



**NPH USA**

Raising Children. Supporting Families.  
Transforming Lives.

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

**Do you love children? Are you interested in serving in Latin America for one year? If you would like to help children achieve their full potential and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, apply to be a volunteer with NPH!**

### About NPH

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) means "Our Little Brothers and Sisters" in Spanish. Founded in 1954 by Father William Wasson, NPH has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of the most vulnerable children, providing a nurturing family environment, education, health care, and vocational and life skills training. NPH supports thousands of children and families in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru.

**NPH USA**, which was incorporated in 1965 and is headquartered in Chicago, provides both financial and volunteer support for NPH. We help screen, place, and support the U.S. volunteers who serve at NPH.

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

### Requirements *Please visit [nph.org/volunteer](http://nph.org/volunteer) for more information!*

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



### Start Dates and Application Deadlines

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

**Apply even if the deadline has passed. We often have new openings!**

### Benefits and Financial Responsibility

- Volunteers are **not required to fundraise** to serve at NPH.
- NPH provides room and board, basic medical care and a small stipend (\$100+ USD/month).
- NPH USA provides international health insurance. Volunteers should maintain health insurance coverage in their home country.
- Volunteers are responsible for arranging and paying for all travel to and from the countries where they serve.
- If volunteers do not have a conversational level of Spanish, they must pay for and attend language school prior to beginning service.



## Volunteer Opportunities

We try to match the skills and interests of volunteers with what NPH wants and needs. All current volunteer opportunities are listed at:

<https://opportunity.nph.org/>

Some common volunteer jobs and areas in which volunteers serve are:

### Education

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

### Health Care

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

### Administration

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

### Coordination

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

### Youth Development

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

### Unique Opportunities

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

## Safety

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

## Learn More

To help children in need,  
please scan code or visit  
[nphusa.org/volunteer](http://nphusa.org/volunteer)



## Contact Us

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