# We are the largest family in the world!







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Since 1954, more than 18,000 children have called NPH their home and thousands of people yearly receive assistance through our community service programs. NPH operates programs and services in Bolivia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru.



### **Our Mission**

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos™, inspired by Christian values, strives to create a loving and safe family environment for vulnerable children living in extreme conditions. Through comprehensive education, healthcare and spiritual formation, we give children the opportunity to develop their ptotential, shaping better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. This is our mission.



### **Our Vision**

A world without poverty where all children develop their unique potential, becoming productive members of society serving their community.





### **Our Values**

#### **LOVE AND SECURITY:**

Manifested in the safety and stability of the family and realized by profound personal engagement in preparation for a meaningful life and gainful employment.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Learning to be responsible and to respond to the needs of others, both individually and collectively.

#### **SHARING:**

Developing kindness, empathy, and care for others, through what we say and do.

#### **WORK:**

Learning to contribute to one's family and community on the path to independence.

#### **FAITH AND SERVICE:**

Putting Christian values into action.



### **Our Principles**

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Compassion and empathy toward others

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Care focused on the needs of each child

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Establishing and maintaining healthy family bonds

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Commitment to serve our family and our community

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Respect and humility in our attitudes

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Transparency and accountability in our actions and reporting

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Diversity and inclusivity





**Looking back on the year 2022**, many experiences come to mind. Some joyful and sad, others exciting and emotional, plus those special moments that only the grace of God makes possible.

I want to begin by thanking our collaborators in Haiti, who under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions continue to carry forward our mission by serving children and families through our "Programme de Vie" (Life Program) and St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital. Their courage in the face of so much adversity, as well as their resilience and creativity to make things work, makes them true heroes. Challenges abound, of course, in all of the countries where we work. I am in awe of the courage, love, and dedication that our staff and volunteers repeatedly demonstrate. They find solutions that support our children and youth in their growth as they build a positive path into their future.

The same is true for the children, youth, and young adults of our NPH Family. Many of them have suffered some type of severe trauma, yet they show this incredible strength in facing obstacles, moving forward with their lives. Our youths become wonderful adults who care deeply for those around them, always ready to give a hand to those in need. Father Wasson would be so proud of them.

As you can see in this report, NPH has been on a path of transforming its services in recent years. The new programs serve more children and families, prevent family breakups and empower beneficiaries to create better lives for themselves and their communities. We engage in different ways to serve the children in the NPH Family. A program like OneFamily makes it possible for children to return to live with their original families with NPH's support, whenever this is in the best interest of the child. There are also ongoing improvements in caring for children and young adults with disabilities.

We also found that building partnerships with other organizations in the countries we serve then allows NPH to offer solutions than children and families could ever achieve just working alone. For example, our partnership with the One World Surgery (OWS) is a marriage made in heaven. Last year, OWS served 27,415 patients and performed over 1,800 life-changing surgeries.

One example can better describe how transformative medical treatment can be illustrated through Alejandra\*, a young girl with foot deformations and spina bifida. She was referred to NPH through our partnership with Community Health Partners (CHS), an organization that brings medical services to remote areas. At NPH, Alejandra went to school for the first time in her life while receiving much-needed therapy for her condition and corrective surgery for her foot. Over time, her amazing progress made everyone so proud of her achievements. When Alejandra was 12 years-old, a neurosurgeon from the NuVasive brigade examined her. Impressed with the progress Alejandra had made, he also told us that she would soon need an operation to ensure her progress would not be lost, which we were previously unaware of. Our local medical contacts told us that this surgery was not available in her country. Therefore, the doctor who had examined Alejandra arranged for her to receive this specialized surgery in the United States. After a successful operation, Alejandra returned home to continue her schooling.

She is now 17, using a wheelchair when she has to cover longer distances. At first, she struggled in school and was ready to give up, but with the wonderful support and encouragement of our staff, she successfully finished the schoolyear. Alejandra is now ready to begin middle school.

There are so many stories like Alejandra's, everyday tales of people who overcome obstacles, of courage, and endless patience. But it is the love that shines through and confirms Corinthians 1, 13. "Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always preserves." It is also your love, prayers and support for our NPH Family that make all these small and big miracles possible. Thank you for being part of our family. We count on your continued support as we pray for you and your families.

Sincerely,









We consider our 68-year organization to be a family, one that has grown in an organic way. The initial focus of this organization was to provide a family and comprehensive residential care to those who didn't have a family to care for them.

The concept of vulnerability has changed since then. We are now focusing not only on residential care, but on strengthening families and communities. NPH now provides healthcare, education, and support for children and youth with disabilities. We have accomplished so much with these programs, transforming and impacting the lives of so many children, youth, families, and communities in the countries where we serve. Now, NPH is working to standardize our programs, strategies, and methodologies across the board. This revised program framework will help us to measure our impact and better prioritize all the work we do for vulnerable populations.

### The five core programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos are:

- 1. Building and Strengthening the Family Environment
- 2. Education and Development
- 3. Health and Wellbeing
- 4. Support to Children, Youth, and Adults with Disabilities
- 5. Youth empowerment and Independence.

Additionally, our core values are integrated within our five core programs. We monitor impact indicators to better focus on their implementation and progress. These indicators will enable us to evaluate and adjust these programs, helping to refine our strategy and decision-making. While we are moving forward to standardization, NPH also understands that each country has its own specifications and particularities. This means that the five core programs will be tailored locally to meet each nation's unique social, political, and economic situation.



Some recent challenges and NPH programs include:

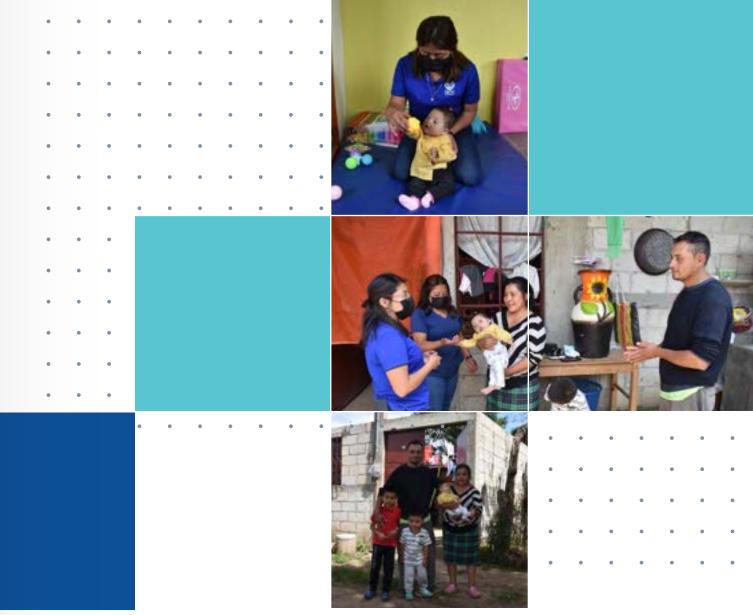
- Insecurity, violence, and states of emergency in some countries threatened staff, youths, and patients
- Reaching the targets of local fundraising
- Providing more individual attention to all children and youth
- Helping the families with children with disabilities to become more independent
- Working with youth on their progressive autonomy process
- Dealing with the effects of inflation and salary compression
- Standardizing program and intervention methodologies
- Performance evaluation standardization
- Staff rotation
- Shortage of staff
- People having to do too many activities
- Strengthening multidisciplinary teams
- Communication requests from fundraising offices
- Reviewing and updating healthcare policies for the community programs.

These challenges are difficult to address, but NPH does so with commitment and dedication. However, when you see 4,300 children, youths, adolescents and adults living in the homes and communities, as well as almost 3,000 students from the community with NPH scholarships, being taken care of by so many people, you can't help but be grateful for the support. The war between Ukraine and Russia, a distant situation with worldwide impacts, has worsened inflation, energy costs, food prices, and other economic difficulties at the local level in every country. I would like to highlight that despite the unspeakable hardship that Haiti has experienced recently, St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince has managed to continue functioning as a hospital. The courage, resilience, and dedication shown by their staff are admirable.

