in 2019 through the University of Pennsylvania called Healthy Pequeños, where she implemented holistic and sustainable interventions to prevent pediatric infectious disease and improve the children' physical health. As a result, seven sources of sewage exposure were eliminated, 730 children were brought up-to-date on their vaccines, and eight clinic spaces were repaired.
- A water purification system was built in 2019. It resulted in a 79% decrease in expenditures.



273  
local people employed



9  
volunteers

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