

2019 **ANNUAL REPORT**

NPH Family

*For Nothing Is Impossible With God
-Luke 1:37*



NPH
INTERNATIONAL

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



VISION

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



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 potential, shaping better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



VALUES

NPH is guided by the following core values:



LOVE AND SECURITY: manifested in the safety and stability of the family and realized by profound personal engagement in preparation for 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.



PRINCIPLES

Our deliberations, interactions, and decisions are founded on the Christian principles of: "...as you did to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." And "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace..."

These principles guide our actions in reinforcing the rights and responsibilities of children as expressed through:

- Compassion and empathy toward others
- Care focused on the needs of each child
- Establishing and maintaining healthy family bonds
- Commitment to serve our family and our community
- Respect and humility in our attitudes
- Transparency and accountability in our actions and reporting
- Embracing diversity and inclusivity

The year 2019 has been a mixed year.

Taking an overview of the 9 countries in which NPH operates, it seems every week and month that we are confronted with a new challenge. I continue to see the extreme violence, social unrest, and natural disasters that impact the most vulnerable communities that we serve. Thousands of people every year continue to leave everything behind and take huge risks as they seek a better life in foreign lands. I feel for our community staff in all the homes, having to cope with these challenges on an everyday basis. I speak to families and children about their lives and communities, and their stories never cease to amaze me. It is not only the adversity that our beneficiaries find themselves in through no fault of their own, but also how NPH reacts to each crisis to support victims: with compassion, love, and dedication.



REINHART KOEHLER
NPHI Board President

I remember of the catastrophic eruption of Volcán de Fuego in Guatemala in June 2018, which killed over 200 people and 229 missing. A further 1.7 million lives were affected in three different departments. However, ever since that eruption, NPH Guatemala has responded by entering nearby communities, providing immediate material aid, and psychological and spiritual support, as well as supporting the building of homes for the displaced, which has continued into 2019.

I was thrilled to hear that the first students to who had enrolled in the Father Wasson Angels of Light school, a program that was created in the tent cities in the aftermath of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, graduated from 12th grade in July of this year, and they will now look to go on to university.

I also see how NPH continues to evolve as an organization as we increase our capacity to serve the communities, especially with the opening of the San Jose Family Center in the Mata de Platano community in Honduras, a community I know so well. Not to forget be overlooked is the new Daily Childcare Center (CCID) in the Parramos community in Guatemala, which serves working single mothers with scarce economic resources. There was also the Metlatonoc Clinic Project, serving a community that previously had to travel four hours to receive emergency healthcare.

This year, NPH celebrated its 65th Anniversary. I joined the NPH family in 1982, 38 years later. Yet through all my years of working and learning about the organization, these stories never cease to inspire me about what we do, the sacrifice of our employees and volunteers, and a mission that continues to evolve to tackle the unfortunate challenges, that also seem to evolve. Our mission, I believe, is God's gift to us.

Unfortunately, we find ourselves in a crisis with the new COVID-19 pandemic that impacts us and all of humanity, far beyond just the NPH family. While I am worried and I pray for you, I am also convinced that NPH will show its true colors by supporting those most affected while also keeping our populations safe from this horrid pandemic.

In the name of our NPH Family, I want to express my gratitude to all of you, who make up this extended family through your work and generosity, which comes in so many forms. A worker who will go out of his or her way to sit with a sick child into the night, a driver who in spite a difficult dirt road ahead will muster her courage to get to that family that needs help, the Godparent that prays for his or her Godchild, the elderly person living off a small pension and still finding a way to send a gift to feed and clothe the children. And especially the children who every day make great efforts to overcome a difficult past to build a better future.

To all of you who support our family to grow and thrive: THANK YOU.

Our Homes

Bolivia



Dominican Republic



El Salvador



Guatemala



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Peru



90

Vocational
certifications



106

New arrivals



407 Childcare staff
received ongoing training
in best childcare practices



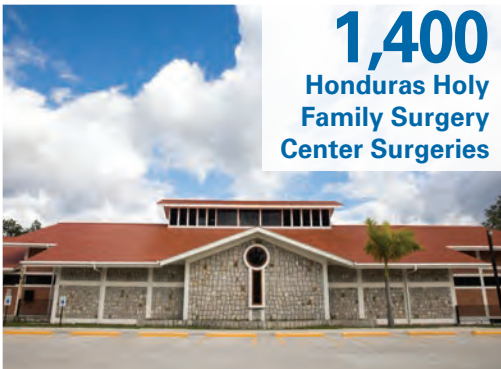
2,394

Children from low-
income households and
vulnerable communities
attended NPH schools



1,400

Honduras Holy
Family Surgery
Center Surgeries



3,308

Fully supported
children and
youth



107,749

Services provided
through community
outreach programs



1,482

Well-child checkups



512

Holy
Sacraments



9,577

Consultations
(Honduras Holy
Family Surgery
Center)



51

University graduates



59

Full-time volunteers
from 15 countries



UN CSO organization
designation



STRATEGIC PLAN

2018–2020

Over the next three years, NPH's vision is to improve the way we support children in residential care homes and the surrounding communities, always remaining true to our founding values and placing family at the center of all that we do. The 2018-2020 Strategic Plan is a roadmap to guide us on this journey.



2. STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Expand our services, further develop existing community programs, build additional programs that are based on our organizational expertise, community needs, and remain focused on keeping families together and improving the lives of children.



4. INVEST IN DONOR REACH AND FUNDING GROWTH

Innovate approaches and tools to grow revenue, donor acquisition, and brand recognition.



1. IMPROVE CHILDCARE AND HEALTHCARE

Improve the childcare, youth development, and healthcare programs in our NPH homes, and align with emerging best practices for alternative care. We are committed to further improving our first-rate residential care, which is a hallmark of NPH's work.



3. SUPPORT OUR STAFF

Attract, develop, and retain qualified vocation-oriented staff in targeted areas. Grow the capabilities of our staff by providing opportunities to fully contribute to the mission of NPH using their unique gifts and talents.



5. IMPROVE DIGITAL PRESENCE AND DATA PRACTICES

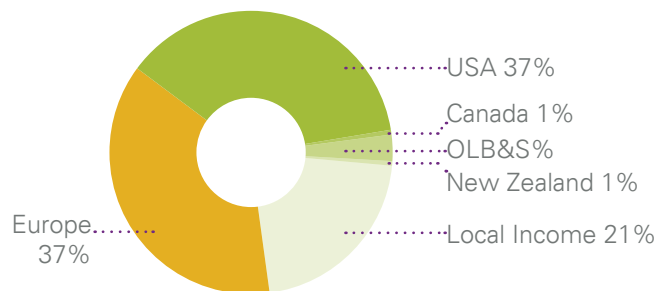
Improve technology and processes to more efficiently collect and analyze data, better share the impact of NPH, and enhance digital presence and online reach.



2019 FINANCES

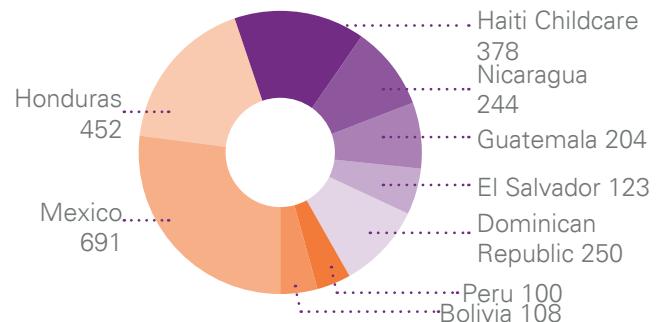
Source of Funds

\$36,634,945



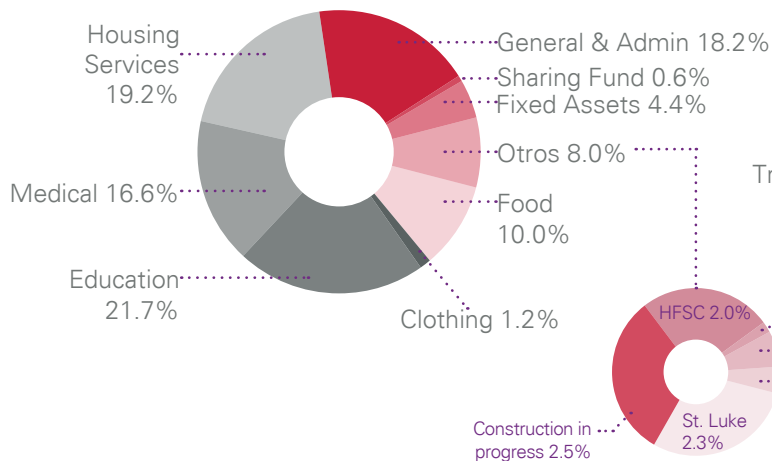
Total Child Population

2,550



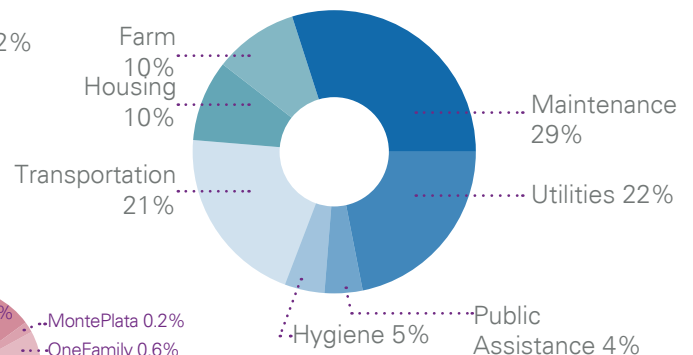
Expenses including Capital

\$37,132,453



Homes Services

\$7,116,232



65
YEARS

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Reflection from
Reinhart

65 Years of Raising Children, Supporting Families, and Transforming Lives

Rancho Santa Fe, Honduras, 16 August 2019

Sixty-five years ago, a 14-year-old boy took money from the church poor box where Father Wasson was the chaplain in an impoverished market area of Cuernavaca, Mexico. The boy returned to look for more money and the custodian apprehended him and turned him over to the authorities. Fr. Wasson, however, rather than pressing charges, visited the boy in jail and discovered that his parents had abandoned him and that he simply was looking for means to quiet his hunger. **Father Wasson's love not only moved him to forgive but to seek out the boy who stole from his church, bail him out of jail, and bring him home.** Obviously, it was much more difficult than simply taking him home.