Your love and constant support help us continue the NPH mission.

Paz y bien.





## **Family Services**

2022 has been a key year for achieving the transformation of residential care services to family care. For over 68 years, NPH has primarily served children and youth through the residential care in our homes. Now, more than ever, the future of NPH is in the community.

Within the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, the first program has mainly been carried out through the OneFamily program - reintegrated children from residential care into their family of origin. It aims to reach all countries in 2023 and to expand beyond those where it has already been implemented: Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua, with very few cases, so far, in Peru and Mexico.

The transformation of services involves several strategies that aim at improving protection in all homes in the **9 countries**. These include prioritizing the quality of care for children and adolescents, as well as complying with the principles of suitability and necessity in order to have a gatekeeping process. In other words, NPH seeks to improve the intervention methodology within residential care and facilitate the empowerment of young people on their way to independence. Likewise, **it includes developing the intervention methodology for family care for those children and adolescents who could possibly be reunified with their families**, while using it in a preventive way where the separation of children has not yet occurred, as well as using it in community centers.

The Father Wasson Family Community Center opened its doors in the summer of 2022 in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. Its work focuses on supporting and strengthening families through a comprehensive range of services: early childhood care for children under 5 years of age, diagnosis, and support for children with learning difficulties (7- to 12-years-old), empowerment of young people, single mothers and children with disabilities. In the first six months of operation, the team of social workers and psychologists visited and evaluated 225 families to determine if they qualified to enter the program. By the end of the year, 17 boys and girls were enrolled in tutoring and 12 children were in the daycare center, while 42 children under the age of 12 received physical therapy.

### **My Backpack**

Nelly Fernandez, the Mental and Reproductive Health Coordinator, and Bep van Sloten, NPHI Board Member, introduced the "My Backpack" method to our psychologists. This new technique focuses on children and their placement in alternative care. The approach is built around a children's story of a little duck with a red backpack who is going to live with a family of dogs. My Backpack encourages the children to tell their own stories, helping them understand what they have been through and the feelings and traumas that they have attached to those experiences. My Backpack is also a great tool for preparing the children for the potentiality of family reintegration.

Learning from other organizations and sharing experiences is enriching for NPH. During August, NPH technical teams from Bolivia and Peru came to Lima to undergo training with an NGO called Buckner Peru. The teams learned a lot about this organization's experience with community and family strengthening programs where children and families are reunified. As a result of this activity, NPH Peru maintains a close relationship with Buckner Peru as it advances on its path of transforming services.

### **NPH OneFamily**

In 2022, NPH's OneFamily program expanded to include families in local communities. It no longer focuses on just children and youth being reintegrated with their family of origin after growing up in NPH residential services, but also families in vulnerable situations. These children are at-risk of being separated due to decisions by family judges or governmental children's offices, mainly because the children are not attending school. By counseling families about the value of education, strengthening the family dynamic, and taking on the expenses for school uniforms and supplies, 41 children and youths benefitted from this expansion. In addition, 190 children and adolescents have been reintegrated with their families and accompanied through the NPH OneFamily program over the last six years. Currently, 182 children and adolescents are enrolled in this program, with 159 families being empowered and strengthened.

Family Services	Total
Youth enrolled in youth groups in 2022	1,489
Individual therapy sessions (Psychological and Psychopedagogical)	5,500
Children and youth with a Life Plan	1,160
Training hours delivered to staff (international and local)	837
Training hours delivered to children and adolescents	1,866

### **Medical Services**

The year 2022 signified a period of transition from a global pandemic as society embraces new ways of moving forward with work and life. The vulnerable population that NPH cares for, especially children in residential care, and NPH's employees, have received COVID-19 vaccinations, which has allowed progress toward a new normality. Throughout 2022, NPH continued to provide quality and free health services to all its beneficiaries in different projects. NPH continues to invest in professionals who provide primary care services, such as medical consultations. nursing services, rehabilitation and therapy services, dentistry, pharmacy, emergency and urgent care transfers, mental health services, sexual and reproductive health, and care for people with disabilities. The clinics provide hospitalization services for non-serious patients who require minimal care.

The clinics operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Children, adolescents, and people with disabilities living in NPH homes receive medical care, as do people who come from neighboring communities and foundation employees who also have access to the social security system. The central objective is to reduce the health vulnerability of the families served.

On the other hand, the COVID-19 pandemic continued in force during 2022. Guaranteeing vaccination coverage against COVID-19 for the NPH family was one of the main challenges, which was successfully overcome. However, access to vaccines is still uneven in Latin America and there is still a lack of coverage for children under 12 years of age in the nine countries where NPH is present. Also, it is worth mentioning that intellectual disabilities, growth and development disorders, chronic malnutrition, bond and attachment disorders, post-traumatic stress, and learning disorders are prevalent health problems in the populations served by NPH. Diseases and disorders of a neurological, psychiatric, psychological, and infectious nature are the most common and are the ones that present the greatest challenge for health professionals in NPH clinics.

Despite this, miracles do happen at NPH. One example is Luisa\*, a 4-year-old girl who lives at NPH Honduras. A year after her admission, Luisa was diagnosed with profound deafness. Despite receiving rehabilitation, Luisa was not achieving normal development for her age. Multiple evaluations by ear doctors determined that Luisa was a candidate to receive a cochlear implant that could restore her hearing. However, there were no local doctors who could perform this complex surgery, one that had never been performed in Honduras. In addition, the cochlear implant was very expensive. Once again, NPH mobilized its international cooperation networks and managed to get a generous donor to pay for the expensive implant and the entire medical treatment. An implant expert traveled from Mexico to the largest hospital in Honduras to perform the surgery. Luisa is currently undergoing hearing and language rehabilitation. It is expected that Luisa will soon be able to recover her hearing again and become a girl with better opportunities for development and a normal life.

During 2022, NPH gave greater visibility to its disability program and the 232 beneficiaries living with disabilities in NPH homes. Alicia Grunig, a speech and language therapist, now leads this program for NPH International. Alicia is in the initial stage of evaluating the program's needs. Her mission is to provide close technical support to the teams. She seeks to identify tools and support platforms to optimize the invaluable service provided by various multidisciplinary collaborators within NPH at the level of both homes and community projects for people with disabilities.

NPH is immersed in transforming its services and the way care is delivered. The clinics continue to provide health care services, yet at the same time, seek to diversify the intervention methodologies to deliver health services under strategies focused on promotion and prevention. NPH is implementing an approach based on co-responsibility, progressive autonomy, and the effective exercise of rights. Strategies are being adopted by NPH that aim to strengthen the role that caregivers and families play in managing their health and that of the children they care for. This requires interconnecting the beneficiaries with their local networks. The beneficiaries learn how to use the health services available locally, how to comply with their obligations, and also ways to effectively exercise their health rights. Health teams are transforming into becoming the managers of health services. This transition is an organizational challenge as they implement new intervention strategies, transform services, and assist beneficiaries and caregivers to assume greater co-responsibility and autonomy for maintaining good health. NPH's role becomes one of being a facilitator who makes it possible to achieve these objectives.

Medical Services	Year 2022
Vaccinations COVID-19	1,936
Other vaccinations	1,490
Well-Child consultations	1,751
Integral therapies (psychology, physiology, occupational, art, language, nutrition)	11,296
Patients with chronic illnesses	428
Patients with HIV	26
New entry inquiries	88
Dental consultations	1,779
Medical consultations	7,368
Nurse consultations	10,470
Surgeries	34
Hospitalizations	45

### **Our Commitment and Impact**

### **FIVE CORE AREAS**

### **Building and Strengthening the Family**

NPH ensures that children and youth who require temporary residential care at an NPH home can grow up in a family-like environment. Children and adolescents who are separated from their parents, often due to reasons such as negligence, mistreatment, or abuse, can find a family with NPH. Working with the most vulnerable families in the communities, we foster healthy family dynamics through counseling and parental training, plus psychosocial and financial support, for the nutrition, medical, and school expenses of the children and youth.

