

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

NPH Family

*Our faith
can move
mountains*
Matthews 17:20



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

Love and security is 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 2021 was another year of endurance for us all. In January, many of us were still fatigued from the impact of the pandemic. We had only just learned to live with the vast disruptions and restrictions on our daily lives and routines, while also grieving the losses of loved ones and friends who fell victim to this horrid virus. Usually, you want to start a new year with hope, fresh energy and the promise of new beginnings, but the media relayed news of new strands of COVID-19 that seemed to be more infectious or deadly than the last.

We continued to worry about our loved ones, the children, youth, adolescents and families in our homes and communities in the nine countries that we serve, as well as our fundraisers and donors all around the world, the impact it would have on a medical and care staff, who **worked tirelessly to protect and keep the children and youth in the homes and in the community centers safe.** My gratitude for the sacrifice to every one of them lives with me, and always will.

It's during the dark moments when our faith can waver; we have all been there, when we feel our prayers are not being answered and we cannot see light at the end of the tunnel. I remember in the early part of the year when I too, needed some spiritual relief – after all, spiritual development is a crucial part of our formation regardless of our age - when a Hermano Mayor (Older Brother) in Honduras sent me a note to tell me he had finally found a new job after being laid off at the beginning of the pandemic. He also shared following passage:

“Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:7 (NLT).

Little by little, I would receive news from national directors as programs reemerged as the year went on. I remember one particular morning in April when Dora Serrano at NPH El Salvador called me excitedly to let me know that their **NPH school was starting again**, and she would be able to see the children and youths from the community once again.

I also remember seeing with pride the photos of high school graduations in the Dominican Republic, for adolescents who couldn't enjoy a ceremony the year before because of the social distancing rules. I enjoyed hearing of the developing plans for the new community center in Guatemala to serve the most vulnerable families and people with disabilities in Chimaltenango and the surrounding areas. **I was beginning to feel the energy and hope that I should have been feeling at the beginning of the year.**

However, the greatest relief was seeing the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines, and witnessing all the nine homes work together to ensure that we vaccinated the children, youth, adolescents and staff as quickly as possible. Again, thank you.

Unfortunately, in the nine countries where we serve, civil unrest and natural disasters happen with alarming frequency. On 14 August, **Haiti was struck yet again by a terrible earthquake** which killed over 2,000 people, leaving thousands of people injured, and large remote areas in the south of the country cut off with no electricity or water for weeks and months. The disaster affected everyone, with fundraising offices creating emergency appeals for materials to be sent out, and the children in other NPH homes sent messages of love and support. And as always, we sent brigades to the worst affected areas around Les Cayes to rebuild homes and bring much needed supplies to starving children and families. This is what I love most about the NPH family: As a grassroots organization, **we react in such situations to provide immediate support.** In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, we created the Father Angels of Light (FWAL) school to offer schooling to the children living in the many tent cities in Port-au-Prince. Today it is now a school to over 1,000 students from the community, who otherwise would not have received an education – providing them hope to be agents of change in the neighborhoods that they live.

But most of all, **we go back to our five core values, love, sharing, responsibility and work, education and faith, of which particularly connects to such crises** is RESPONSIBILITY — learning to be responsible and to respond to the needs of others, both individually and collectively. As well as FAITH, knowing that we are Christ's body on earth, His feet to go where we are needed and his hands to bring support to those in need to enable them to better their situation themselves.

No doubt, 2022 will bring new challenges, yet I know that as a family, NPH will respond together. I am most thankful that I can be part of this unique family and I **thank you for joining our family through your contributions and participation.**





In 2021, we have faced many challenges, from political instability, insecurity, and uncertainty to financial austerity and financial challenges such as mandatory minimum salary increases in some of our homes. And consequently, we faced salary compression in all the homes which makes it extremely difficult to maintain fairness, retain staff, and salary equality with all the staff.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to be a major challenge not only for NPH, but for the whole world. Crises and leadership challenges continue to increase. **Our biggest concern that the pandemic has introduced is that the mental health of the children, youth, and child-care givers, and staff is highly sensitive.** However, we continue to show our resilience against these huge challenges

before us. We had to redesign the way we provide education services to the children under our protection, prevention, and preparation programs in all our NPH homes. And despite these threats, we were able to graduate a significant number of students in kindergarten, primary, secondary, and university from all our schools and homes.