And yet, out of this act of kindness, forgiveness, and restoration, the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos y Hermanas Family was born. While Fr. Wasson relied on Divine Providence and did not have a five-year plan, **he knew that instead of creating an institution he was going to build a family based on the Acts of Mercy.**

Matthew 25:40 says, "What you did for the least of my brothers and sisters you did for me." In Spanish, this is "Lo que hicieron para los más pequeños de mis hermanos y hermanas, lo hicieron para mí." This verse inspired the name Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos y Hermanas or NPH.

Fr. Wasson heeded this 2,000-year-old message by reaching out to children who were hungry, thirsty, sick, and had no place to go. Many hardly had any clothing and were at times, as with the first children, imprisoned. And for the children who joined the NPH family, this became the guiding purpose of their development, growing into adults who would serve their families and communities.





Here we are, 65 years after Fr. Wasson began his work and 13 years after he died and passed on his legacy. All of us involved with the NPH Family are tasked with living and applying his miraculous mission. To achieve that, we do well to remember Fr. Wasson's philosophy and the basic principles with which he created Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos y Hermanas.

Fr. Wasson knew that love, mercy, faith, and time would heal the children and help them find their place in this world. He knew that children who had experienced trauma and had grown up surviving on their own in the world would not easily overcome the habits that had helped keep them alive. To prevail over these habits, the children needed a stable environment of consistent love, patience, and communication to find trust, security, and a sense of belonging.

For this reason, Fr. Wasson created not only a family but also a healing community. He based his approach on the principles of his Catholic faith, such as forgiveness, service to others, sharing, learning to care for others, and engaging the children in meaningful tasks with real responsibilities to contribute to the wellbeing of the NPH family.

This enhanced their feeling of self-worth and helped the children to shift the focus from themselves to the needs of others. He also made sure that among the Pequeños and Pequeñas there was no room for self-pity, or as Father called it "pobre de mi" (poor little me). That is why all children are challenged to contribute and do what they can do for themselves and others according to their abilities and special needs.

In addition, **Fr. Wasson provided the children with opportunities to develop their talents and time to engage in free play with each other.** They learned self-regulation, creativity, and got so absorbed in their play that their grief and pain were replaced by the sheer joy they derived from interacting with one another.

As a result, the need for psychological treatment was reduced. While psychological treatment certainly can benefit children, Fr. Wasson knew that there are also other ways to help children to grow into well-adjusted adults. For example, it is difficult for a child with trauma to share what they are thinking and feeling. Many of the children that I have come to know and who have suffered abuse or neglect at the hands of an adult think it is their fault. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives them a confidential place, to be honest, and it allows the priest to reinforce that our sins are the ones that we commit and not the things that happen to us.

If a child is struggling and we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the message is, "you are human and God can remove the mistake that you made and give you the grace to try again." As a priest, Father Wasson felt that the power of love, the sacraments, and the Holy Mass were most essential in the healing process of traumatized children.

Since Fr. Wasson's death in August 2006, NPH has not moved into more countries. Yet, we have grown and evolved. We continue to respond to the ever-changing needs of vulnerable children and families in the nine countries where we are present. We are transforming and expanding our work through community service and family strengthening programs. In a way, **NPH has become a family of families.**

We have also increased our scope and effectiveness in responding to the many needs we find in the various populations we serve through strategic partnerships with like-minded organizations such as One World Surgery (www.oneworldsurgery.org). Together, we are now in the process of establishing a second surgery center on the property of NPH Dominican Republic.

NPH is caring for more vulnerable children and adults than we did in 2006. They are the true heroes of this unique mission, the reason why Father Wasson's legacy continues. We are proud to carry on Father Wasson's mission by bringing to our mission the values with which Fr. Wasson started his NPH Family many years ago. **We are grateful that we can do so because of the loyal support and generosity of all of you who care for the NPH Family through their dedication, contributions, work, and volunteer service.**

A special thank you to Fr. Phil Cleary and Fr. Rick Frechette, who also celebrated their 40th anniversary as priests this year, dedicating 36 and 35 years respectively to NPH. Thank you!



TIMELINE 1954–2019

Fr. Wasson was awarded the Good Samaritan Award



Fr. Wasson accepted the Franciscan International Award.



1981

Fundraising offices in Austria and Germany opened.

Fr. Wasson wrote Gospel in the Dust.



Fr. Wasson and Fr. Rick Frechette traveled to Haiti where there was an overwhelming need for a hospice and residential care home Nos Petits Frères et Soeurs Haiti opened.



1987

Fundraising office opened in Switzerland.

Fundraising office in Netherlands opened.

1991

1977



Fr. Wasson was awarded the Luis Elizondo Humanitarian Award, a Mexican National Prize given for contribution to the children of Mexico. Fr. Wasson was the only U.S. citizen to receive this award.

1979



The final move took place to San Salvador in Miacatlán. Reconstruction of dormitories, kitchen, general rooms, etc. was completed. Also the first group of students arrived in July at their new home in Monterrey to study at the university level.

1982



Joan Provencio was appointed National Director of NPH Mexico

1984



Fr. Wasson brought NPH youths from Mexico to Yarnell, Arizona, to take advantage of scholarships offered in Northern Arizona. The expansion program officially became known as the English Language Learning Center.

1985



Fr. Wasson started first medical center in Petionville, Haiti.



Fr. Wasson asked Reinhart Koehler and Fr. Rick Frechette to start a NPH home in Honduras.

1989



Mexico honored Fr. Wasson with the Aztec Eagle Award.



Fr. Phil Cleary is named National Director for NPH Mexico.

1992

Fundraising office in Belgium opened.



1996

Nueva Esperanza – Emergency aid and housing program began for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

Guatemala became the third Central American country that joined the family.

1998

The children of war torn El Salvador were welcomed into the NPH family.



NPH International Family Services Department was initiated.

2001

Fundraising office in Spain opened

2002

Fr. Wasson opened a home in Peru. NPH enters its 50th year of serving children.



NPH International Medical Services Department was initiated.

Fr. Wasson passes away on August 16th. He is buried alongside his parents in Yarnell, Arizona, U.S. Memorials are held in all the NPH homes and all around the world.



NPH Peru family moved to their new home in San Vicente de Cañete. City of the Children of Matamoros, the new home in northern Mexico, opened its doors.



Fundraising office in New Zealand opened.

NPH International Seattle Institute with a charter class of five students began in Seattle, Washington, U.S.



2011



Fundraising office in France opened. Fr. Wasson established an NPH home on Ometepe Island in Nicaragua.

Fr. Wasson met Mother Teresa. The National Caring Award was awarded to Fr. Wasson. Fundraising office in Ireland



1997



NPH Mexico extended its reach to families in the Milpillas garbage dump. Children are bused each day, attend school at NPH, are able to shower, wear a clean uniform, have breakfast, lunch, medical and dental care.



Fr. Wasson received the World of Children Award.

Fundraising office in Italy opened.

2000

NPH Dominican Republic opened in San Pedro de Macoris with seven children.



Fr. Wasson celebrated his Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. On December 21st, Fr. Wasson celebrated his 80th birthday.

2003

2005



Bolivia is the latest home to join the NPH family.



2007



First Annual NPH International Soccer Tournament hosted at NPH El Salvador.

2008

Bolivia family moved to their new home, Casa Padre Wasson.



2010

Devastating twin disasters of Haiti earthquake and cholera, created new and expanded programs in childcare, healthcare and emergency aid.



Fr. Rick Frechette, CP, DO, President of NPH Haiti, won the prestigious international Opus Prize.



Construction completed on Fr. Wasson Angels of Light baby house and preschool – elementary school.

2012



2013

Reinhart Koehler was named President of NPH International.



Completed construction of special needs homes Dominican Republic and Honduras) and construction of Kay Gabriel adult and pediatric rehabilitation therapies, at NPH Haiti.

2014

NPHI Family Services Fifth Annual Youth Development Conference was hosted in NPH Nicaragua.



NPH Guatemala launches their NPH OneFamily program, reintegrating 29 children into their biological families' homes.



2016

The first children of the NPH OneFamily program are reintegrated into their families at NPH Honduras



2017

A community daycare center opens at NPH El Salvador to look after children of working parents and Hermanos Mayores.

Fundraising office in the United Kingdom opened.



Dr. Pilar Silverman, Director of Medical Services for NPH International, was awarded the United Nations Women Together Award.