We offer mental health support to young people, as well as their families or caregivers inside the NPH homes. "This includes awareness, empowerment and also psychoeducation on trauma issues, attachment, and positive discipline," explains Nelly Fernandez. "We offer psychological therapies for children and parents. There are also therapies given on family dynamics, all provided to avoid anticipated possible risks, such as abuse, mistreatment, or neglect. We work within the families before greater risks occur and children's or women's rights are violated."

Whether the children and adolescents grow up inside NPH or with their families, the participants work on an individual biography or one shared among siblings, and their parents or caregivers, which is developed into a life plan. This becomes a key tool for healthy development and the fostering of positive family dynamics. Throughout the year 2022, the reintegration of 182 children into their families of origin was supported and accompanied by the NPH OneFamily teams.

### **Education and Development**

### Changing the Way, from Hopelessness to Growth

The education at NPH embodies a holistic approach that empowers students to reach their potential in mind, spirit and body. Guided by Christian values, NPH homes and schools offer a variety of quality educational and formational programs that serve the individual needs of every student. Tutoring is an essential part of NPH's educational philosophy.



A great example is Valeria\*, a 15-year-old girl who has participated in the San José Community Family Center programs in Mata de Plátano since 2019. Valeria was referred to NPH by her school because, despite being in sixth grade, she had not yet learned how to read and write. At NPH, she entered the tutoring program and received psychological counseling. Valeria had not received any attention in her family or school environment. She was simply transferred to a higher grade each year, without consideration of her development or personal circumstances. Valeria's classmates had supported her with schoolwork, so this caused Valeria to become complacent and not attempt to study or improve. Her mother never expected her to become independent or learn a vocational skill.

A special education teacher worked individually with Valeria at the Family Center, where she received psychological support and her mother received parental training, Valeria can now read and write, but still with some difficulty.

An NPH girl's empowerment group has helped her to relate to other girls and improve her self-esteem. Today, Valeria shows self-confidence and greater maturity for her age. Her mother is very supportive. Even though Valeria has progressed, we will continue to support her development.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

The objective of the NPH's health and wellness program is to ensure that children and adolescents in vulnerable situations in Latin America and the Caribbean have access to health services while enjoying good physical and emotional health. NPH health professionals work to reduce the barriers that prevent beneficiaries from having good health, especially those from the most socially disadvantaged sectors.

NPH's clinics provide primary health services. The health and wellness program trains NPH caregivers and health professionals to help vulnerable children, adolescents, and families exercise their right to care for their own bodies. This includes being aware of the importance of caring for their physical, sexual, and mental health; knowing how to prevent and treat diseases and addictions. Also, preventing sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies, developing parameters to exercise responsible paternity and maternity. This helps the populations that we serve to make responsible decisions about their sexuality while being free from all coercion and violence, knowing about the different contraceptive methods and their right to demand them.

In addition, the health and wellness program includes providing access to nutrition education, supporting the proper growth and development of children, guaranteeing access to clean drinking water, and supporting public health activities in schools, kitchens, daycare centers, and nursing homes.

In June 2023, the international team of Medical Services will implement a project to train health professionals, kitchen staff, caregivers, and beneficiaries about how to use a new nutritional guide. This guide aims to improve the quality of the menu served in NPH kitchens by increasing nutritional education within the organization to help to reduce the impact of chronic malnutrition, a common problem for many of NPH's beneficiaries.







### **Support for Children with Disabilities**

According to UNICEF figures, 30% of children living with disabilities in Latin America do not attend school, while over 8 million children with disabilities under the age of 14 are at risk of being excluded from their societies. The objective of the NPH Disability Care Program is for children, adolescents, and young people with disabilities in vulnerable situations within Latin America and the Caribbean to develop physically and emotionally.

Another objective is to help population with disabilities to have greater access to economic and social development. NPH currently cares for 1,145 children, adolescents, and young adults living with disabilities through residential care and outpatient therapy centers. The creation of a program aimed at serving the population with disabilities allows us to standardize the interventions to best serve them. This includes providing them with a correct diagnosis, therapy plans, life plans, inclusion, participation, and alliances with related organizations. The objective is for children with disabilities to enjoy the same rights as children without disabilities, so they can have opportunities for social reintegration, access to the labor market, and to lead a more dignified life.



# Youth Empowerment and Independence **Dreaming Differently**

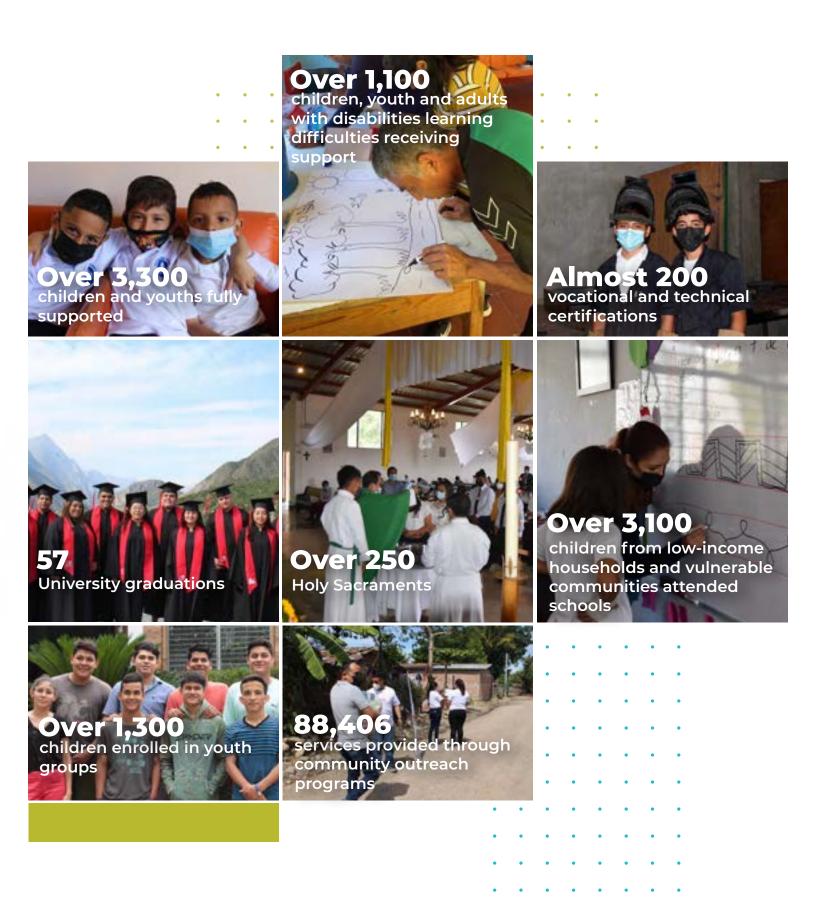
In 2022, 747 girls and 622 boys were enrolled in NPH youth groups, ranging from sports groups to gender empowerment and equity groups. 219 teenagers participated in youth empowerment groups which worked on improving their self-esteem and self-image, developing their life skills, improving self-confidence, and becoming change agents for themselves and others. Issues such as bullying, gender roles, dating, and healthy versus toxic relationships, are addressed through activities, games, dynamics, and talks. Skills for decision-making, assertive communication, and conflict resolution are taught, along with individual strengths, values, and spirituality.

Karla\*, a youth from Mata de Plátano, Honduras, describes the way that adults treat girls in the town. "They are violating the girl's rights. Adults always try to boss girls around, often telling us things like, 'you cannot go out', 'you are not going receive an education', or 'you must do this or that'. Adults are imposing decisions on girls without caring what they really want". She reveals what participating in the youth empowerment group changed for her: "I realized that I don't want to be treated like that anymore. I want to learn; see more than what is around me. Just like men can work, women can work as well. Some women stay at home helping with everything, so men can also do that. And women can also go to the city, to work or study, right?".