And even when we had outbreaks in some of the homes, we were able to contain the virus and protect the entire population in our NPH homes.

I am proud to say that I have watched in 2021 as NPH leaders rise to the occasion. **The medical team and the child-care givers should be commended for their commitment to keep the children and youth safe and sound.** They all have done a tremendous job in each of the NPH homes.

On 14 August, 2021, **a magnitude 7.2 earthquake shook Haiti**, causing extensive damage in the southwest of the country, it turned many lives upside down: more than 2,200 people died, nearly 12,200 were injured, and 61,000 homes were destroyed.

We launched emergency appeals for affected people in Haiti aimed to aid these victims. We sent food and hygiene kits, as well as built 150 shelters for some of our young people and families, victims of the earthquake. **All of our Fundraising Offices helped the Haitian people, raising US\$658,012.**

Our team in Haiti carried out two major expeditions in the south of the country, helping more than a thousand families impacted by the earthquake last August. Furthermore, in Tabarre, the team handed out building materials and food and hygiene kits in the following months.

Victims don't ask for much more than a roof over their heads and some cereal to feed their children, but it is obvious that even with what they ask for, they still have nothing. They have been abandoned. This is why our teams, despite the difficulties encountered, are giving their all.

We continue to drive a strong culture of adaptive leadership throughout the organization, where people at all levels are fully resourced and capable of ensuring the enduring success of NPH. We see this as the right time to build the systems and structures to bring us closer to this vision.

The goals of this leadership initiative are two-fold. The first one is to strengthen the leadership and management practices within the executive leadership of NPH, and the second is to establish a strong succession pipeline of homegrown, emerging leaders within the organization. Taken together, **these two goals will enable NPH to better serve its mission and ensure that its core values and practices are closely aligned.**

We are investing in our people. During 2021, training sessions were developed on various topics that help strengthen the knowledge and skills of employees. Two hundred awards were given to the staff for those with seniority of five years and more. This was a way to recognize employees who have remained for several years within the organization, collaborating to achieve the mission and vision of NPH.

Over 500 performance evaluations of the NPH staff were conducted, thereby detecting the areas of opportunity to carry out a Development Plan during 2022 to improve their work.

In 2021, NPH operated under an austere budget. Historical trends show that funding has decreased every year since 2018. We concluded the external audit on schedule. All our NPH homes cooperated to keep transparency in all their numbers. All the countries respected their budget. The foreign exchange increase in Haiti helped us to remain within the budget. Unfortunately, a few governments imposed minimum wage increases, which makes it harder due to salary compression in all countries. Now, for the operations for 2022, the budget is flat. However, we hope that we will be able to have some growth in fundraising.

In July, **we launched the 2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan**, which focuses on the placement of children at the center. Our mission calls us to serve and to give all we have, plus much more. **Over the next five years, we will adapt, reinvent, and simplify to address seven areas of focus.** Among these seven areas, the most important are our identity, our programs, effective fundraising, and accountability of leadership and management across the organization. Additional areas of focus include digitization, organizational complexity, and the use of data and analytics. These seven areas present a multitude of internal challenges and external threats. They also present a multitude of opportunities to evolve NPH.

If this plan is successful, by 2026 our organization will be in a better position to act as Christ in the world in more places, to more people. NPH will be financially stable, helping more people in vulnerable conditions, and will be better positioned to survive the inevitable crises that will come our way.

We want to create a strong 'One NPH' organization for our children, donors, and communities. And we would like to build flexibility at the country level to be able to adapt to socio-economic-political conditions through the 3P approach (Protection, Prevention, and Preparation). **This also helps to complete the full continuum of children's development by supporting them to become financially and socially independent adults,** while also expanding coverage of vulnerable children beyond NPH homes.

The approach of the 3Ps is to increase the effectiveness of protection ratios and quality standards, improve and expand prevention programs to strengthen families and community relations, use preparation programs to extend the reach of NPH into communities (beyond just the NPH home), and build the Preparation pillar to drive job-centric programs that give teens financial and social independence.

Thank you for the work that so many of you have done around the world to rise to the occasion. **We are grateful for your commitment and dedication.** Stay safe and stay strong. God bless you.