NPH Dominican Republic opens a transition home in Monte Plata.



2018

NPH Honduras opens Casa Mi Esperanza a transition home for children who need safer long-term living situations.



NPH Guatemala opens its early stimulation childcare center, providing daycare for single working mothers in nearby towns.

2019



FAMILY SERVICES

Volunteers by Lauren Pach

The NPH family expresses its deep gratitude to the volunteers for their continued dedication and service to our mission in 2019. The volunteers deliver key services, as well as love and individualized attention, to the children and youth supported by NPH. Volunteers help us to better achieve our mission and are leaders in many of the areas of action as defined by the UN's 2030 agenda for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This year, the volunteers in our homes participated in new community outreach initiatives and programs that support and empower families and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean to break the cycle of poverty. We welcomed 33 new volunteers to the NPH family this year, hosting a total of 59 volunteers in 2019. NPH volunteers also promote intercultural exchange and understanding within the NPH family and continue to be ambassadors of our mission upon returning to their home countries. We strive to continue inviting highly-qualified volunteers to serve in our homes each year. Thank you, volunteers, for your service, leadership, energy, time, and unwavering commitment to the NPH family in 2019.

Preparing For Lives of Service Leadership by Erin Egge, Seattle Institute Program Coordinator

The Seattle Institute is NPH's official study abroad program focused on service leadership and learning English. Every year, approximately six students arrive in Seattle to embark on a 10-month, transformational journey of personal growth and professional formation.

The past year fulfilled a dream for five emerging leaders: Fany, Liamar, Moy, Rafa, and Ricky. They returned to their countries in July more equipped to serve, lead, and make a positive impact on NPH and their surrounding communities. They left with a sense of accomplishment, new goals, and a powerful vision for their futures. As Fany from NPH Honduras said, this program has helped her become the "pilot of her own life."



In September, The Seattle Institute welcomed the Class of 2020: Abigail, Alexis, David, and Jazmin. Abigail, from NPH Nicaragua, shares her view on the purpose of the program:

"There is a need for the Seattle Institute, both for the participants and at an organizational level. Being part of this program has been a rewarding experience that I will never forget ... we are learning important life lessons, more about ourselves, and gaining new leadership skills, all of which will help us better impact our NPH homes, families, and communities. Thank you to Fundación MAPFRE and all the NPH USA supporters who make this possible!"

Each program participant:

- Participates in weekly leadership workshops and service activities
- Supports the NPH USA fundraising offices as ambassadors
- Works with mentors and a coach
- Lives with a homestay
- Studies intensive English at a community college

Rights of children, adolescents, and youth

In November 2019, NPH committed to helping implement the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), many of which line up with NPH's own goals. Family Services will be leading NPH's implementation of SDG 1: Zero Poverty, which is intimately linked to our vision: A world without poverty where all girls and boys develop their unique potential and become productive and service members of society and their communities.

With great fervor, we also join to work towards the fulfillment of SDG 5: Gender Equality. We recognize that to reduce violence in the world it is important to recognize and foster spaces where there are equal opportunities for all members of a family, as well as the empowerment of girls and young people. The awareness of children and young people will be themes that we will be promoting to achieve a fairer and more equitable world.

HIGHLIGHTS

Total Seattle Institute Graduates **43**

Graduated University **22**

Attending University **18**

Working Full Time Outside of NPH **10**

Working Full Time for NPH* **17**



Together with medical services, we began to establish multidisciplinary teams in all the homes to empower the life plans of each child and youth with the synergy of specialized knowledge of social work, psychology, and the medical team.

Collaboration with birth families and biographical work is a primary focus of services for the NPH family. The message that we send through family awareness to the young people is: "your family of origin is part of your identity, your past, present, and future ... together we can build a healthy environment for you."

Where do we want to go? We want to continue teaming up with the families of girls, boys, and adolescents, to put them at the center of our intervention and response, as suggested by our protection policies, to act in their best interests.

Yet how do you determine what their interests are? Using an adult-centered position, it would be easy to know because it is the adults who make all the decisions. But would it be the right thing to do? We must look for new ways to motivate girls, boys, and young people to participate, to help us to create safe and healthy spaces where they can express what they feel and think, where we can interact harmoniously, and where we take their proposals seriously, generating some changes. The most important thing is for children and youth to feel safe.

The Convention on the Rights of Girls and Boys proposes three elements for its fulfillment. These are the Three P's: Protection, Prevention, and Preparation. To insert an approach based on the rights of children and youth, we must use paths where the participation of children and youth plays an important role. The fulfillment of NPH's Mission, Vision, Principles, and Values can be lived more strongly only if the rights of young people are fulfilled, promoted, and respected."

—Jorge Villar, Director of Family Services



NPHI OneFamily Team
Christopher Hoyt, Donna
EGGE, Nelly Fernandez, and
Markus Streit

NPH highlights its innovative approach to family reintegration, celebrating key milestones for children and youth who have returned to biological families from residential care. Around the world, extreme conditions prevent children from reaching their full potential with their biological families. NPH delivers a holistic program that prepares children and families for reintegration while providing essential services that would otherwise adversely affect a child's development. A priority strategy for the past three years, NPH continues to reunite children in Guatemala and Honduras, as teams in other countries take early steps in building the infrastructure for the program's expansion.

Key Achievements of 2019

163 professional support visits to children and families in Guatemala

181 professional support visits to children and families in Honduras

NPH Guatemala academic pass rate among students 94%

3 Primary School graduations, 4 Junior High School graduations,
 4 High School graduations

NPH Honduras academic pass rate among students 90%

2 Junior High School graduations, 2 Technical School graduations,
 2 High School graduations

Seven children supported by NPH Mexico

Two youth transitioned to an independent life with gainful employment

Three youth gave a Year of Service at the NPH homes

Two new youth will give a Year of Service at NPH Honduras in 2020

Three new youth will give a Year of Service in their communities in Guatemala 2020

Nine children supported with specialized medication

Child **wellness checks** completed at NPH homes or local health centers

Family **reunion activities** with NPH homes

Birthday **gifts** and **celebrations** for all children



Family Reintegration Support

Over the course of the year, the technical teams followed up with each child and youth in their home environments across the country. Comprised of a social worker and a psychologist, the follow-up team monitors the physical and emotional well-being of the children and youth and provides direct services based on the detected needs in the home environment. Beneficiaries receive psychological support on a host of issues, ranging to such as adapting to a new home or school, challenging family dynamics, and personal goals. Social workers maintain communication with school teachers, family members, and neighbors to develop a clear picture of the care environment surrounding the children. Sensitizing families to the age-specific developmental needs of children and youth is an ongoing process.

Across NPH and the family reintegration program, life planning for children and youth has been gradually incorporated as a 2019 goal. The process assists children and youth express their personal goals in multiple areas of their lives, and in doing so, helps identify clear next steps for them to attain their goals. Drawing adult family members close to the process, also establishes further opportunities for them to bond. Rounded out by Parental Training classes, recreational activities, workshops on mental health, and in some cases, direct psychological support, the caretakers receive opportunities to process emotions, hone parenting strategies, and engage in healthy activities with their loved ones.

Community Participation

In accordance with Following the NPH vision, children and youth are encouraged to become productive members of their communities. Teams witnessed the active participation of families in sports and recreation, community service projects, and diverse faith communities over the year. Moreover, children and youth who had returned to their indigenous communities of origin more fully participated more fully in rich local culture and customs.

High school graduates continue the NPH vision of serving communities through the enriching Year of Service program, either by formalizing a volunteer opportunity in their community or offering service at an NPH home.

Transformation of Services Workshop

Teams from across the NPH countries gathered at NPH Guatemala to drive innovations in family reintegration and the broader areas of family and community strengthening programs. During the week, technical teams and directors collaborated on solutions to programmatic challenges, drawing on international best practices and sharing those generated from the teams working in the field. Integrating NPH values and philosophy into the family strengthening programs and creating linkages to UN Sustainable Development Goals held specific importance for mission alignment and program sustainability.

Guest presenters from the UN Refugee Agency, Guatemalan National Adoption Council, and Fundación Sobrevivientes shared the latest trends affecting children and youth in the region, the changing alternative care landscape, and effective approaches for developing community support networks. The teams carried forward plans developed over the week to chart the next steps in the strategic direction of each country.

The year represented significant opportunities to serve, learn, and grow. Our thanks go to the diligent and inspiring teams for their vision, tenacity, and enthusiasm. Our gratitude to the families for the opportunity to partner together in creating safe and loving environments for children and youth.



Challenges & Lessons Learned

Three key challenges to family reintegration continued to surface over 2019: **family participation**, **financial independence**, and **program desertion**.



In the early preparation phases, social workers and psychologists gauge the level of authentic interest and dedication with which family members consider caring for the child. Experience has shown that initial expressions of commitment can change over time, further compounded by the complexity of raising children in complex challenging environments. As adolescents take typical steps to pass through developmental phases like challenge challenging authority, face facing unique learning difficulties, or struggle struggling to adapt to new rules or demands, the reintegration teams note that some families may take a more active or passive role as effective caregivers.

In some cases, teams witness the impact of long-standing parenting techniques that may be, persistent in the culture, some of which do not center around positive discipline. To bridge this difficult topic, teams find that the trust established over time helps recommendations take root. In some cases, the teams have managed group therapy sessions.

