



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

## OUR HOMES: NPH BOLIVIA

### COUNTRY FACTS

**Area:** 682,625 square miles – slightly less than three times the size of Montana

**Population:** 11,758,869 (July 2021 est.)

**Languages:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

**Issues:** One of the poorest and least developed countries in Latin America; deforestation, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, industrial pollution of water supplies

### DISCOVER NPH BOLIVIA

Casa Padre William B. Wasson is the newest NPH home. Located in the lowlands near Santa Cruz de la Sierra, the weather is hot, humid and rainy. All of the children help maintain the garden, which includes native trees, and ornamental and fruit-bearing plants, as well as the sheep which increased from 4 to 24 heads in just four years.

### NPH BOLIVIA FACTS

**Opened:** April 17, 2005

**Location:** 50 miles north of Santa Cruz in San Ignacio de Sara

**Features:** Primary school (grades 1-6); clinic; farm with cows, goats, horses, pigs and sheep; fully independent water system, including a tower and well; soccer fields and volleyball court

**Construction Projects:** Houses for caregivers and their families; additional corral for sheep

\*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?

- Bolivia is the second country in South America to have an NPH home.
- Patricia Rueda became NPH Bolivia's National Director in 2020. ▶
- Construction at the permanent site began in November 2006. The children and staff moved to the permanent site on January 15, 2008. The kitchen was upgraded in 2017.
- Five houses were renovated in 2018. With durable roofs, windows and walls, they are now more secure, especially during the rainy season. The majority of the children now live in new housing.
- In 2018, the on-campus primary school received an administrative resolution to function as an autonomous and independent school. While continuing to operate under the auspices of the national government, it now has the flexibility to offer specialized tutoring and assistance to children who need extra help in certain areas.
- In 2019, 10 out of 12 of the children's houses started their own garden project and grew a variety of vegetables. These gardens give the children a chance to acquire new skills in the field as well as learn the values of responsibility and patience. Food grown in the children's gardens is used for meals, thus supplementing the home's budget.
- A dairy and cow pasture for herding the cows for transport and vaccines was built in 2019. The dairy allows investment in more milking cows and will help NPH Bolivia be more sustainable with their dairy and in turn help the home's budget.

*Bolivian law prohibits us from using photos that show the faces of minors.*



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