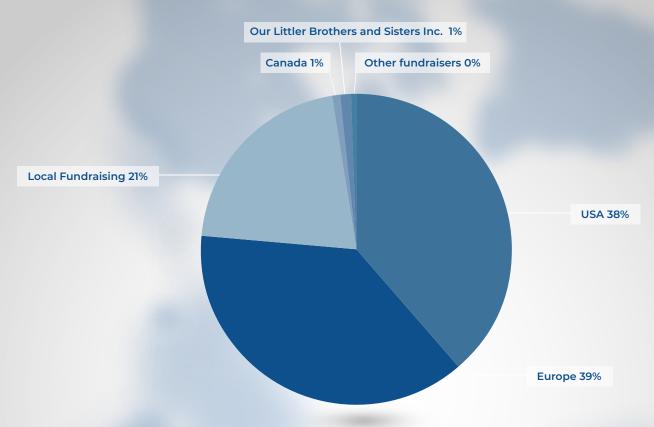


### **Our Impact**

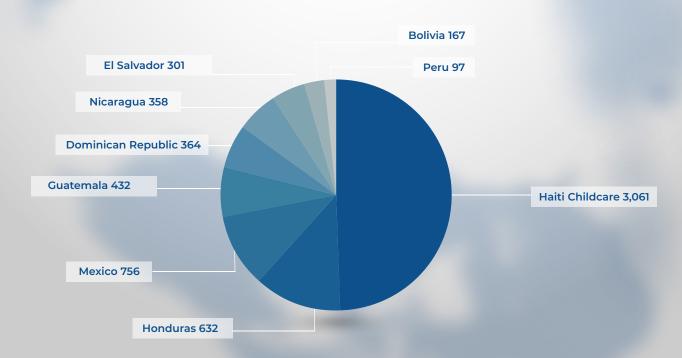


### **FINANCIALS**





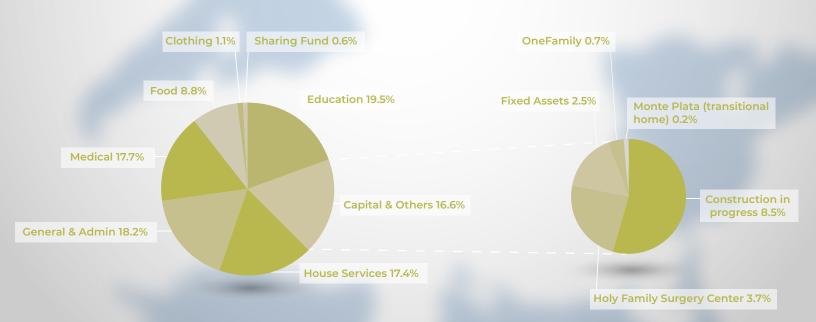
### **Children supported in Protection and Prevention**



2022 was a year of containment and economic recovery in a large part of the countries in Latin America, but at an uneven level and speed. Fundraising efforts accross Europe, America and Oceania were succesful and NPH was able to cover its budget collection needs. Salary increases were announced by some governments in Latin America applicable for 2023, therefore the growth in collection the following year will be essential to be able to continue at least with the level of operations as in 2022, subject to new increases or decrees not announced yet for 2023.

The NPH Homes serve the local community with medical clinics and other outreach programs altogether, it provides **more than 80,122 services a year.** In addition to its Home, NPFS Haiti also operates a 234-bed pediatric hospital in Tabarre with public health programs and medical clinics that serve more than 73,000 children each year.





### House Services 2022 \$6,368,306



Hygiene 8%

Public Assistance 8%

**Utilities 21**%

Farm 13%

Transportation 16%

Maintenance 27%



### Patricia Rueda National Director – NPH Bolivia

A major achievement of 2022 for NPH Bolivia has been the opening for family visits. Now, under court order, children can spend time with their family, which enables children to form a relationship and a network with their biological and extended families. By December 2022, 70% of the children had already been able to be part of this integration process.

Another success in 2022 were eight successful cases of family reintegration. Five children were admitted for circumstantial protection, meaning they are being considered for reintegration. Within 30 to 60 days, a solution could be found for them, with support for their families. It has filled my heart with gratitude and satisfaction to know this process has been effective as so far.

Some difficulties in 2022 were caused by the political and social panorama of Bolivia. Operationally, we were affected by some roadblocks which impacted the normal activities of our technical team. Fortunately, we knew how to adapt to the difficult new circumstances, always protecting the safety of the adolescents and young children.



# Young Girls and Boys in Portachuelo Take a Step towards Independent Life

NPH Bolivia opened two homes in Portachuelo. These homes welcome young men and women who are transitioning to an independent living program. Here they will be able to live in the town near Casa Padre Wasson. Together with their social facilitator, the residents will learn how to function in society while leading a life suitable for their psychosocial development. The girls and boys learn to go to school on their own, shop in the nearby markets, and how to use public transport, health services, and banks. Above all, they learned to have an independent life, just like any young person of his or her age does.

Whereas before when the Year of Service was carried out at the NPH Bolivia, this can now do so in Portachuelo, enabling them to integrate more in the community. The young person can attend school and look for a part-time job that allows them to learn a trade and discover the value of work. They are also encouraged to practice good budget management with the money they earn.

This experience has been very beneficial for the young people, as well as the NPH team who has supported, guided, and accompanied them. The goal is to make the young women and men feel safe enough to manage on their own when studying or when working.



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### **First Family Reintegration**

The first reintegration of two girls and a boy into their original family was another success. The Cruz\* siblings entered NPH Bolivia under circumstantial guardianship. With the support of the technical team, the children's family received training to help reintegrate them into their family of origin. These children are now enjoying life with their relatives, living and attending school in Portachuelo while their family receives guidance and support from NPH.

NPH accompanies families in their development to help ensure that the environment is adequate and safe for everyone. This gives us hope and encourages us to continue working for the good of our girls, boys, and young people.

# The Quasi-Family Model is an Example to Follow

In 2022, as part of the transformation at NPH Bolivia, three homes changed their focus to the quasi-family model. The program involves children and adolescents living in group homes integrated between blood siblings with one or more specialized caregivers, in conditions that resemble a family. The youths have now learned how to do every day activities, prioritizing what is most important and necessary.

NPH Bolivia Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the home	97
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the communities	8
Fully children, youths, and adolescents with disabilities living in the home	9
Fully children, youths, and adolescents with disabilities living in the communities	1
Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	5
Holy Sacraments	22
University graduates	1

### NPH DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Kieran Rigney National Director – NPH Dominican Republic

True generosity touched the hearts of many of our donors. Though the year 2022 had its challenges for NPH Dominican Republic, I feel very happy because everyone in the local team did a great job, and also because ours goals and projects advanced very well.

The donations from our local and international donors financed some great achievements. The support provided by the university program helped two of our young people to finish university. Donations permitted us to continue to implementing the reintegration program, providing assistance to the surrounding communities. All of this would not be possible without the selfless help of our donors.

All medical expenses were covered and, thank God, two children have received successful surgeries. I hope that during 2023 that we can continue to improve and develop new projects that we have in mind. Thank you for the contribution you make to our family.

### **Successful Medical Services.**

In 2022, NPH Dominican Republic provided 240 Well-Child consultations and two surgeries.

Kervens\*, a child with Down Syndrome, breathed with difficulty before surgery. After his adenoid surgery, Kervens now breathes much better, and smiles a lot and participates in the home's activities.

The second child, Marcelo\*, is from a nearby community who had an operation to treat an idiopathic clubfoot, thanks to NPH. Marcelo is now waiting for a hernia operation.

In 2023, NPH Dominican Republic will continue to provide both primary care and surgery to those children who require it. Our goal is to provide good health and healthy growth.







### **Graduation of High School Students**

Eduardo Echavarria graduated from university as an Industrial Engineer. He is currently working on an MSC cruise ship.

Rosalía Ruiz graduated from university as an Industrial Psychologist. She currently works in the Reintegration Department and the Undergraduate Department for NPH Dominican Republic.

In 2023, we will continue to support children's studies and support the university program.