Through these sessions, children and youth can speak openly about their feelings, work through disagreements, and establish agreements for addressing future discord. Other non-formal activities to promote bonding include

recreational activities facilitated by the teams, like board games, sports, or community service. In follow-up visits, the professionals survey the family to understand elements that are working well and those requiring reinforcement. Future plans reflect an increased focus on the group therapy technique to develop dynamic, creative, and participatory solutions within the family.

Teams also explore potential ways to limit families' financial dependency on NPH. NPH takes special care to evaluate how families spend stipends, with an aim to ensure that they remain channeled toward appropriate needs. Teams increasingly developed alliances with local municipal governments and associations as a support network for families. In many cases, the alliances, facilitated the donation of gift-in-kind items, capital for micro-businesses, or financial stipends for families. This remains an area of focused expansion in 2020.

Decisions to terminate NPH support revolved primarily due to early pregnancy, school desertion, and youth or family involvement in gang activities. In both Guatemala and Honduras, four children failed the school year out of the total enrolled population. Eleven youth left the program in Honduras due to the aforementioned cited factors, which

remain persistent and commonplace challenges. Four youth deserted the program in Guatemala, although two managed to graduate from the high school level, choosing to begin their working career without assistance from NPH. In most cases, the teams had detected a progression of behaviors which that became increasingly complex to mitigate. When possible, support terminates in such a way that it does not drastically affect the health or well-being of the youth, while placing increased responsibility on the youth or family to begin the next chapter of life.

The year 2019 represented the opportunity for the continued sharing of best practices of the NPH innovations in the field and in this highly complex space. The best interest of each child and youth remains the focus of the program and in the vast majority of cases, love and affection are evident, even when difficulties exist. The teams share a deep conviction to identifying new solutions, applying modifications, and continuing continue to nurture a safe and healthy family environment.

On behalf of the local and international NPH OneFamily teams, Christopher Hoyt.

OneFamily Guatemala Highlights

The number of children supported increased from **26 to 38**

One young woman began her Year of Service at NPH

One high school graduate

Two junior high school graduates

Two primary school graduates

Two students were recognized for academic excellence

89% of students passed the academic year

Two confirmations in local churches

Families living in remote areas of Petén participate in “small communities” or families **gather to study and discuss** Scripture.

One emergency operation supported by NPH

97% of children received wellness checks at NPH

21 children received medication

Three girls celebrated their 15th birthday party at NPH

92 follow up visits provided



OneFamily Honduras Highlights

The number of children supported increased from **45 to 52**

182 visits by the NPH support team to homes and schools

Two young men began their Year of Service at NPH

Two high school graduates

Two junior high school graduates

One vocational school graduate

Three primary school graduates

Individual **vocational support** for a child who is blind

Two students were recognized for academic excellence

81% of students passed the academic year

17 children regularly attend religious services with their families

100% of children received wellness checks at local health centers

10 children receive specialized medical support





UNITED NATIONS CSO RECOGNITION

United Nations Department of Global Communications recognized NPHI as a Civil Society Organization (CSO) for 2020. This special recognition acknowledges NPHI's ongoing commitment to advance several critical Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) promoted by the UN.

NPHI has committed to focusing in 2020 on four SDGs that align most closely with its mission and in areas of strategic focus: SDG #1: No Poverty, SDG #3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG #5: Gender Equality, and SDG #6: Clean Water and Sanitation. Promoting health while providing basic and advanced medical services in a primary-care health system covering eight countries in Latin America, plus a pediatric hospital in Haiti, comprise core competencies for NPHI.





MEDICAL SERVICES

By Dr. Edwin Vallecillo, NPHI Medical Director

NPH continues to provide comprehensive health services through its network of primary health care clinics and works to make good health can be accessible and affordable for all. This after 65 years of social service and with 10 years to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Today, a total of 12 doctors, 30 nurses, and 20 diverse health professionals provide comprehensive health care for all children in NPH households. We are striving to achieve optimal health and well-being for each child by supporting local health personnel.

Our primary medical facilities are certified and our teams work under the same operating system guided by NPHI's medical policy, with a shared commitment to maintaining the health of the populations we serve. Our primary health care network is connected to local networks and other specialized services, and through our electronic health records, we continually discover new ways to improve the delivery of health services for

our populations and increase our resolute capacity.

Health is not just the absence of disease, but something more complex. A person's health comprises their complete state of physical, psychological, and social well-being, so we focus on people-centered care and their needs.

According to PAHO/WHO data, the doors of progress in health have been closed for too many people. Our efforts must be directed so that no one is left behind in this next decade, so we must push the sustainable health agenda for the Americas, and the 11 goals set for this effort.

NPH supports multiple programs to increase access to comprehensive medical services, and offers a strong primary care system with a

strong preventive component. NPH promotes sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning, information, and education. Other prioritized services include healthy child consultations, comprehensive evaluations for new income, employees and volunteers, dental consultations, comprehensive therapies, multidisciplinary teams, among others.

NPH invests in the leadership and training of its health personnel. This way everyone is aligned with the achievement of common health goals. NPH also provides free or subsidized services to help beneficiary families have access to necessary medicines, consultations, and treatments that they cannot afford.



Reducing health inequalities and addressing the social factors that contribute to these inequalities is one of the steps that NPH is progressively implementing to end poverty and contribute to global peace.

NPH continues to provide basic health services. Its 87% vaccination coverage against major vaccine-preventable diseases is achieved partly through partnerships with organizations that support with vaccine purchases. NPH continues to deliver healthy and balanced foods for our children needed for their optimal development. The low-weight rate in NPH is around 4%.

Access to clean water is another important issue. Certified drinking water service is guaranteed in NPH homes, which is not accessible for 3 out of 10 people globally, according to figures from WHO and UNICEF.

Preventing infectious diseases requires an organized effort. Some prevention programs implemented by NPH in 2019 included de-worming, fumigation, and the use of mosquito nets. An epidemic of dengue hits Central America and Mexico, causing 486 deaths and thousands of hospitalizations. Due to its efforts, NPH prevented having an outbreak of this disease in its homes.

Some childhood health conditions are also preventable. Pregnant women living in poverty sometimes lack access to appropriate nutrition, prenatal healthcare, and deliveries. NPH offers these services to help the mother and thus reduce the

number of children being born with health issues

NPH helps under-served children with special needs and disabilities. These include neurological disorders, learning problems due to chronic malnutrition at an early age, mental disorders due to abuse. There is a lack of mental health care in these vulnerable population groups. NPH multidisciplinary team develops a strategy to provide services that permit these children to participate in their families and societies, thus helping them to develop to their fullest possible potential.

In 2019, the NPH International Medical Workshop was held in Guatemala in conjunction with the team of NPHI psychologists to help enhance its mental health strategies. In addition, an updated NPHI medical policy was released. The operational protocols and manuals were revised. There was also a review of the correct use of the electronic registration system to increase transparency in the clinics.

NPH's greatest asset is the population we serve, especially our children. Its greatest strength is the attitude of service and the resilience of our staff to face daily the challenge of delivering positive health responses for the whole NPH family and communities where we serve. This is due to the legacy of service inherited by our beloved founder, Father William Wasson.

Health is a universal right and NPH continues to provide healthy well-being to the population we serve.

Considering the lack of access suffered by millions of families in the region, we feel blessed and fortunate to be able to serve our beneficiaries. From NPHI's medical services team, we express our gratitude to all the collaborators whose valuable support permits our children to have access to health care.

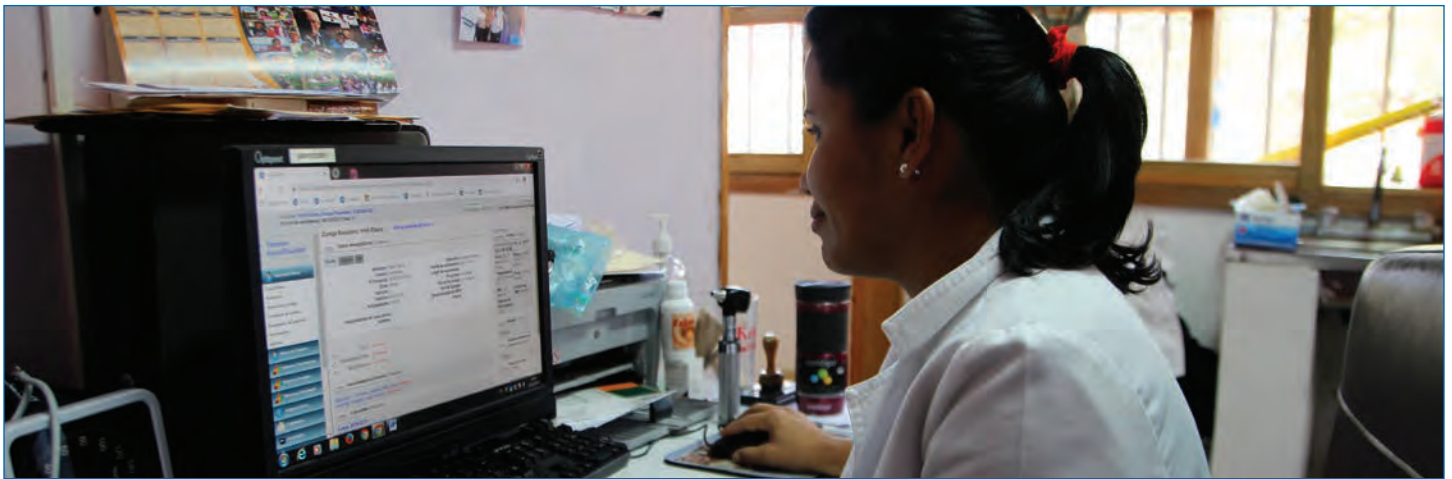
NPHI MEDICAL SERVICES

- Good Health And Well-Being – Sustainable Development Goal #3
- Zero Hunger – Sustainable Development Goal #2
- Clean Water And Sanitation – Sustainable Development Goal #6
- Chronic Conditions And Children With Disabilities Or Special Needs
- Healthy Pequeños
- Expanding Programs And Community Outreach
- Mental Health
- Health Education For Local Staff And Clinicians
- On-site Visits: Once a year Medical Services visits each NPH Home to conduct regular monitoring of core programs, an annual evaluation of country-specific healthcare goals, and to ensure adherence to NPH healthcare policy, quality standards, and global health indicators.



