

## **Country Facts**

Area: 8,124 square miles – about the same size as New Jersey

**Population:** 6,602,370 (2023 est.)

Languages: Spanish, Nawat (among some Amerindians)

**Issues:** A 12-year civil war ended in 1992; very high rate of violence and crime; deforestation, soil erosion, water pollution; hurricanes and earthquakes

## NPH El Salvador At a Glance

**Opened:** June 29, 1999

**Location:** Casa Sagrada Familia ("Holy Family") is near the border of Guatemala in Texistepeque, about 30 miles from San Salvador

## **NPH Operates:**



Family-style home



School (grades K - 9)



Medical clinic



Farm



Vocational workshops



Community Programs include the *Centro Bienestar Infantil* (CBI) daycare center for children ages 1 to 7, and scholarships for children/youth in the area



NPH El Salvador **2022 Impact** 



325 children and adults supported

126 local people employed

**63**K - University graduates



## **Did You Know?**

- Dora Serrano, NPH El Salvador's National Director, is an *Hermana Mayor* ("Older Sister"), who was raised at the home. ▶
- Since opening in 1999, the main purpose of the home has changed in response to national legislation around child welfare. Once a home solely for orphaned and abandoned children, NPH El Salvador evolved to serve two different populations: children who live inside the home, and community students. These students receive scholarships spanning from early education to university, as well as meals and healthcare. They come from low income families that cannot afford to support their children's education, which is the case for most Salvadorans.
- Students in 8th and 9th grades attend vocational workshops in baking and/or sewing.
- The Centro Bienestar Infantil (CBI) daycare center provides children aged 1 - 7 who live in vulnerable communities in Santa Ana, and the children of Hermanos Mayores ("Older Siblings") who were raised at the NPH home, with preschool education, health care, and meals.
- The agriculture program provides nourishing food for children and staff, and also serves as a living-classroom. In 2022, the Casa Sagrada team built two greenhouses and prepared the soil to grow organic food. Also, the installation of an electric milking machine improved dairy and cheese production.
- Thanks to the support of the local institution "Fundación Renacer,"
  NPH youth had the opportunity to participate in "Programa Creando
  Esperanza" (Creating Hope Program). This program places young people
  with internships at companies, affording them real-life experiences and
  technical training which helps prepare them for a successful future.





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