Our Homes

Bolivia



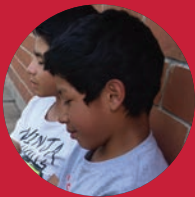
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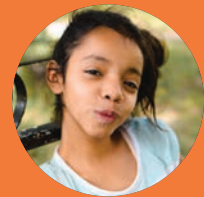
Guatemala



Haiti



Honduras



Mexico



Nicaragua



Peru



29 NPH youth who graduated from technical school



124 New Arrivals

3,411

Children from low-income households and vulnerable neighborhoods who receive scholarships from NPH to attend school



785 Childcare staff and leaders trained in global best practices and NPHI standards



NPH HIGHLIGHTS



3,013

Fully supported children and youth



327 High School Graduates

83,927 Services provided through community outreach programs

471 Holy Sacraments celebrated (First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation)



118 University graduates



27 Full-time volunteers from 6 countries



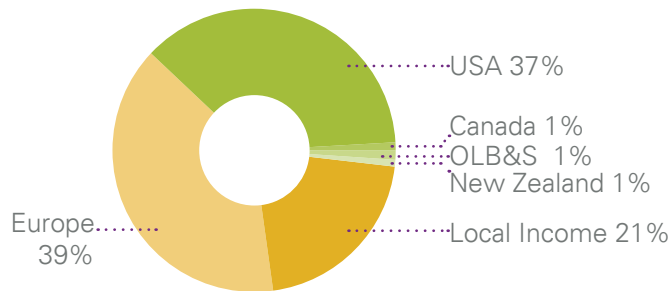
2021 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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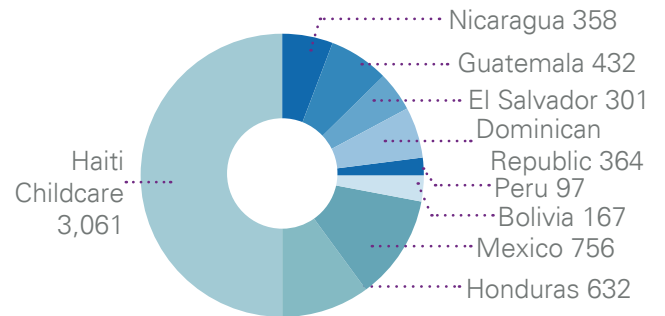


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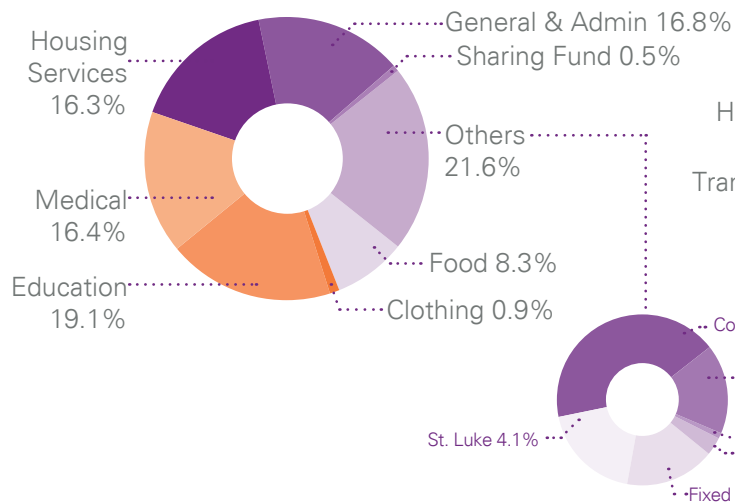