The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as, “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”


MEDICAL SERVICES DATA



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2018 v. 2019 change
Vaccinations	2,722	3,219	2,566	1,890	2,477	31%
Annual checkups (well-child checkups)	1,596	3,219	2,566	980	1,482	51%
Therapy treatments/services (occupational, physio, art, speech)	3,415	3,482	8,436	8,167	4,870	-40%
Total chronic condition* diagnoses (including children with special needs)	668	598	849	886	760	-14%
Children with improved conditions**	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
HIV-positive and AIDS patients	58	54	51	56	49	-13%
Medical examination for new arrivals (coming into a NPH Home only)	333	64	74	224	166	-26%
Dental treatments/services	3,549	3,559	1,268	2,031	4,530	123%
Physician consults	10,537	10,921	7,783	11,512	13,526	17%
Nurse Consults	8,613	11,776	10,674	17,178	8,916	-48%
Total	31,491	35,157	33,096	42,924	36,776	-14%

*A chronic condition is a medical illness that is permanent or lasts more than six months. A special needs diagnosis is chronic condition.

**100% of the patients improved, specifically they have a better quality of health. The chronic condition is not cured, but preventive care to reduce further complications and disease escalation is effective for 100% of the patient population.



ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

By Dr. Jacqueline
Gautier, Director

2019 proved to be a year of notable achievements in 2019. Hospital achieved some notable accomplishments in 2019. More women delivered their babies at St. Damien compared to 2018. This was necessary since Doctors Without Borders closed its maternity nearby St. Damien Hospital in July 2018. This service became even more crucial after August 2019, when the socio-political troubles increased in the country.

The number of deliveries at St. Damien Hospital increased from an average of 180 deliveries per month to 250 monthly. Since August 2019, it has sometimes now up to 400 deliveries per month.

Women have few options for a place to safely deliver their babies in the capital. The Haitian health system is inadequate and under-equipped to provide even basic health care. There is little health care available for anyone, especially for pregnant women. Haiti has the highest rate of maternal deaths during childbirth in the entire Western hemisphere. Only 40% of Haitian women have access to a hospital to deliver their babies, even fewer in the rural areas. A key strategy to reduce maternal mortality is to offer prenatal care for women with high-risk pregnancies. When prenatal care is commonly available, there is not only a reduction of mortality and post-natal complications for the mothers but also the same improved outcome for the newborns. When a baby is born at a hospital with any health issues, these can then be dealt with promptly.

Fruit and vegetables for children in abandoned ward:

\$19

(daily for the entire ward)



St. Damien's mission is to offer quality care with Christ's compassion to vulnerable families.

Offering safe maternal care falls directly in our mission. We help mothers, the centers of families, to stay alive, so fewer orphans are created.

The hospital's ability to assist more women with their deliveries was made possible thanks to the generosity of Mr. James Corcoran, a private donor, and the NPH Germany office's support.

Jim Corcoran's donation financed a new building by our entrance gate to welcome the malnourished children. Their previous room is now a new maternity ward. He led the construction work himself, along with an architect.

The German office's grant helped to cover various needs. It paid the salaries for additional staff, for materials for the new maternity ward, to build a 2nd floor for the new building offered by Jim Corcoran, and to renovate the east wing of the first floor. These included an entrance segment to accommodate an intermediary space for the children with diarrhea who will move to the 2nd floor of the new building by the gate.

We took the opportunity to increase the space allocated to the outpatient clinic and medical records, but, we haven't yet added the 2nd floor of the new building."

—Dr. Jacqueline Gautier, National Director

ST. DAMIEN DATA



	2019	Target	Performance
Consultations			
Pediatric Clinic	14,719	15,311	96.13%
Emergency	3,064	2,390	128.20%
Neonatal	2,361	3,116	75.77%
Surgeries Total	1,830	1,649	110.98%
Admissions			
Pediatric Total	3,794	3,832	99.01%
• Neonatal	758	514	147.47%
• Oncology	289	343	84.26%
Ambulatory Surgeries	1,810	1395	129.75%
Oncology			
Consultations	1,449	1,334	108.62%
New Cases	89	84	105.95%
Malnutrition Program			
Admissions	402	418	96.17%
Tuberculosis Program			
Consultations	1,096	1,570	69.81%
New Cases	184	228	80.70%
Dental Clinic Consultations	4,099	4,671	87.75%
Rehydration Center Consultations	836	837	99.88%
CLIMEDI (Clinic For Candidates For Us Immigration)	2,481	3,127	79.34%
Maternity			
Admissions	3,983	2,802	142.15%
Deliveries/C-Sections	3,555	2,523	140.90%
HIV Program			
Consultations	2,802	3,500	80.06%
Cohort (% Active)	829	801	103.49%
Public Health			
Pregnant Women	1,975	1,829	107.98%
Family Planning	4,862	3,667	132.59%
Other Visits	12,450	7,181	173.37%
Vaccination	24,811	6,396	387.91%



89
New cancer
cases treated



27,000
Consults provided



402 Malnutrition
admissions



3,983
Maternity
admissions

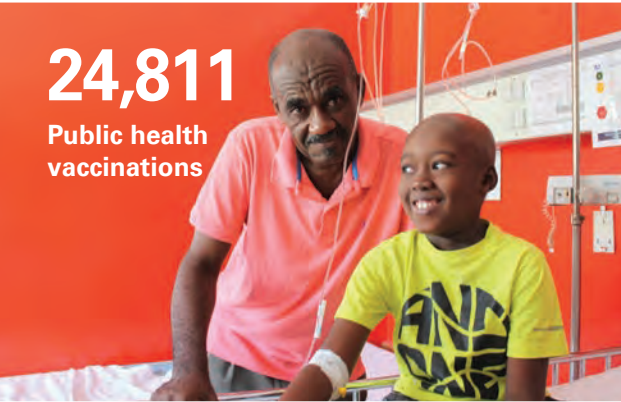


1,449
Oncology results

ST. DAMIEN
HIGHLIGHTS



836
Children treated
for dehydration



24,811
Public health
vaccinations



3,555
Babies delivered



1,810
Ambulatory surgeries



1,096
Tuberculosis consults provided

BOLIVIA

by Brad Bobel



Healthy Garden and Agriculture Projects

10 out of 12 of our children's houses started their own garden project and grew a variety of vegetables. In addition, NPH Bolivia was able to secure funding for a new tractor. These gardens give the children a chance to learn new skills in the field as well as learn the values of responsibility and patience.

NPH Bolivia has its own farm-to-table program. Food grown in our children's gardens is taken to the kitchen to be used for meals, thus supplementing NPH Bolivia's budget. The new tractor cost US\$53,000 and will greatly help with our agricultural program. Plus, using the tractor to cut grass and clear fields will create more recreational activity areas for our kids to play in.



Here in Bolivia, we are very thankful for all the support received from our godparents, donors, and visitors. In 2019 more people got to know our beautiful home and amazing children.

Last year we focused on four areas: education, sustainability, local fundraising, and community programs. We were able to achieve several very concrete goals, like opening a computer room in the school, the construction of a cow stable, and the complete renovation of our homes.

In 2020 we hope to complete a research project focused on our community programs, and then take action so that we can help even more children and increase our impact in the communities."

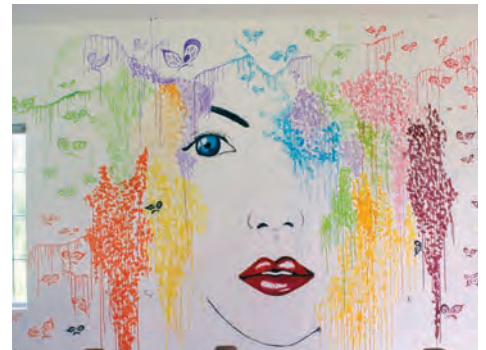
—Tom Kuiper, National Director



Widespread Rebuilding Across the Home

NPH Bolivia continued its house rebuilding project with the completion of three houses in 2019. Casa Madre Teresa, Casa Angeles de Dios, and Casa Betania were rebuilt with more durable windows, walls, and roofs that will be sturdier, especially during the difficult rainy season. We established a dairy and a cow pasture. With the dairy, the home will purchase more milking cows in a move toward greater sustainability that will have a positive impact on the annual budget.

For 2020, NPH Bolivia is looking to completely renovate the dining hall, the heart of the home. This area is where the kids and staff eat together, gather for large family events, hang out, work, watch movies together, celebrate Mass, and practice piano. The space is in use many hours each day. The renovation will make it more secure and welcoming for the children.



