



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



# OUR IMPACT: NPH NICARAGUA

## Country Facts

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

**Population:** 6,359,689 (2023 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 - 9)



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 Family Growing and Good Samaritan programs

## NPH Nicaragua 2022 Impact



**565**  
children and adults supported

**124**  
local people employed

**64**  
K - University graduates



## Did You Know?

- Jader Rayo, 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 medical services and therapies to children living with disabilities, and counseling and tutoring for parents so they may provide quality care for their children. ▶
- The **Family Growing Program** supports the children in the NPH school who have no place to go after classes or on Saturdays. Classes in art, folkloric music, botany, and sports help these students develop intellectually and protect them from the potential dangers of being home alone without parental care.
- In 2022, the NPH school had enrolled 260 students, all coming from nearby communities. By the end of the school year, 64 students graduated at various levels, ranging from preschool to High School Baccalaureate. This accomplishment is a major source of pride and indicator of future success for these children and families.



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