



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



## OUR WORK: NPH NICARAGUA

### Country Facts

**Area:** 50,336 square miles – slightly smaller than New York state

**Population:** 6,301,880 (2022 est.)

**Languages:** Spanish (official) 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%

**Issues:** One of the poorest countries in Latin America; earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, extremely susceptible to hurricanes



### NPH Nicaragua At a Glance

**Opened:** May 10, 1994

**Location:** Casa Padre Wasson is 45 minutes southwest of Managua in Jinotepe

#### NPH Operates:



Family-style home



School (grades K - 11)



Medical clinic



Farms and greenhouses



Vocational workshops



Community Programs include an academic scholarship program, meals and healthcare for children/youth in the community, NPH OneFamily which provides services to families in need, and the "Good Samaritan" and San Jorge programs.

### NPH Nicaragua 2021 Impact



**350**  
children and adults supported

**137**  
local people employed

**53**  
K - University graduates



## Did You Know?

- Marlon Velásquez, NPH Nicaragua's National Director, is an *Hermano Mayor* ("Older Brother"), who was raised at NPH Honduras. ▶
- Originally, children age 8 and older lived on Ometepe Island and those under age 7 lived in San Jorge on the mainland. 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. The new site, Casa Padre Wasson, opened in December 2011.
- 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 is used for irrigation of green areas, gardens and agricultural programs.
- The vocational workshops offer certification in shoe-making, sewing, residential electricity, welding, computers, and English.
- The "Good Samaritan" program provides physical, motor, intellectual, and sensory therapies to children living with disabilities, and also supports in-house instruction for parents of disabled children. ▶
- In 2021, nearly 80 children in the San Jorge community benefitted from therapies, transport to medical appointments at external hospitals, and primary medical care by NPH doctors.
- Despite challenges brought on by COVID-19, NPH Nicaragua provided tools and resources to help youth transition into self-sufficient adults via vocational training, certifications, and workshops.

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