Vital improvements for Primary School Media Center

In 2019, NPH Bolivia oversaw a vital renovation of the primary's school on-site digital media center and library. The updated space will feature 15 new computers, thereby quadrupling the number of available devices and allowing our children to develop the crucial digital literacy skills they need to get ahead. Furthermore, we leveraged US\$2,500 in funding for the purchase of new textbooks and other educational materials that will be enjoyed by children of all ages in our home.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

by Alba Perez



Graduation Of The First Four University Students From Our Home

Education is essential for our children's development. In our home, we have both a primary and secondary school. After our children finish their primary studies, we also support those seeking further education, all the way up to university.

The university program started in 2014 with two students. Now in 2019, we proudly celebrate the graduation of the first four students. All the students majored in education, planning to become teachers.

Because of their outstanding grades, the students got scholarships from NPH, and some received scholarships from the country's government. The students are Carmen Nery Pio, Marian de Oleo, Jean Carlos Astacio, and Richard de Oleo Encarnación. In 2020, three more young people will be graduating.



Even though we do have less children living in our home we are in fact helping more children. For example, more community children are attending our school and we are assisting children at our "God's Kids" program and our "San Marcos" extension program.

Our mission remains the same: Help those in need and pledge to do it as best as possible. However, constantly reduced budgets force us to work harder to try and find more local donations, so our mission becomes more difficult. Our goal for the coming year will be to strive and connect new people to our NPH mission and, in doing so, secure the programs that support our children."

—Kieran Rigney, National Director





Niños de Dios Transitional Home

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos started the “Niños de Dios” (Children of God) transitional home project in Monte Plata. It arises from the desire to help high-risk children who need a family to temporarily take care of them. They can stay for as long as is necessary before returning to their original homes. The goal is to promote and increase the number of healthy and well-balanced families in the Dominican Republic.

Over 50 children received help through the Niños de Dios transitional home. 11 children entered the family reintegration program, four children returned to CONANI, and six children currently live at our NPH home in San Pedro de Macoris.

Christian Cruz, the director of the transition home, says that an important goal for 2020 is to strengthen the areas of psychology and social work, currently handled by CONANI. He plans to implement an educational area offering small workshops in reading, computers, and religion. Furthermore, the agricultural area is will be strengthened to contribute to the sustainability of the home.

San Marcos Extension Program

The San Marcos Extension program is dedicated to the community, a way that we can express our solidarity and empathy. The participating families may face challenges such as having physically or mentally disabled children, unhealthy living locations, unemployment, and high levels of poverty.

The program started two years ago. In 2019, we helped 15 families. Now we are hoping to increase the number of participants in the future. The program is implemented by a team of different areas: the program’s National Director, the coordinator of the Social Work department, the clinic’s medical staff, and San Marcos staff who offer therapies to the children.

Some of the participating families come to the NPH home to receive various types of therapy services: physical, occupational, hydrotherapy, and speech therapy. NPH is visiting other beneficiary families at home. Hopefully, we can extend this program, if finances allow it. Highly vulnerable families are being supported without having to institutionalize the children. Family bonds and social inclusion are strengthened.



EL SALVADOR

by Carmina Salazar



NPH El Salvador Turns 20

On June 29, NPH El Salvador celebrated 20 years of helping children and youth. Over the years, NPH has touched the lives of more than 900 children, youth, and adolescents.

Since our opening in 1999, the main purpose of our home has changed in response to national legislation around child welfare. Once a home solely for orphaned and abandoned children, NPH El Salvador has evolved to serve two different populations: children who live inside the home and community students. Some of our community students are sons and daughters of Hermanos Mayores, people who were raised in NPH and are now independent adults.

Currently, NPH supports 258 community students with scholarships spanning from early education to university. These students come from low-income families that cannot afford to support their children's education, which is the case for many Salvadorans.

Next year, NPH El Salvador will continue supporting both residents and community students to get a quality education so that each of them is equipped to achieve their dreams.



2019 has been a real blessing for the NPH El Salvador family. We celebrated 20 years of serving children and young adults in this beautiful country. Not only have we supported children inside the NPH facility, but we have also provided scholarships to more than 250 community students of different ages to continue Father Wasson's legacy of helping children in need. We thank God and all the supporters, donors, Godparents, and friends that have allowed us to continue with this work of love."

—Olegario Campos, National Director



NPH El Salvador School Adds New Classes to Help Students Overcome Deficiencies

In 2019, the NPH El Salvador school launched three new classes: mental agility, educational support, and a playroom. All 186 students are in the mental agility program, 45 of them receive extra help in the educational support program, and 49 spend time in the playroom.

The activities carried out in these classes were previously taught during class time in each grade. However, in 2019 the administration decided to create separate spaces for each student to develop different skills and overcome various deficiencies. Having this kind of attention is a great advantage for NPH students since most schools in the country do not provide this type of focused instruction.

Due to the great results observed in 2019, the school expects to continue offering these programs in 2020 to help each student reach their potential.



NPH El Salvador Begins Music And Sports Workshops For All NPH Students

During the afternoons, both internal and external students attend music and sports workshops as part of the integral education provided at NPH. A total of 186 students –from kindergarten to ninth grade- are part of these workshops that are carried out three days a week.

“Having the opportunity to learn music from a young age helps the children find out their abilities and develop themselves in art and culture,” the music teacher affirms.

Meanwhile, the sports workshop helps students develop their mobility and competitive skills. In El Salvador, music and sports are not considered basic subjects, but extra-curricular classes, which most public schools do not provide.

The NPH students can attend these workshops that could help them to reach their potential. Future workshops are expected to continue based on the successful results in 2019.



GUATEMALA

by Spencer
Cappelli

A Stronger Presence in the Community

In 2019, NPH Guatemala reaffirmed its commitment to a series of community aid projects initiated by the June 2018 eruption of the Volcán de Fuego (Volcano of Fire or Chi Q'aq') in Guatemala. Last year's efforts shifted from disaster relief to the cultivation of community relationships at the organizational level.

Through coordinated efforts, donations and resources were directed to municipal police departments, National Civil Police, local health clinics, and hospitals in the regions of Chimaltenango and Sacatepequez. Donated items include chairs for waiting areas, medical scales and curtains, and household items, like refrigerators, microwaves, and folding tables. 2019 also saw NPH Guatemala team up with the NGO Construye Casa Guatemala, whose Casas Hope project designed and constructed over a dozen homes for families impacted by the Volcán de Fuego eruptions.

NPH Guatemala spent over US\$16,000 on this initiative, which was used to purchase construction materials, including flooring, windows, and material for rainwater collection basins. NPH Guatemala's leadership views these donations as investments in crucial regional infrastructure. Furthermore, the home plans to redouble efforts to cultivate similar relationships with local relief corps and nongovernmental organizations in the coming years.



In 2019, NPH Guatemala continued to demonstrate our commitment to the vulnerable communities we serve every day. We carried out a 5-point action plan to continue directing resources toward local relief corps and community leaders in the wake of the devastation caused in 2018 by the Volcán de Fuego. We sought out the guidance of national authorities, such as the National Adoption Council, to discuss the tough issues affecting our society. We opened the doors to a new daycare center for single mothers and expanded our recreational and athletics offerings. Finally, our OneFamily continued to oversee the well-being of 49 children living with their biological families.

While we have been blessed with continued successes in 2019, we must now turn our attention to the year ahead, as it is sure to bring its own challenges and tribulations. As always, our goal is to continue to walk in the light of Father Wasson and to pray for his guidance.

—Orlando
Ramos, National
Director



Enhancing NPH's Reputation Nationwide

In 2019, NPH Guatemala's leadership emphasized promoting the home as an organization for social change, both at the municipal and national levels. National Director Orlando Ramos worked with the National Adoption Council (Consejo Nacional de Adopciones or CNA) to highlight our commitment to the protection and rights of Guatemalan children, as well as to coordinate efforts to work on quality standards for children's residential care and girls in social risk situations.

Ramos represented NPH at a workshop dedicated to the issue of the transnational migration crisis. NPH's objective was to participate in a study at the municipal level and contribute to a situational analysis with community leaders. Ramos reaffirmed NPH's commitment to the community while empowering and educating future generations. Through these and other actions, NPH Guatemala is positioning itself as a vehicle for positive change in a country hungry for solutions and positive action.

These two successes support the broader strategic plan of NPHI, not only highlighting our proactive approach to the local community but also defending the rights of children who come from difficult economic backgrounds by striving to provide quality programs that ensure healthy development.

NPH Guatemala also worked to adhere to government guidelines. The home opened its doors to a consulting firm hired by the National Adoption Council, with input from UNICEF, to cooperate on a plan for the deinstitutionalization of children, with NPH Guatemala and its One Family program serving as a model home.



Single Mothers Get Critical Childcare Support

NPH Guatemala opened the doors to a new cost-free childcare center for single mothers, known as CCID (Centro de Cuidado Infantil Diario or Daily Childcare Center), on 9 January 2019.

CCID presently provides 21 children ages two to four from the nearby community of Parramos with an integrated education centered on NPH's guiding principles and values. The program is intended to bring early childhood education to the forefront while taking pressure off single working mothers who have scarce economic resources.

The program underscores NPH Guatemala's commitment to local families and the community. Long term the program is expected to grow. Future initiatives are in the works for the expansion of the facility and revitalization of existing CCID services.