### **Parents Meetings and Greater Participation in Classes**

In 2022, Ysidro Trinidad was named the new director at NPH Dominican Republic School, and has been implementing new ideas to motivate and encourage students. One of those was to present more public presentations for the students to increase healthy participation in classes.

For Ysidro, it is important to guide the students' parents. Twice a month, he holds a meeting with parents to help them know how to motivate their children to attend school and do their homework.

### By 2023, all students are expected to have moved on to the next grade.

NPH Dominican Republic Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the home	174
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	93
Holy Sacraments	20
Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	8
High school graduates	27
Vocational workshop graduates	7
University graduates	3







### Dora Serrano National Director – NPH El Salvador

2022 was a year with events that marked us all. However, by acting as one family and through trust in God, we were able to complete all of our projects that we had planned for our children and young people. Some were projects that helped improve some our areas to offer adequate spaces for carrying out activities. The effects of the Ukraine and Russia war hurt our budget; however, we knocked on more doors and were able to continue with our commitment to our children. At the end of the year, we experienced the loss of a beloved teacher, Lucia Haydee Guzman Ramirez, who was very dear to our children. As a family, we united by praying for her soul.

Now, we are anticipating the challenges of 2023. At the same time, we feel optimistic that we can overcome difficulties like the common shortages and increased prices of many products and services. Once again, we are knocking on the doors of companies and people who want to donate to support our work. All help is so valuable for us because there is now an even greater need to help boys and girls due to the growing needs for the children and their families.

At NPH, we try to offer our population the best things possible. We are now looking for financial support to build a dining hall for the children of the Child Welfare Center. Also, we would like to create a play space for children different ages, one that will also function as a training space for adults.

We want to do and reach out more to those who need us. This can only be sustained if we continue to count on people who support us and improve the difficult realities experienced by our children and youth.

We appreciate all of the support we receive and we are very grateful to you for it.

# Development of the Crops Project and Improvement of the Farm

In 2022, we were able to carry out a project that improved the farm and its crops. Thanks to the efforts of donors, local staff members, and even some of the Year of Service youths, this project has been a great success.

One part of the project was aimed at preparing the farm's soil so it can grow different vegetables organically. Two greenhouses were built for this project. Now, we have a large production of vegetables and fruits. The crops include tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, eggplants, bananas, papayas, watermelons, and melons. So far, we have harvested 9,041 kilograms (19,932 lbs.) of vegetables and 316 kilograms (697 lbs.) of fruit.







Another farm project this year was the milking shed, which enables milk to be extracted using an electric milking machine. This device helps our staff to make process easier and more productive.

The milk and cheese is served throughout the home of more than 300 people (children, youth, and staff), a great improvement for the nutrition for the NPH El Salvador population.

### 90% of Students Completed their School Year Taking In-Person Classes

The pandemic required that NPH implement many changes in the lives of the children and youth at NPH El Salvador.

As time passed, the NPH school slowly returned to normality. In the year 2021, many of our school's students took in-person classes, while others continued to study from home.

A great achievement in 2022 was to have 90% of students return to take in-person classes while we maintain health protocols against COVID-19. We have always stressed the importance of education for our children and youth, offering them a pathway to learn skills to become professionals. We celebrate their return, thanking God for the chance to complete another school year.

### Graduation of the Eleven Youth Members of the "Renacer" Program

Thanks to the support of the Fundación Renacer (the Rebirth Foundation), our Year of Service youth could participate in the Programa Creando Esperanza (the Creating Hope Program). Fundación Renacer is a local institution that supports organizations like NPH through different programs. The Creando Esperanza Program offers hope to young people currently living in residential youth homes by providing real-life opportunities to receive technical training in different areas. The youths are placed in internships at companies so that they can gain experience and prepare them for independence.



**Eleven of our young men** and women were able to participate in this program in 2022. They received English and computer science classes during the year. The students also had the chance to visit different companies where they could gain knowledge, as well as be trained in values such as responsibility.

All of them participated in the graduation ceremony held to celebrate their achievement.

NPH El Salvador Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the home	82
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	54
Children from the community with scholarships	63
Holy Sacraments	22
Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	4
Kindergarten graduates	20
High school graduates	5





### José Orlando Ramos National Director – NPH Guatemala

We worked hard during 2022 in all our different programs. This was especially due to the expansion of our services to vulnerable families in nearby communities. We did this through programs such as the NPH OneFamily, the Child Daycare Center, the Educational Center, and the new Family Center that serves over 390 boys and girls who live in the community.

A significant achievement in 2022 was when one of the young man living in Casa San Andrés graduated from university after so many years of effort. Mynor Samuel Azurdia graduated with honors in Auditing and Public Accounting from the Rafael Landívar University. This achievement was not only Mynor's, but also of the caregivers who took care of him, as well as the support of his godparents.

A big challenge has been how to return to working face-to-face in all areas after the pandemic. To avoid a new coronavirus outbreak in our facilities, we had to purchase protective items and apply strict entry protocols to our facilities.



For the year 2023, we have the goal of improving and expanding the quality of care in our programs, and implementing capacity building for our staff.

Many thanks to all who make it possible for us to reach more and more of the families and vulnerable children in Guatemala.

### **A New Community Program**

The greatest accomplishment of NPH Guatemala in 2022 was the inauguration in July of the new community program, the Father William Wasson Family Center.

Earlier, a team of social workers carried out an investigative study to discover the community's needs in the La Terminal market located in Chimaltenango. After analyzing the needs and determining what impact NPH Guatemala could achieve for the local families and children, international donors and the Lipoid Foundation of Germany provided the funds to renovate and restructure the Casa Santa Teresita facilities to enable an open and friendly space for small children and people with disabilities.

The Father William Wasson Family Center offers four focus areas: a Daycare Center, Rehabilitation and Therapies, Academic Tutorials, and Youth Empowerment. These were provided to 57 beneficiaries in 2022.



### **Primary Prevention - OneFamily**

Another big success is the new family-strengthening approach within the NPH OneFamily program. This new concept is called Primary Prevention, a form of preventive aid to support families who are struggling to ensure an education for their children, where girls in rural areas in particular lack access. As well as education, social workers of the NPH OneFamily program detected several children also lacking access to nutrition, and health. The youths live in some communities where the social workers have been working towards family reintegration since 2017. In order to prevent the abuse of children's rights and avoid the institutionalization of children, the NPH OneFamily program focuses on strengthening families through scholarships, psychological attention, educational workshops, and parental schooling. A key to sustainable improvement for each family is the creation of crossinstitutional support networks and the building of resilient communities. In 2022, 45 new children were added to this program's Primary Prevention area.

### **The Labor Insertion Program**

In 2021, the Labor Insertion program was created for the youth to provide guidance and training to those looking for a job or seeking to achieve a personal life goal.

The Labor Insertion program's priority is to give young people the necessary tools to qualify for dignified employment and to help improve their quality of life. In 2022, 67 young men and women at different professional career stages participated in this program by attending classes on focusing on workplace responsibilities and the management of emotions, among other areas.

Through workshops at highly-ranked businesses and governmental institutions, 16 of our youths were inserted successfully into decent full-time employment, with 10 more currently having job interviews.

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•	•	Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the home	110
•	•	Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	122
•	•	Holy Sacraments	27
•	•	Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	8
111	•	Kindergarten Graduates	24
	•	High School Graduates	40
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	•	Chicas Poderosas Participants	26
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NPH Guatemala Data







### **NPH HAITI**

### Kenson Kass National Director – NPH Haiti

In 2022, the country faced many difficulties that affected us at NPH Haiti, such as fuel shortages and intense social unrest. After a particular difficult situation in Tabarre, we had to close St. Anne and St. Simon and transfer the children and some employees to Kenscoff. Thankfully, the children and staff love their new home in the mountains because they now have more space and can socialize with children living the residential home or in the community who come to our school.

Despite of all the difficulties, we understood that this was the true value and nature of our organization and the work we carry out. We represent hope for many people and we continue to hope that the socio-political situation will improve. In 2023, we aspire to have more resources to meet the needs daily in the delivery of our services. Please note that everything we accomplished in 2022 was possible due to the help of our donors. You have guided our steps towards success, enabled our young people and children to keep smiling, and to make dreams come true.