Children Supported in Protection and Prevention



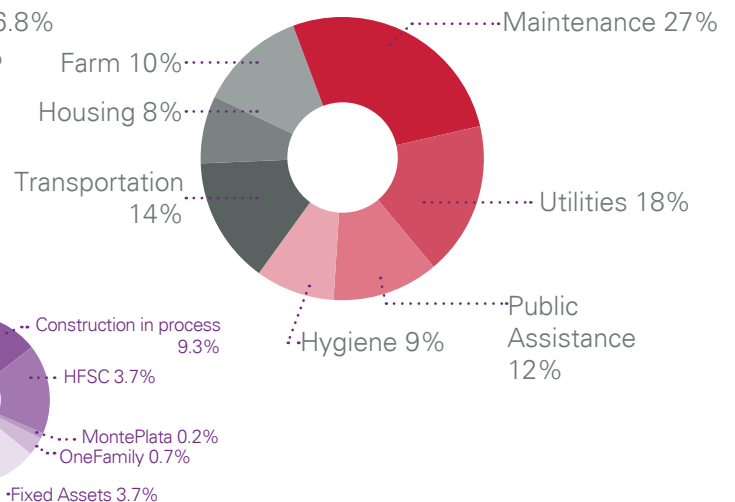
Expenses 2021

\$36,371,647



Homes Services 2021

\$5,943,486



*Data is taken from pre-audited financial reports for 2021



Difficulties and Challenges in 2021

Besides the challenges and hardships caused by COVID-19 in 2021, there was also political instability, shortages, violence, threats, and abductions in many countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Other hardships caused by natural disasters, like earthquakes and heavy rains, meant that our staff had to overcome many difficulties and loads last year. Therefore, a lot of credit goes to our wonderful staff and the professional care they provide day by day to the children and youth.

Over the last decade, the personality, or moreover the “psychological profile,” of the children and youth entering alternative care in the NPH homes or transition homes has been changing. Likewise, the children in the neighborhoods who attend programs in the NPH family centers or at our schools show increased needs. Many children have suffered multiple traumatic experiences during the first years of their lives, and many face poverty, family dysfunction, lack of care, and violence, to name just a few of the manifold risk factors that impact children negatively for their lifetime. Therefore, such children require specialized attention.

In his book, “Quién vera por los niños?” - “Who Will Look after After the Children?”, Fr. Wasson wrote, “Every child needs attention and deserves it. He or she deserves to be treated as a person. This individual attention, this concern for each individual child, is what I call selective individual treatment, and it is the factor that, when actively applied, helps us to maintain the precise balance of the four principles of safety, sharing, work, and responsibility”.

Individual attention is the core of NPH’s magic formula. Unfortunately, we haven’t been able to build up professional teams large enough to provide this individual attention or psychosocial and therapeutic accompaniment for all the children in our care.



We are always short of people, so when anyone leaves his or her vocation or career with us, it may impact the emotional stability of the children. Increasing expenses and decreasing funds makes it more difficult to provide and maintain the quality of care deserved by the children and youth. Rising mental health difficulties not only stress the budgets, but also the capabilities of our professional teams and childcare workers. It is remarkable to see how much dedication and love our co-workers show when they care for the children and youth. Our colleagues push themselves to their limits and beyond, so the effects can be seen in the increased requests for training and counseling about fatigue and burnout.

Abuse Prevention Training

At NPH, we put children first, so their right to protection and freedom from exploitation and abuse is crucial to us. Child protection is at the heart of the family childcare provided by NPH. One focus in 2021 was abuse prevention training. This was given not just to childcare workers and teachers, but to all the staff working with NPH.

In June, 372 childcare workers, teachers, and professionals from the NPH programs attended a 10-hour virtual training on sexual abuse prevention provided by “Guardianes”, an organization based in Mexico. They offer educational models that promote a culture of good treatment through psycho-emotional skills, seeking to support the affective and sexual development of children and youth, enabling them to have full interpersonal relationships and improved quality of life. The virtual training included information about sexual abuse and violence, the traumatic effects on the victims, and strategies to understand and apply the best emotional tools to prevent sexual violence in childhood.

In addition to the virtual teaching by Guardianes, a total of 782 staff members, a third of all NPH employees working in Latin America and the Caribbean, completed an online training course that covers the UN standards of conduct concerning sexual exploitation and abuse. The training includes defining what qualifies as prohibited behavior, and the consequences and impact of sexual misconduct. Participants ranged from health and childcare workers to administration and support staff, including all the directors.

The course aims to increase knowledge of sexual exploitation and abuse. It includes suggestions on how to handle suspicions and advises them about how to immediately report these to the supervisors to prevent further harm to children and youth.

Together with the team from Guardianes, NPH organized a video session for children from 8-12 years old to watch the story of a character named Filipón together with their caregivers. “Filipón’s T-Shirt” is a children’s picture book written to prevent child sexual abuse and mistreatment. In this half an hour session, a Mexican narrator presented the picture book and read the story to the children. Afterward, the childcare workers and psychologists, along with the children, reviewed the book’s content, while they answered questions and doubts. Guardianes also provided hard copies of the book to NPH which are used in the children’s homes and programs as part of the sexual abuse prevention activities. Over 200 children and their caregivers watched the story. Together, they learned about what to do and where to get help in case a perpetrator attempts to sexually exploit or abuse children.