HAITI

by Denso Gay

NPH Haiti Children Win Gold, Silver, And Bronze At The Special Olympics

On 6 March 2019, two children from the Kay Christine special-needs home participated in equestrian events at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Darlene Milford earned one gold and two silver medals, while Christopher Philemon Pouloute was awarded one silver and one bronze medal, as well as a fourth-place finish. Both were first-time competitors in the Games. NPH Haiti is blessed to have such talented riders compete on a world stage and demonstrate that Haitian athletes are just as talented as others around the world when given the opportunity.

NPH Haiti looks to provide opportunities to more special needs children by building a new facility for the children of Kay St. Simon, currently staying at the St. Anne baby house.



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2019 was one of the most difficult and chaotic years for us in Haiti. All of us suffered a lot. The crisis spared no one. Since February 2019, the country has been affected by the intense political turmoil like Haiti had never faced before.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support for us and the NPH family. Your help and prayers keep us strong. NPFS strives to build better futures for Haiti's children through our education programs. We congratulate the students of our St. Helene home in Kenscoff and the Father Angels of Light (FWAL) in Tabarre who achieved incredible grades in the national exams during the 2018-2019 academic year, with 100% of our students in 9th and 12th grade passing the exam.

A special congratulations also goes to the first round of 12th grade students who graduated from the FWAL.

—Kenson Kaas, National Director





The First-Ever Graduating Class of FWAL Shows Triumph Born Of Disaster

21 students became the first class to graduate from the Father Wasson Angels of Light (FWAL) school program on 19 July 2019. This group of bright young people finished their last year of high school to become the first group to graduate from the school which was inaugurated just seven years ago in response to the 2010 Haiti Earthquake.

All the students graduated and achieved a 100% pass-rate for Nos Petits Frères et Soeurs. They are now looking at university placements to continue their careers.

The School at St. Helene Expands to Offer Grade 11

In 2019, NPH Haiti added a new grade to the school in St. Helene. The high school now offers an 11th-grade curriculum to community students.

As with the other grades, the families of these community students pay a nominal fee, otherwise, the school is free. The larger enrollment was made possible due to increased hours for teachers and a salary raise, but the staff numbers remained the same.

The goal in 2020 is to create a 12th-grade class.





NPH HAITI SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMME

By Gena Heraty

Our Highlights

157 Adults received therapy one to two times a week at Kay Gabriel

32 children and adults received 24-hour home care at Kay Christine in our flagship home in Kenscoff

Nine young adults participated in a life skills workshop at Kay Eliane

Around **1,000** families in outreach locations received treatment and/or education from NPH-trained therapists and teachers

In a country with widespread unemployment and underemployment, our program employs **123** people in the Port-au-Prince region

85 students enrolled at Kay Germaine school

161 children receive therapy





HONDURAS

by Arielle
Augustin

17 Boys with Disabilities Join the NPH Family

In January 2019, NPH Honduras welcomed 17 boys with disabilities to our family after their residential care facility was shut down by government officials for abuse and neglect.

The boys were integrated into three of our homes for people with disabilities. A fourth home, San Andres, was remodeled to better suit their care needs. Eight caregivers, two functional therapists, and two teachers were added to our team. NPH's interdisciplinary approach to care offers the boys a standard of living that they might not have found elsewhere. NPH is recognized by the Honduran government as one of the best and largest organizations in the country working with children who live with chronic and severe disabilities.

In 2020, NPH Honduras will continue to provide rehabilitative therapies. Further remodeling of the San Andres facility as well as creating personalized life plans for each of these boys to provide a better quality of care.



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Family are the people you share your life with. This year in Honduras we have shared so many wonderful and joyous moments together, as well as holding strong together through hardships. We have been there for one another and we have been transformed. In 2019 we achieved so much in our home, as well as making a difference in the lives of many people in local rural communities through empowerment, healthcare, and education programs. But none of it would be possible without you. Our successes are your successes, our joys are enabled by your kindness. Through your support, the dreams of our children are realized. Through your generosity their possibilities are endless. Through your love, their hearts are lifted so that they can shine and be the light to the world that they were born to be. On behalf of them, I thank you with all my heart for everything that you do for us."

—Stephen
O'Mahony,
National
Director





The San José Family Center

Partnering with the Lipoid Foundation, NPH Honduras began construction of the San José Family Center to serve the neighboring communities of Mata de Plátano and Pueblo Nuevo.

Our team — made of a social worker, functional therapist, psychologist, teacher, and volunteer physical therapist — is currently working with four schools in the area to conduct evaluations to identify and address common problems, such as healthcare disparity, domestic violence, drug abuse, social exclusion, crime, and poverty.

NPH Honduras is expanding its scope beyond the walls of the NPH home to focus on supporting families before they encounter the difficulties that result in their disintegration. NPH initiatives support education and foster empowerment. The center will deliver services not readily provided by the state or accessible to those living in rural areas.

Next year, NPH Honduras plans to complete construction on the family center, employ additional local staff, and provide tutoring to 47 children and rehabilitative therapy for 31 individuals with special needs.



NPH Honduras Opens A New Home For At-Risk Boys

In 2019, Santo Domingo Sabio, a home for boys who are especially at risk, was created to allow them to receive more individualized attention and reach their personal goals while still receiving NPH Honduras' quality care.

The home, located in Guaimaca, an hour north of our main residence, is designed to house a maximum of six boys, 12 to 18 years old, with a ratio of three boys per caregiver. In addition to general care, the boys receive individual and group therapy from a psychologist once a week. This program aims to make them more responsible and independent by encouraging them to study at vocational schools, participate in community activities, and learn basic life skills, such as farming.

In 2020, the program would like to acquire a study center and build stronger connections within the community to provide their residents with more educational opportunities, particularly in the technical field.





MEXICO

by Alice
Balderrama

Healthy Pequeños

In 2019, volunteer Alaina Hall completed an initiative through the University of Pennsylvania called Healthy Pequeños. It implements holistic and sustainable interventions to prevent pediatric infectious disease and improve the children's physical health. Healthy Pequeños was implemented over a year and ended in June 2019, with the following results:

Seven sources of sewage exposure were eliminated to the benefit of **461** children

730 children are now up-to-date with their vaccines, receiving them on time

730 children now have access to clean water

98 education sessions were given to **733** children and **37** caregivers

Eight clinic spaces were repaired, giving **582** children access to sanitary clinic spaces

After one year, the positive results from this project are apparent. 97% of caregivers reported seeing an increase in infection prevention behaviors among children throughout the year. 100% of caregivers report making changes in their behavior to help prevent infections for themselves and the children throughout the year.



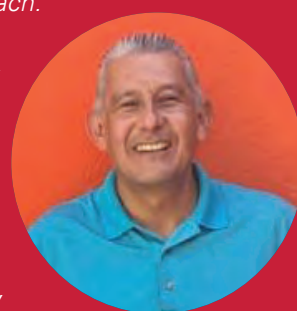
Even though 2019 was challenging for us, we continued receiving children and transforming their lives, giving them a second chance to live with dignity. The Healthy Pequeños program not only contributed to our children's health but also improved our sanitary and water treatment facilities. This reduced the infection risk and created awareness among our community. Additionally, our new water purification system allows our children and staff to drink clean water and has saved us money.

Regarding our involvement in helping communities, I am excited about the two main projects we have: we will continue supporting single mothers in Miacatlán with free kindergarten for their children, and this year one of our indigenous college graduates will return to her community to start a medical clinic aided by NPH Mexico. This will allow the indigenous community to prevent disease and improve their life quality.

I am pleased to see the children, adolescents, and youth living in their new homes. Now they can share their everyday lives with their siblings, and very soon all the remaining dorms will become homes for up to 16 children each.

There is no doubt that we are a huge, loving family, and I feel grateful that we are spreading our values in the communities that surround us."

—Rafael Bermúdez,
National Director



New Houses

After 18 months of construction, Casa San Salvador completed the construction of four new houses and the remodeling of three existing houses. In August, our primary-aged children were able to move into the new and remodeled houses.

With the addition of these new, restructured houses, Casa San Salvador was able to begin the transition from dorm-style sections, where children lived in the same large room with one locker-room style bathroom, to family-style houses, where the children now have smaller modernized bedrooms with private bathrooms.

The houses are no longer sorted by age, but by family, so siblings of the same gender are now able to live together. All the residences are now called houses, instead of sections, and are also named after different saints.

NPH Mexico had previously made the transition to 16-person homes in Casa Buen Señor after the earthquake in 2016, so this change in Casa San Salvador was the second part of the overall transition.



Metlatonoc Clinic Project

One of the main objectives of 2019 was to help the communities of which NPH is a part. This was the inspiration for the Metlatonoc Clinic Project.

The idea is to work with local municipal authorities to provide basic health services to Metlatonoc, one of the poorest communities in the state of Guerrero, where many of NPH's children come from.

In Metlatonoc, emergency aid is only accessible via a four-hour drive to the nearest town. This often results in the patient dying before they can receive treatment. NPH strives to not only improve life for the children in NPH homes but also show them the value of gratitude and giving back.





NICARAGUA

by Aristides
Manzanarez

To Deepen the Values, Mission, and Principles of Father Wasson's Legacy with the Staff Of NPH Nicaragua

A large sector of the NPH Nicaragua family, consisting of 160 employees, came together for four insightful spiritual retreats and training sessions focusing on the spiritual philosophy of NPH. The retreats took place from July to November. In them, employees learned how to implement many of the teachings of Fr. Wasson, and how we can implement this for the benefit of our children. There was fun and games involved, enabling the NPH Nicaragua family to bond, as well as impart their personal experiences with colleagues.