On their behalf, I thank you with all my



### Renovations to St. Helene and NPH Haiti Services

Due to the socio-political situation in Port-au-Prince, we transferred the children, youth and adolescents from St. Anne and St. Simone to St. Helene. This included the following:

- 54 new children from the community joined entered St. Helene home, fleeing from intense at-risk situations on the streets.
- Renovation of four new buildings at St. Helene: Two of which welcomed the young people from St. Simon who entered the Kay Christine program (the residential home for children and youths with disabilities), and the other two accommodating those arriving from St. Anne Baby Home.
- We have also reinforced security measures at all our facilities and wholly renovated our library and conference room in Tabarre.





### **School Success**

Despite all the problems to public services and unrest, NPH Haiti was able to keep dedicating itself to the professional development of its students, with notable successes:

- In the 9th-grade state exams, our schools recorded a success rate of 99.99% (73/74) and 99.93% (45/47) for the final classes.
- © 22 vocational students obtained their diplomas in various professions, including Heavy Machinery, Accounting, Information Technology, Office Automation, Hospitality and Tourism, and Secretarial Skills.
- We also had eight new university graduates in different majors.

### **Eedlin – Scholarship**

**Eedlin\***, 20-years-old, was born in Pétion-Ville, and has two siblings who also form part of the NPH family. Eedlin did not know his father and lived with his mother, who worked as a domestic worker. Her income was not enough for her to support her children, and she had no place for them to sleep in her home. After an evaluation by our social office, Eedlin's family joined the NPFS family located in Kenscoff in January 2012.

Since 2019, Eedline and his younger brother, Patrice\*, have been part of the Don Bosco life program, while their younger sister Laurnette\* lives at St. Helene. Eedlin lives with his uncle in Pétion-Ville. He is studious, hard-working and ambitious, with a dream to work for a company in the IT field like Microsoft.

In 2022, Eedline was awarded a scholarship which put him on course to accomplish his dreams. In 2023, he will begin a full four-year scholarship for free at Quisqueya University, one of the best in Haiti country, to study "Civil engineering."

"The foundation of my education and values which were gifted to me by NPH Haiti, enabled me to open this door. I thank the donors and my NPH family the continued support," says Eedline.





NPH Haiti Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living at St. Helene	291
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living at St. Anne Baby Home	202
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living at St. Louis	46
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living at St. Simone	55
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	734
Kindergarten Graduates	137
9th Grade Graduates	111
High School Graduates	102
University Graduates	10

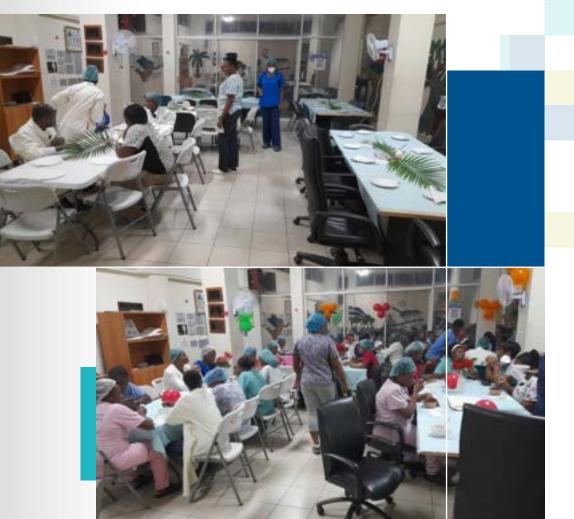


# NPH ST.DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

2022 was another torrid year for Haiti. The socio-political situation, violence, kidnappings, gang control of Port-au-Prince, and the blocking of national roads further compounded the country's health issues. All of these problems continue to produce devastating consequences on the everyday lives of millions of children, young people, and families throughout the country.

Despite the huge challenges, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital remained operational for the entire year, except for a partial closure of 20 days in May 2022. Retaining the mission and vision of Fr. Wasson, it responded yet again to health crises that hit the nation, particularly in the second half of the year. Sadly, some issues impacted the performance of the hospital. One of the consequences of the social unrest was the shortage of fuel, a necessity for any hospital to function, as well as maintain an effective ambulance service. It also left many vulnerable patients - newborns, pregnant women, and cancer patients, amongst many more— who were unable to arrive to receive consultations or procedures, and having their lives put at serious risk.

Most services did not reach the planned target, except for the HIV program, where the cohort rose by 9% from the year before. The performance through the departments varies between 50% and 87%. Some services, such as surgery and community health, saw a significant drop of 30 – 32%.



#### **Our New Leader**

In May 2022, Doctor Pascale Gassant became the Executive Director of St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, taking over from Dr. Jacqueline Gautier, who had served in the position for 30 years Dr. Gassant joined the St. Damien team 20 years ago, leading the department of pediatric oncology. As a pediatrician, she opted to become an oncologist to address the underserved care for children with cancer in Haiti.

After working for a year in a remote rural hospital, Dr. Gassant began working as a general pediatrician at St. Damien, then located in Petionville. She became interested in oncology and started to train herself in it from 2004 to 2010. The severe earthquake that affected Haiti in 2010 allowed Dr. Gassant to collaborate with the St. Jude Research Center in Tennessee. This collaboration led to her obtaining a fellowship in oncology in Guatemala. Dr. Gassant directed the creation of St. Damien's oncology department, the only pediatric oncology department in Haiti. She implemented a cancer awareness program for the Haitian medical community to help increase early diagnoses which will improve the prognosis of childhood cancer patients.

Dr. Gassant is also a founding member of the FHACI (Haitian Foundation Fighting Childhood Cancer) which supports the hospital's work of helping children with cancer and their families.

Since her appointment, she has been revising the hospital's policies and institutional norms, discussing issues with the different departments and department heads to improve the quality and standards of the hospital services.



St. Damien Hospital Data	
CONSULTATIONS	2022 Achievement
Pediatric Clinic	6,369
Emergency	1,914
Neonatal	1,418
PEDIATRIC SURGERIES	3
Total Pediatric Surgeries	351
Pediatric Ambulatory Surgeries	1,300
ADMISSIONS	
Pediatric Total	2,483
Oncology	193
ICU	198
ONCOLOGY	
Consultations	828
New Cases	47
MALNUTRITION PROGRAM	
Consultations	131
Admissions	194
TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM	
Consultations	498
New Cases	89
DENTAL CLINIC: Consultations	2,821
CLIMEDI :(Clinic for candidates for US Immigration)	3,410
MATERNITY	
Visits	6,271
Admissions	3,213
Deliveries / C-Sections	3,101
HIV PROGRAM	
Consultations	1,152
Cohort (% active)	1,085
PUBLIC HEALTH	
Pregnant Women	668
Family Planning	5,270
Vaccination	2,527
Beneficiaries of the "Fish Room". (A room for abandoned children)	13

### **Cholera and Malnutrition**

In the latter half of 2022, Haiti was rocked by two big health crises which drew international attention. The World Health Organization recorded 13,672 suspected cholera cases between early October and early December, which left many fearing a repeat of the cholera crisis that happened in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake.

In response, St. Damien Hospital quickly converted the COVID unit into the Cholera Treatment Center, seeing up to 360 children between ages 0 to 14 in the last quarter of the year. The hospital will leave the center open well into 2023.

The number of children hospitalized for severe malnutrition also increased throughout 2022, a situation caused due to the worsening of mass poverty. 194 malnourished children were admitted to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, an increase of 92% from the year before. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), 4.7 million Haitians, nearly half of the population, suffer from high levels of acute food insecurity, including 19,000 people in Cite de Soleil, who face a "food catastrophe" on a daily basis. This trend is likely to increase in the coming years.

St. Damien Pediatric Hospital continues to be a leading medical institution in Haiti, being a symbol of hope and healing for Haiti's children, while also attending to the country's most pending health issues and receiving 45% of cancer cases in Haiti.

