



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



## OUR HOMES: NPH NICARAGUA

### COUNTRY FACTS

**Area:** 49,998 square miles – slightly smaller than New York state

**Population:** 6,243,931 (July 2021 est.)

**Languages:** Spanish, English and indigenous languages on the Atlantic Coast

**Issues:** Earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, extremely susceptible to hurricanes

### DISCOVER NPH NICARAGUA

Since December 2011, all the children have been living at Casa Padre Wasson in Jinotepe. Prior to that, children under age 7 lived in San Jorge, and the rest on Ometepe Island. An earthquake and volcanic activity on the island caused a temporary evacuation of the home in August 2005, and due to ongoing safety concerns, new property was acquired and all of the children from both sites were eventually relocated.

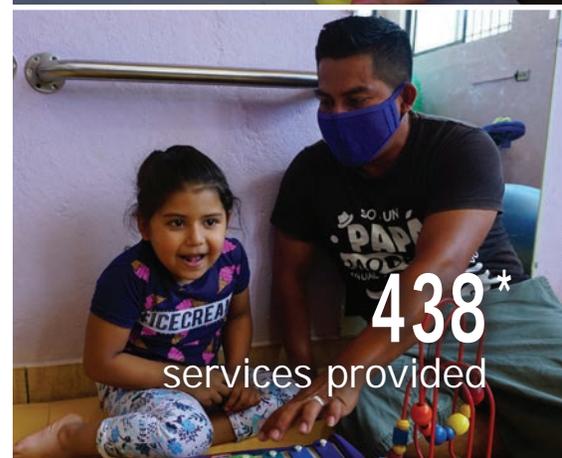
### NPH NICARAGUA FACTS

**Opened:** May 10, 1994

**Location:** Along the Pan American Highway in Jinotepe, Carazo, 45 minutes southwest of Managua

**Features:** School (grades K - 11); vocational workshops; sports courts; clinic; farms and greenhouses; fully independent water system, including a tower, two wells, two sewage treatment plants and a recycling system.

\*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.





## DID YOU KNOW?

- The National Director is an *hermano mayor* (“older brother”), who was raised at NPH Honduras. ▶
- A folkloric dance and music group performs locally and in the U.S.
- The farms have a variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as chickens, cows, fish and pigs.
- The wastewater treatment system works without electricity or chemicals and the treated water can be used for irrigation of green areas, gardens and agricultural programs.
- In 2017, approximately 500 solar panels were installed on the rooftops of the vocational workshops and the cafeteria. It is expected that this will save the home up to 30% in energy costs, or nearly \$2,000 per month, and puts NPH at the forefront of sustainable, solar energy in Nicaragua.
- The Samaritan Project at Casa Samaritano on Ometepe Island and at Casa Padre Wasson provides occupational and physical therapy, medical and psychological care, food baskets and more for special needs children in the community.
- The vocational workshops offer certification in shoe-making, sewing, residential electricity, welding, computers, and English. ▶
- Construction of the secondary school was completed in 2017. It includes eight classrooms, a lab and a library. ▲
- The socio-political problems that began in 2018 did not cease completely in 2019, making activities more difficult to organize. However, more than 160 children and adolescents from local towns and villages joined in workshops and activities. In addition, parenting workshops proved to be a success.



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