The logistics and teachings were conducted by the Religious Department in conjunction with Family Services and Management at NPH Nicaragua, with the retreats taking place at Casa Santiago, located on Omotepe island. There were also participants from other areas of the NPH family, with the psychologists from NPH Guatemala providing a workshop during the first retreat.



Overall, 2019 was a positive year for NPH Nicaragua. We achieved our main objective in ensuring that our children and adolescents received what was necessary in terms of food, studies, education, hygiene, medicine, recreation, and spiritual guidance. In terms of new income for our family, it was a year of much learning with administrative and financial preparation to face 2020.

One of the key successes of 2019 was the joy and health of our children and adolescents. I also felt there was very good teamwork from our employees and we had a good financial performance.

For 2020, we have two primary goals:

- 1- The care of our children and adolescents.*
- 2- Dealing with the budget deficit, which is a great challenge that we face with the responsibility that it merits.*

The future of our house depends on our success and responsibility.

I want to thank the fundraising offices for their effort and dedication so that our children and adolescents have what they need. Also, to thank the local collaborators for carrying out the mission and philosophy that our dear Father Wasson inherited to us."

—Marlon Velásquez,
National Director





Involvement with the Community: Children, Adolescents, and Their Families

NPH Nicaragua annually receives more children from the surrounding communities through coordination with the Nicaraguan government's Ministry of Family. 2019 was no exception, as more than 160 children and adolescents from nearby communities joined workshops who now form an integral part of the NPH family in Nicaragua.

The program, which began in 2014, has been disrupted by the recent social-political problems that have made activities more difficult to organize in the past two years.

Nonetheless, our parenting workshops have been successful. Parents and tutors fulfilled their commitments by attending family gatherings and following their children's academic progress. Family participation has increased for events like anniversaries, birthdays, and national holidays, and for other activities, such as vocational fairs and school cleaning campaigns.

NPH Nicaragua has worked hard to organize religious ceremonies and education, such as holding mass every Monday and bible studies, while respecting the different religious beliefs of our students and their families. We also had a greater number of children and adolescents in catechism classes and receiving sacraments such as baptism, communion, and confirmation.

Participation of Hermanos Mayores

Throughout 2019, the Hermanos Mayores (Older Brothers/Sisters) became more proactive by increasing participation more in NPH Nicaragua activities. Previously, they had been attending functions at the president's house, as part of their Hermanos Mayores role. Due to the heightened political tensions, they have turned their attention to community and activities at our home. With up to 60 participants, our Hermanos Mayores had a great impact in the following activities:

- Participation in anniversary activities and commemoration of the passing of Ft. William B. Wasson.
- Cleaning campaign at Casa Santiago on Ometepe Island. Garbage was cleaned up in the community while younger children were encouraged to get involved.
- For the annual Hermanos Mayores activity, they organized mass for the NPH Nicaragua home, while also attending visitor's day, to support younger children not receiving family visits. They organized piñatas and food, making it an enjoyable day for all.

PERU

by Scarleth
Mendieta

Producing Our Own Crops with Help From Cargill

In 2018, NPH Peru joined forces with U.S.-based Cargill to grow crops on nearly two hectares of land at the NPH Peru, Casa Santa Rosa de Lima.

Tilling and preparation of the land began in March 2019 and the first corn seeds were sown in May. The harvest was ready by October, yielding 82,850 kilograms of corn. NPH Peru sold the harvest for US\$39,007 and recouped the initial investment in the crop.

Through this project, NPH Peru will create local jobs, help to strengthen the local economy and revive the soil for future crops. The home hopes to develop a sustainable agriculture program soon.



What I like most is being able to serve our children and young people, to support them in their development, and the formation of their values. Many things are important to me: their education, the achievement of their objectives, and, above all, that they feel good being part of the NPH Peru family.

On behalf of everyone at NPH Peru, we appreciate all the support of sponsors from all around the world. We also appreciate the work and dedication of the staff in each of the NPH fundraising offices in different countries. We thank NPH International for its support, commitment to good leadership, and helping guide our work based on the philosophy of our very own Father William Wasson," adds the new National Director of NPH Peru.

To our local NPH Peru team, I am very grateful for their excellent work and for serving each of our children, adolescents, and young adults with commitment and love. I honestly congratulate the local team for serving God through the great work of NPH."

—Rafael
Arce, National
Director





Harvesting in Our BioGarden

The year also saw us open our Biogarden as part of the sustainable agriculture project with help from Cargill and the Universidad Agraria de La Molina.

All the vegetables grown in our garden are completely organic and are taken to our kitchen to be used for meals at our home. So far, we have supplied our kitchens with spinach, radish, cauliflower, celery, carrots, and other plants for up to five weeks, which has helped our budget.

Our goal for 2020 is to harvest all the vegetables for our children's menu, plant more fruit trees and possibly sell some products at the local market.



Community Services Launches New School for Parents

In June 2019, NPH Peru began expanding educational services by implementing a "School for Parents" in one of the existing schools for girls. It opened with workshops presenting subjects that pose the most problems, with around 80 parents participating so far. The sessions last two hours and take place three times a week. By the end of 2019, 31 workshops had taken place.

According to the school administration, there is a great need for training and educational spaces for parents. This Family Strengthening Program, called "Parenting with Love and Limits," targets the local community.

In 2020, NPH Peru expects to expand the program by involving more parents and providing more workshops, thereby providing parents with useful tools for childrearing.



A large photograph of Miguel Venegas, NPHI Executive Director, wearing glasses and a dark jacket, smiling and hugging a person in a graduation cap and gown. The background shows an outdoor setting with a stone wall and other people.

MIGUEL VENEGAS

**NPHI Executive
Director**

I am proud to report that 2019 was a year of celebrating the 65th anniversary of our NPH Family. God has called all of us to serve the most vulnerable every day, living our NPH spirit and applying our values in our programs. This is what compels NPH to continue to change the lives of so many children and young adults in this challenging environment.

Our strategic plan continues to yield strong results in improving the way that we raise and develop children in our homes with by offering specialized and individualized attention. As a core part to of our mission, we strive to support children to live with their biological families whenever possible.

We continue to innovate our NPH programs, meeting the needs of the community and scaling our services in effective ways on behalf of vulnerable children. Our team in Honduras partners with local authorities to serve children from extreme conditions to serve their psychological and medical needs, and has successfully reintegrated 60% of children back into their home environment. Our Family Services and Medical Services teams continue to share best practices with our onsite professional staff, paying special attention to highlighting the innovations that come directly from our local teams.

Last year, NPH achieved a significant milestone—officially qualifying as a United Nations Civil Service Organization. This provides NPH a platform to enhance brand perception as a leading organization dedicated to children and youth growing opportunities for our sustainable development. Our local teams increasingly demonstrate alignment with the UNC Sustainable Development Goals in programs that flow directly from our NPH mission.

Developing the leadership skills of our young leaders and senior staff has been a key focus, which integrates across our organization's structure and ensures our ability to to improve the outcomes for the children in our care.



COVID-19 has affected all of us in ways I have not seen before. With the spread of COVID-19, our financial situation has become more challenging than ever. At NPH, we are committed to continuing care for the most vulnerable in our communities. We have developed protection and prevention protocols in our NPH Homes and facilities against this pandemic. And we are being prudent with our resources, our time, and kids.

I take comfort in my faith. The faith that sits at the core of our organization and I take comfort in our mission. Our mission drives us to care for the most vulnerable members of society. Our mission also tells us to care for each other. To reach out to our donors to let them know we care about them. To let them know we hope their families are well and safe. And to reach out to each other — you the members of the NPH family. Our family.

Our priority focus in the next coming months in 2020 is targeted in four areas: Individual & public health, where the health and wellbeing of our staff and kids are of the upmost utmost importance. We will continue to train the local health teams and equip them with personal protective equipment to keep COVID-19 out of our homes.

The second area is mental health. The anxiety and concerns of the impact of this pandemic can become overwhelming and the social distancing can be complicated for our conducting operations in our global organization. Our leaders and staff at the homes need to recuperate recover after long hours of work. And we will focus on providing them with psychological support as well as promoting healthy communication among adults and children.

The third area of focus is the sense of family. This is the time we need to be a unified family and ground ourselves to in our NPH values where when we need each other and nurture international solidarity.

The fourth area of focus is our financial health. We need to continue to be careful with our resources. We don't know how our world will look this year with the COVID19, but NPH is grounded to in our Mission and is committed now more than ever to serving vulnerable youth. And for that, we continue to count on your generosity and support.

Thank you for the work so many of you have done around the world to meet these two challenges. Thank you for your passion. Your creativity. Your commitment and dedication. Let's continue to be passionate. To be creative. And to care for each other.

Stay safe. Stay well. But above all stay strong. God bless you.



“A child who knows they are getting a good education feels confident, not only now but even with respect to the future, knowing that they are ready to face it.”

—FR. WILLIAM WASSON



In addition to the over 3,000 children and youths that are fully support by NPH, there are over 2,300 community students attending onsite NPH schools. Not only are they receiving a quality education, nutrition, and healthcare, they are receiving the values, mission, and philosophy of Fr. Wasson and our NPH family.



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