

The commitment to protect and serve the most vulnerable children is at the heart of everything Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) does. NPH strives to improve the quality of life for impoverished children, families, and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean through access to health care, nutritious food, empowerment programs, and education--one of the leading ways to eradicate poverty.

# Children in Latin America are Denied Access to Quality Education

- Going into 2022, about 71 million children in Latin America and the Caribbean did not have access to education.<sup>1</sup>
- The number of children in Latin America who cannot read and understand a simple text grew by roughly 7.6 million during the Covid pandemic.<sup>2</sup>

Youth who lack access to education are likely to work for poverty wages or join a gang. In response, NPH works in partnership with community service providers in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru to give vulnerable children access to education.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>"Urgent Action is Needed to Address the Enormous Education Crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean." | WorldBank, 2021









### **Making an Impact**

A quality education is the key to a better life. We strive to give each child a strong foundation of basic academic and interpersonal skills and provide an extensive variety of educational opportunities, from Montessori preschool through university.

Extended community programs fill in the gaps between home and school. NPH programs ensure that there are no barriers for children seeking an education. They include essential tutoring and counseling support and vocational trade certification programs. Empowerment seminars give students the knowledge and confidence needed to pursue healthy lifestyles, make good decisions, and become self-sufficient.

Our goal is to help children achieve their full potential, and become caring, contributing members of their communities. An NPH education helps those who once had no hope for a secure future, become accountants, carpenters, doctors, farmers, mechanics, nurses, teachers, and community leaders.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;Investing in Education" | UNICEF, 2022

#### **Education at NPH**

Many children who arrive at our homes have had inadequate schooling. If a child does not have a certificate of the last grade completed, he/she is evaluated by the home's psychologist or school staff to determine his/her academic level. Whenever possible, children are placed in classes within their age group. However, if a child is a grade or more behind, he/she is placed in a special program or receives tutoring until caught up to their peers.

The NPH schools follow the country's guidelines set forth by their National Department of Education, which determines the content of the curriculum. In addition to core classes, electives such as art, computers, English and music are available.

	Grades Offered	Vocational Training
Bolivia	K-6	
Dominican Republic	K - 12	✓
El Salvador	K - 9	✓
Guatemala	K - 9	✓
Haiti	K - 12	
Honduras	K-9	✓
Mexico	K - 12	✓
Nicaragua	K - 11	✓
Peru	offsite	offsite

## **2023 NPH Education By the Numbers**

- 290 Kindergarten graduates
- **113** 6th grade graduates
- **235** 9th grade graduates
- **218** High school graduates
- 222 Technical school graduates
- **105** Vocational graduates
- **2,872** Children from low-income households who attend NPH schools
  - **72** Children living with family who receive academic scholarships to other schools
  - **358** Local people employed in education





## **How You Can Help**

NPH spends \$7 million annually to provide our children with a quality education. This includes school supplies, uniforms, staff salaries, facility maintenance, and tuition and fees for those who attend offsite schools. Your gift can help our children grow into well educated, productive and self-sufficient adults.

- **\$488** provides primary education for 1 student for 1 year
- **\$1,425** supports vocational trade education for 4 students for 1 year
- **\$2,415** provides 3 laptop computers
- **\$5,220** provides backpacks, books, school supplies, shoes, and uniforms for 20 students
- **\$10,657** supports a teacher's annual salary

Costs listed are samples from the NPH homes. Each gift represents a contribution to the entire program of NPH USA and will be used where most needed.

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