Workshops and Training

Besides monthly reunions with the local family service coordinators, the international family service team provided two main training sessions during 2021. One was a three-day workshop in March focused on the family-strengthening programs in alternative care and with families in the communities. Over 60 participants, mainly house directors and coordinators, social workers, and psychologists from the different programs and homes, met to discuss the challenges they face and the best practices for working with the families in residential care and the communities. They also talked about ways to improve individual life-planning and prepare the children and youth for social or family reintegration.

In November, a four-day psychology workshop was held. Over 30 psychologists from Latin America and the Caribbean participated. The main topics were “Neurobiology and Trauma”, “Intrafamilial violence and therapeutic interventions”, “Play Therapy”, and how to apply a systemic therapeutic family approach to the work with children and youth in alternative care and community programs. Jorge Villar made a presentation on intrafamilial violence, especially on its impact on girls and women, as well as therapeutic interventions. Nelly Fernandez taught about the connections between neurobiology and trauma, including the implications for pedagogical and therapeutic interventions with traumatized children and youth. On the last day, she trained on the essentials of play therapy as a therapeutic method. Nelly Fernandez provided a special focus and training on how to use play therapy with children who have suffered from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Family Services	Total
Youth enrolled in youth groups in 2021	1622
Individual Therapy sessions (Psychology and Psychopedagogic)	4687
Children and youth with a Life-Plan	846
Training hours delivered to staff (international and local)	662
Training hours delivered to children and adolescents	185

Volunteers

In 2021, NPH welcomed 25 international volunteers to our family. These volunteers represented hope for the future and brought new energy to the NPH family, especially after so many volunteers had to abandon their service prematurely in 2020. Our international volunteer program recruits highly qualified individuals willing to dedicate a year of service to the NPH mission. Volunteers work alongside local staff in the areas of youth development, healthcare, therapy, education, and administration. Among the many new initiatives and projects implemented by our volunteers in 2021, we can highlight expanded therapy services for our beneficiaries, new girl’s empowerment initiatives, and academic support for children whose learning was affected due to the pandemic. Thank you, volunteers, for another year of dedication, service, and love for the NPH family.



Volunteers	2019	2020	2021
NPH Home of Service	59	44	27
Country of Origin**	33	18	25
Sending Office**	32	18	25
Work Area (Specialty/Vocation/Role)***	59	44	27

**Total number of volunteers newly placed each year. ‘Country of Origin’ and ‘Sending Office’ total does not equal ‘NPH Home of Service’ total year to year. Beginning in 2020 ‘Country of Origin’ and ‘Sending Office’ DO NOT include volunteers who extended their term of service beyond 12 months.

***Beginning 2019, ‘Work Area’ total equals the ‘NPH Home of Service’ total. For previous years, there may be discrepancies. ‘Other’ includes youth development, community service, and unique educational positions such as environmental educator and swimming instructor. Beginning 2020, “Work Area” categories changed to more accurately reflect how volunteers contribute.



With the NPH OneFamily program, we are ensuring every child’s right to be reunited with family members if this is in the best interest of the child. In its preamble, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes that a child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love, and understanding. Therefore, NPH provides a family for those without one, and we support at-risk families by keeping them together. With the NPH OneFamily program, we are reuniting children and youth with their families if the circumstances that caused the separation have improved or if suitable family members can take on the responsibility to care for the children.

In 2021, a total of 136 children and youth who had been living with the NPH family for several years have returned to the care of their families, often to be cared for by a parent with a new spouse, sometimes by aunts, uncles, grown-up siblings, or grandparents. At the end of 2020, the number of children and youth in the NPH OneFamily program increased by one-third when the Nicaraguan government made the unilateral decision to reintegrate all children of the local NPH home with family members, whether that was the best option or not. NPH Nicaragua’s team adjusted quickly and successfully to this drastic change and established the NPH OneFamily program for these children.

Family reintegration sometimes happens due to a family judge’s decision, when adolescents become adults, or when they seek to attend a nearby high school or university. The NPH OneFamily program is different, offering a profound long-term process of preparation and follow-up for children who qualify to return to their family’s care. Successful implementation of the program ensures that a child’s opinion is respected and matters when determining his or her future.

