



NPH USA
Raising Children. Supporting Families.
Transforming Lives.



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

ABOUT NPH

Founded in 1954, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”) strives to create a loving and safe family environment for vulnerable children living in extreme conditions. Through comprehensive education, healthcare and spiritual formation, NPH gives children the opportunity to develop their potential, shaping better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. NPH is currently supporting more than 7,600 boys and girls in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru.

Incorporated in 1965 and headquartered in Chicago, NPH USA provides both financial and volunteer support for the NPH homes. We help screen, place and support the U.S. volunteers who serve at NPH.

International Volunteers are essential members of the NPH family. Our volunteers serve alongside the local staff, and provide services that are hard to find in Latin America. All volunteers hold a job during the day and spend time each evening and weekend with children. Our volunteers come from all around the world, and live in community at our NPH homes. We accept single volunteers, married couples and families.

REQUIREMENTS

- Volunteers must be 21 years old, and in good health.
- Volunteers must be able to serve for 13 months. Many volunteers extend their service beyond the initial 13-month commitment.
- Volunteers must be conversational in Spanish (or French for Haiti). If they are not yet at that level when they apply, they must attend and pay for language school prior to beginning service.
- Volunteers must have experience working with children prior to applying.
- Successful volunteers are cooperative, flexible and patient. They have strong work ethics and are able to adapt to multi-cultural environments. They are respectful of their host country and its culture, and maintain positive attitudes.



START DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

| Start Date | Application Due |
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| Early July | January 1 |
| Early January | July 1 |

Apply even if the deadline has passed - we often have new openings!

BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Volunteers are not required to fundraise to serve at NPH.
- NPH provides room and board, basic medical care and a small stipend (\$50+ USD/month).
- NPH USA provides international health insurance. Volunteers should maintain health insurance coverage in their home country.
- Volunteers are responsible for arranging and paying for all travel to and from the countries where they serve.
- If volunteers do not have a conversational level of Spanish (or French for Haiti), they must pay for and attend language school prior to beginning service.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We try to match the skills and interests of volunteers with what NPH wants and needs. All current volunteer opportunities are listed at www.nph.org/ws/volunteers/opportunities.php. These are some common volunteer jobs and areas in which volunteers serve:

Education

Volunteers serve as teachers, tutors or librarians. Many homes have their own schools that educate our preschool through middle school students. We need volunteers with teaching and tutoring skills at all levels. Librarians work with school staff and caregivers to increase the students' literacy skills.

Healthcare

Volunteers serve as doctors, nurses, clinic assistants and therapists. All the homes have "internal" clinics that serve the children and staff of NPH. Some homes have clinics and hospitals that serve the surrounding community as well. Our volunteer therapists provide otherwise unattainable speech therapy, play therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Administration

Volunteers serve as Communication Officers, Project Coordinators and in our Sponsorship program. Administrative volunteers work with the home and the network of global fundraising offices to communicate with donors and the public about NPH.

Coordination

Volunteer Coordinators help support the current volunteers and screen and place pending volunteers. Visitor Coordinators assist visitors from around the world who come to see and experience NPH first hand.

Youth Development

Volunteers lead and coordinate programs such as women's empowerment, men's empowerment, youth leadership, life skills and community support projects.

Unique Opportunities

We often have unique volunteer opportunities that may not be listed on the website. These can include architect, environmental educator, swim instructor, activities coordinator, catechist, pharmacist, etc.

SAFETY

Travel in Latin America can be risky. All NPH homes strive to provide a safe environment for children, staff and volunteers. Our homes have security staff, safety protocols, and guidelines for volunteers for when they travel off the NPH properties.

CONTACT US

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