Data source: https://www.ipcinfo.org/ipc-country-analysis/details-map/en/c/1155963/?iso3=HTI



## NPH HAITI SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMME

By Gena Heraty

2022 was a very challenging year for all of us in Haiti. While the international media covered some of the stories happening here, most went unheard. The stories of our staff trying to come to work while armed gunmen patrolled their neighborhoods, the stories of parents carrying disabled children through burning barricades, the stories of unbelievable courage - most went untold.

The violence in Haiti led to the closure of Kay St. Germaine – the center for children and young people with disabilities - in Kenscoff for several weeks. We kept in touch with our patients and students via WhatsApp as we tried to keep their morale up. The same violence and insecurity led to the expansion of the Kay Christine Family, as all the children that lived in the St. Simone home in Tabarre arrived in Kay Christine in Kenscoff. This was and continues to be a huge undertaking, as each child and youth needs a lot of assistance and care. We celebrated Christmas Day together - this great big family of 54 children and youths with neurological conditions - joined together with our huge staff. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine expanding in such a manner- Kay Christine has practically doubled, something that was not on our agenda at all.

When you put your trust in God, you have to be flexible. When I see how well these children are doing in St. Helene, I thank God for pushing us to make these changes. We have so much more work to do now. There are so many new needs and challenges.

As 2023 begins, I feel very grateful for all the support given to our programs and for beneficiaries with neurological conditions and disabilities. Thanks to all our donor's support; our Kay Christine family is a very loving and caring bond. The newly arrived children are warmly welcomed by our older children. In fact, our older children are now caring for many of the newer ones, something that is really beautiful to see. I feel very lucky to be a part of these daily miracles we are creating here.

Thanks to all of you for all your love and help. As we know, there is a lot of darkness in the world. You can be sure, that in Kay Christine and Kay St. Germaine, there is always a lot of light, a lot of laughter, and a lot of love. Thank you for making all of this possible.

All the best for 2023.



## Marlon Velásquez National Director – NPH Honduras

During 2022, NPH Honduras worked on strengthening our identity through our prevention projects, such as the Schools for Parents. Through these projects, we have managed to change the family dynamics in the communities and helped strengthen family ties.

We began a process to create a sense of belonging among our employees and collaborators by using the "Yo Soy NPH" (I am NPH) internal communication campaign. The Vocational Center was reopened with courses offered to young people from nearby communities. We started the reconstruction of Casa Suyapa, which once finished, will allow families to live together and strengthen their bond.

As a child who grew up very close to Fr. Wasson, one of my main aims is to make the Father's philosophy to become better known and to strengthen it, especially his belief that our work is a service of the love for each child. 2023, for me, is about increasing awareness of NPH Honduras, its projects and programs. One of the proposals that I want to work on is Casa Mi Esperanza. This is a halfway house that temporarily welcomes minors. This project allows them to have the option of not returning to their homes or any spaces where they could be violated and suffer from violence.



#### **HERNAN MAKES GREAT STRIDES**

Hernan\* came to Hogar Santo Domingo Savio in February 2022. He had difficulties adapting to his new home. Hernan's behavior made it difficult, as well as his frequent unwillingness to study. Caregivers from his previous home noted that Hernan struggles with his behavior, sometimes not following rules.

During the year, Hernan was learning how to respect the caregivers and how to make better choices. Thanks to the support and guidance of his caregivers and teachers, Hernan has turned around in school, achieving good grades with a 92% average. He is going to be on the honor roll.

Nowadays, Hernan is motivated, happy, and proud of himself, wanting to achieve more goals. He dreams of one day being able to work and save enough money to buy his own house.

## Olimpiadas 2022

The "Olimpiadas" (Olympic games) is a special event, which has been celebrated every year since 1986, when NPH Honduras opened its doors. The games take at Rancho Santa Fe, with a different theme every year, and all the family gets together to play and share memories.

Theme for 2022 was "Civilizations Around the World". On Friday night, the different teams made presentations about the culture or civilization, such as the Mayans, the Incas, and other indigenous Latin American cultures. During the Saturday morning and afternoon, the different teams battled it out in different sports and games.



## A New Director at NPH Honduras

In 2022, Steve O'Mahony said a bid farewell to NPH Honduras and returned to his native Ireland. He helped implement important projects, such as the San José Family Center in Mata de Plátano, as well as Casa Mi Esperanza, which he directed.

The new director, Marlon Velásquez, is an Hermano Mayor (Elder Brother) and was one of the first children enter the NPH Honduras home in its foundation. Prior to this role, Marlon served as the national director of NPH Nicaragua.

Marlon is excited to return to the home where he spent his adolescence and he first met Fr. Wasson. NPH's philosophy and values are deeply rooted in Fr. Wasson's ideas.

NPH Honduras Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living in the home	505
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	317
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	46
Holy Sacraments	32
Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	18
Kindergarten Graduates	8
9th Grade Graduates	16
High School Graduates	9
Vocational Workshops Graduates	66
University Graduates	5
Chicas Poderosas Participants	169
Hombres de Honor Participants	72







## Rafael Bermúdez National Director – NPH Mexico

2022 was a very good year. We began our scholarship program for children in working single parent families in August. In the morning, our school bus picks up the children. They are received by our nurses and social workers, who take them to have breakfast and then to school. After the classes, they have lunch with the rest of the children, and then we return them to their homes.

NPH Mexico is also creating an alliance with the local government of Miacatlán to grant scholarships to children and young people from the poorest neighborhoods around Casa San Salvador.

In 2023, we face the challenge of receiving more children and young people in our homes from the child governmental authorities in Mexico. We worked with the staff of various state and municipals to create a work plan and explained to them Family Services' requirements that we must meet in order to serve more children.

We look forward to 2023. We continue to support our children, youth and adolescents, and I love to see the dedication and commitment of each of employees, but also all our donors, both in Mexico and around the world.

## **Overcoming Obstacles**

He entered NPH 11 years ago. He arrived from the state of Guerrero, a boy with "huaraches" (a type of sandal worn in Mexico). Today, that boy has achieved his dreams, thanks to Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos.

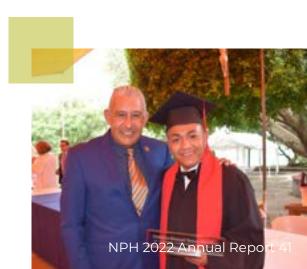
In October 2012, Cristian\*, a 14-year-old boy from a small town in Guerrero, arrived at Casa San Salvador in Miacatlán along with two older brothers. His father is a farmer and his mother makes tortillas to support the family. Cristian arrived with only a change of clothes and his huaraches.

A few years later, while studying at the NPH high school, Cristian received news that would change his life. He was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a blood cancer mainly affecting white blood cells. Cristian was hospitalized several times, receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy for three years. The youth at Casa Buen Señor took turns in caring for him and everyone prayed for his recovery.

In 2018, Cristian graduated from high school. It was a day of great joy for him and entire family. He particularly remembers that day when he completed secondary school, while having not much hair. Due to his health, Cristian could not study with classmates in Monterrey. However, life presented him with another opportunity, and he began to study a bachelor degree in International Business and Commerce his university studies at La Salle University in Cuernavaca.

With great effort and determination, Cristian graduated in 2022. His dream is work in his area of study, improve his English, and travel around the world.





Cristian's life has not been easy, but the boy who once arrived with only a pair of huaraches is now a great source of pride for NPH. His strength makes him an example for other children to follow.

## **Graduates of 2022**

We are proud of our 116 children and youth who graduated in 2022 from all the different grades of education. In November, university students celebrated their graduation with an emotional event, and are now starting their professional careers as accountants, engineers, dental surgeons, nurses, software developers, finance and gastronomy, amongst others.

Our other graduates celebrated their prom in July in Miacatlán, and the high school graduates in Cuernavaca.