In addition, we comply with alternative care guidelines that poverty should not limit the child’s right to live with their biological family. Besides the psychosocial accompaniment, we also financially support the families who otherwise could not care for their children because of their extreme poverty. The children and youth receive full support for their ongoing education, health, and continued development, while their parents receive training and counseling on developmental and behavioral issues.

NPH OneFamily in Numbers

NPH OneFamily	Girls	Boys	Total
NPH Mexico	2	3	5
NPH Honduras	21	23	44
NPH Guatemala	28	21	49
NPH Nicaragua	20	15	35
NPH Peru	2	1	3
Total	73	63	136



Successes

With the intensive support of psychologists and social workers, family life is stable for most of the children and youth, who are generally thriving and studying well. When they grow up, they spread their wings and leave the nest. Just a few examples:

Christelle rejoined her biological family back in 2017. She completed her basic education and then graduated as a professional stylist. Now she wants to start her own business. Christelle lives together with her siblings and works in a neighborhood beauty salon. As part of her preparation for independence, she also took a sewing course. NPH will provide her with the initial equipment needed to start her own beauty salon. Christelle is a collaborative and sociable young woman with a spirit of perfection. In the spirit of Fr. Wasson, she is sensitive to others' needs.

Another one is Regina, who graduated last year as a nurse and now has become living independently after joining the medical brigade of the One World Surgery Center.

Fils decided to live independently in 2021. He found a job as a salesman and plans to continue studying. Currently, he is in ninth grade in the community school. He was reintegrated into his original family in 2017. Fils is a kind, collaborative young boy. He easily establishes good interpersonal relationships, with an open mind that allows him to relate to different kinds of people. He will continue living with his two sisters in the capital.

Besides the successes, there are also challenges. One example is a young man who has struggled to get an education. He lacked support from his parents and had to work to help meet his family's basic needs, yet would like to restart his studies. The team is working to offer him this opportunity in 2022. Self-motivation is the basic quality needed to succeed in education and achieve one's personal goals.

Another is an adolescent, who, after living again with his foster family for three years, joined a migrant caravan to immigrate to the United States, but got stranded at the U.S. – Mexico border. His family and the team are awaiting his return to his home country to resume offering him support and helping him achieve his goals within his home country.

Preparation for life is the key. A good academic and professional education is the base for successfully entering the labor force and preparing youths for an autonomous life. Additionally, NPH's value formation, based on serving others, helps young women and men to gain work experience, develop their personalities, and to comply with their life plans to find satisfactory jobs.

A great example is Max. After finishing business administration at the intermediate level, he is currently studying his first year in customs administration and has adapted well. He did a year of volunteering in 2020 in one of NPH's external institutions of NPH, getting his boss' and co-workers' approval. The young man is currently also working in an NPH "Comedor Infantil" – a soup kitchen and after-school care for children in an impoverished neighborhood. He is doing very well, achieving a special connection with the children, while also continuing with his football training and university studies.



Support for Families

Normally, the main psychosocial follow-up with the children and youth of the NPH OneFamily program and their families is based on face-to-face visits and interactions. However, in 2021, the work of the NPH OneFamily teams continued to be complicated due to COVID-19 biosecurity measures and travel restrictions in Latin American countries. However, the teams managed to stay in close communication and ensured contact through family visits, WhatsApp messages, phone calls, virtual meetings, and training. Home visits allow teams to experience first-hand the family dynamics, the type of relationship among the family members, the rules, communication style, and the family roles of each person. Negative impacts on the family economy can create additional stress that needs to be handled positively. Emotional crises and problems of cohabitation must be contained and solved to guarantee the children and youth's harmonic development. Our professional teams provide parental training before family reunification and afterward to help promote a fostering atmosphere.

Families with children and youth are often affected by chronic diseases that need continuous medical check-ups, medication, and health care. It is a permanent task to follow up, guide, and constantly raise awareness of families to care for the health conditions of their children and to ensure that they attend medical appointments. Regular doctor appointments are arranged for children and adolescents who face neurological and psychiatric problems. Children with disabilities bring particular challenges, especially in countries where there is little or no public support or assistance available for them.