NPH Mexico Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	653
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents in the community	7
Holy Sacraments	115
Quinceañeras and quinceañeros	46
Kindergarten Graduates	4
6th Grade Graduates	33
High School Graduates	47
University Graduates	33
Chicas Poderosas Participants	80







## **NPH NICARAGUA**

## Jader Rayo National Director – NPH Nicaragua

The smiles of our children are the engine of our work. In 2022, we grew stronger as a family. We had to overcome many difficult situations in order to continue our work in the country, but thanks to our perseverance and teamwork, we achieved our goals.

At the same time, 2022 was a year of success in the field of education. We managed to improve our "Community Education Program" that was affected by COVID-19.

I am optimistic about 2023. I hope to continue seeing more academic achievements, not only of our primary and secondary school students, but especially from our university students. Your support represents the confidence in the work we do for the children. At the same time, we will continue to strengthen our relationships with governmental entities, since it is through these relationships that our work can grow.

My commitment as the NPH Nicaragua National Director is to continue teaching the Catholic principles to our children.

## **Family Growing Program**

This program was created in 2021, after the Family Services team carried out a study finding that after classes, some of our students from low-income families were left alone in the afternoon or on Saturdays. This led us to work with students on Saturdays since we had staff available to take care of them. This program began by serving 70 children.

The program provides the necessary tools to offer them security in the situations they live. It strengthens the children's intellectual development through various recreational and cultural activities. At the same time, activities are carried out monthly with family members to help them to improve their child's environment by highlighting issues in values, parenting styles, and child care.

This program's goal is to prevent at-risk children from being at home alone or without adequate adult care, as well as to unite parents and children through family training activities and shared responsibility.





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## **Academic Achievements**

At the beginning of the school year, 260 students from nearby communities enrolled at the school. Thankfully, life returned to normal after the COVID pandemic, which enabled us to carry out cultural and academic activities organized alongside the Ministry of Education.

NPH has been recognized by the Ministry of Education for its outstanding performance, discipline, and adherence to all educational activities. Our noteworthy accomplishment in 2022 lies in the substantial number of graduates, which holds significant importance for NPH Nicaragua. This achievement serves as a testament to the collaborative efforts of all our dedicated employees involved in the education of these children.

## **New National Director**

Jader Rayo, along with his two sisters, joined the NPH Nicaragua family on Ometepe Island, Rivas, at the age of 13, driven by limited financial resources and parental abandonment. With unwavering determination, Jader completed his high school education and graduated from the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua in 2007, earning a degree in Political Science and International Relations.

In 2008, Jader took on a leadership role at Casa Santiago, tasked with overseeing the well-being of approximately 410 children and adolescents. Recognizing the importance of personal growth and leadership development, Jader accepted the challenge of becoming the House Director at NPH Guatemala in 2011, concluding his tenure in 2013.

After a sabbatical period, Jader returned to NPH Nicaragua, assuming the roles of Coordinator of University Programs and the Independence Plan for Older Youths. Within a year, he advanced to assistant to the National Director. In January 2023, Jader became National Director of NPH Nicaragua, assuming leadership over all aspects of its operations.

NPH Nicaragua Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	3
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	58
Holy Sacraments	7
Kindergarten Graduates	11
6th Grade Graduates	23
High School Graduates	15
Vocational Workshops Graduates	12

## Rafael Antonio Arce National Director – NPH Peru

2022 was a great year. Our children returned to in-person classes after two years of virtual lectures. The biggest challenge was organizing the logistics to transport all the children to their different schools, in both the mornings and afternoons. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our caregivers and transportation staff, we were able to take all our children to their schools in comfort and safety.

For 2023, we will continue to support and guide our youth in a comprehensive manner across our different programs. NPH Peru will double our efforts to focus on community programs that strengthen families in order to prevent abandonment. The Community Family Center will start its activities through the educational scholarship program receiving support from the SEM Foundation, which we are deeply grateful. 17 beneficiaries will be in the first stage of this program. They will be supported with education and food, while their families will receive parenting and family strengthening workshops.

I thank our donors and sponsors and on behalf of the entire NPH Peru family. With our strong commitment and their great generosity, we will be able to implement more community programs to continue providing better development opportunities for Peruvian children and youth.



# Improvement of the NPH OneFamily Program

In 2022, the OneFamily program saw significant growth, improving services for children and increasing the number of beneficiaries.

Through a project enhancing childcare services, NPH Peru's team received training from Buckner Peru, an NGO dedicated to promoting children's rights. The program staff implemented effective strategies to strengthen families, preventing abandonment and facilitating sustainable reintegration.

Since its start in 2020 with three beneficiaries, the program now supports eight, with five successfully reintegrated with their blood relatives in 2022.

# Inauguration of the Sports Field for the Community Center

In 2022, NPH Peru initiated infrastructure work on the Family Community Center, aimed at empowering vulnerable families near San Vicente de Cañete. Thanks to the support from a partnering organization, a new artificial grass sports field was inaugurated at the NPH Peru home. The Family Community Center will provide 17 educational scholarships at primary, secondary, and university levels, ensuring the right to education for children in need.

Additionally, the beneficiaries will have access to sports workshops, including soccer and handball, promoting comprehensive development, integration, and a healthy lifestyle. The new sports field enhances the quality of these sports activities.



## **Graduations from our Higher Education Program**

In 2022, our Higher Education Program continued to support older youths in their university studies and transition to adulthood. Three individuals, including one young woman and two young men, successfully completed their studies in nursing, pharmacy, and cosmetology at local institutes in San Vicente de Cañete. Notably, one graduate has already secured employment with a prominent pharmacy chain in Peru. Furthermore, two other young individuals are close to finishing their law and nursing degrees at universities in Lima, with expected graduations later this year.

Our commitment to promoting education and social inclusion extends to our program for children and youth with disabilities. Three students with disabilities were selected as beneficiaries of the Technical Productive Inclusion Scholarship provided by PRONABEC (National Scholarship and Educational Loan Program). Through this scholarship, they had the valuable opportunity to enroll in and successfully complete the Bakery and Pastry Assistant Program at the Columbia Institute in Lima. This initiative aims to enhance their education and facilitate their integration within their communities.

NPH Peru Data	
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	47
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	15
Holy Sacraments	13
Kindergarten Graduates	3
6th Grade Graduates	3
High School Graduates	1
University Graduates	2



## **Our Alliances in Latin America**

#### **NPH Bolivia**

- EMPACAR S.A.
- Kolping Bolivia
- INA Pastas
- Sofía
- DMC
- Universidad Privada CUMBRE
- Synergy
- Farmacorp
- ATB
- ROHO
- Cargill
- Pastoral Social Caritas Santa Cruz

## **NPH Nicaragua**

- Colgate Palmolive
- CONCENTRIX
- CASUR
- MINED
- La Sirena

#### **NPH El Salvador**

- BAC Credomatic
- COOPAS de R.L.
- Colgate
- ESSITY
- Huevos Catalana
- Caja de Crédito Santa Ana
- Fundación Calleja
- La Única
- Publimovil
- Sportline
- Iml
- Global Alimentos

## **NPH Guatemala**

- Glasswing
- San Martín
- IFSA
- Cáritas Arquidiocesana
- Colgate Palmolive
- McDonald's
- United Way
- Arlusa

- Fundación Pantaleón
- Legumex, S.A.
- La Sirena
- Walmart
- Comex
- Planesa, S.A.

## **NPH Dominican Republic**

- Gobierno de la República Dominicana, Secretaría de Educación
- MSC
- CONANI
- Altice

#### **NPH Honduras**

- DINAF
- Otis McAllister
- Calver
- CEPUDO
- Resal
- Map International
- ChildFun International
- Bimbo
- Diunsa
- Almacenes El Titán
- Supermercados La Colonia
- Inmobiliaria S.B.
- Dowal School
- BAC Credomatic

#### **NPH Peru**

- Asociación de Mujeres Empoderadas del Perú
- Banco de Alimentos
- Colegio Victoria Barcia Boniffatti
- Construcción y Administración S.A.
- DreamBuilder Peru (Arizona State University)
- Hoteles El Libertador
- ObenGroup (Holding Group)
- ONG Inspira Makro Supermercados Peruano



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