Constant communication, often weekly, is maintained with parents and caregivers. This helps guide and advise them while making them aware to continue supporting their children with the new methodology of virtual classes. Also, our psychologists and social workers keep in touch with the educational centers and the networks in the communities. Only a few youths are truly struggling with studies and fail their grade. 95% of the children and youth succeed in school and pass to the next grade or graduate as professionals. The minimum goal for all is to at least complete secondary education and receive vocational training and find a job. Many achieve beyond that, graduating as professionals from a technical high school or even university.

Besides the essential visits, the teams also connect with the teachers and schools to monitor progress in studies and detect any complications. Due to the virtual classes, many children and youth have been equipped with electronic devices to be able to keep studying.

To avoid dependency by the families on NPH, we seek and establish support networks for the families to strengthen their self-sustainability and independence. One example is 8 families of the NPH OneFamily programs on Honduras' Caribbean coast who are taking an entrepreneurship course. It is taught by FUNADEH, a Honduran economic and social development organization. After completing the training, the families will receive a kit to start their own business.

Occasionally the support must go beyond counseling and training, when the family is in desperate need, such as when a new home is needed. For example, the team in Honduras helped to construct a new home for a family of the program who could not get one otherwise.

Although in some countries the NPH OneFamily program has been in operation for a relatively short time, witnessing the excitement when the parents and the children can once again live together as a family is something that encourages each NPH team member to continue developing this initiative that restores the child's right to live in a family.



One successful example is Bolivia, where the team managed to find and connect with family members of all the children living in the home. The psychologist and social workers visit the families to get to know them and establish the first contact, if not already established. The team gets to know the community environment and gains information about the family's interest in taking responsibility for the child's care. If the first diagnoses of the visits are favorable, a series of psychological evaluations, as well as a socio-economic evaluation, are carried out. Based on the results of these evaluations and the expressed interest of the families to assume responsibility for the care of the child, we then proceed to guide the family regarding the application, documentation, and legal procedures to be carried out before the corresponding Family Court to request family reintegration. The child's opinion is of utmost importance regarding a possible return to their family. If the family's application is approved by the family judge, the family and child are invited to be part of the program.

Looking to 2022 and Beyond

Looking at 2022 is also like looking all the way to 2026, which is when the Strategic Plan (2021-26) will end. Our strategy is made up of three components that are better known as the 3Ps: Protection, Prevention, and Preparation. Since last year, all countries have begun to plan actions that "Improve Protection, Increase Prevention, and Develop Preparation". I believe that NPH advances in terms of Prevention as a component that helps deinstitutionalization (DI). This is not only because it can consolidate (or improve) the work that is done in the alternative modality of residential care, called "in-NPH Protection", but because year after year we work to strengthen families and communities to avoid the separation of families.

There indeed continue to be great challenges in the residential part, Protection, especially in the care of children and adolescents. In some countries, we have not yet managed to improve the ratio of children and adolescents to the number of adults who care for them and help them develop. Another difficulty is fully addressing the special needs of children with disabilities or psychological traumas. One possible approach to achieve adequate ratios could be to add specialized personnel. Another way would be to reduce the volume of children in residences by establishing community care environments; networking with other organizations and people who could sponsor (many already do) the children and adolescents living in their communities.



Prevention uses the World Health Organization's classification of health care into primary, secondary, and tertiary categories. To avoid separation, primary prevention seeks to undertake strengthening actions that are done with families within their communities. Secondary prevention is the level of awareness that the community and the authorities should have so that if a child leaves their home, they are not channeled to a shelter. Instead, with assistance from several agents, they can return to their homes and stabilize there. Transition homes can also fall into this category if their intention is well-designed for the return of children to their families. Tertiary prevention is the action mainly undertaken by orphanages to reintegrate children with their families and ensure their permanence and good development with their families. Also, here are the substitute or foster families, which are not a very preventive action, but are a response to deinstitutionalization.

Prevention raises questions that we must face as an organization. Are we willing to reduce the number of children in alternative residential care? Who, according to the principles of need and suitability, should be in this alternative care? Should there at least be a balanced budget between the first two Ps? How can we propose long-term and sustainable projects?

"All the older people were children at first, although few of them remember it," says The Little Prince in Saint-Exupéry's novel. Of my childhood memories, the most pleasant ones were with my family. How lucky I was, I sometimes think, not to have been separated from them. Prevention allows us as an organization to help many children not be separated from their families and to restore their right to live within a family.



Through a network of primary care clinics, NPH provides free, quality, and comprehensive basic health services to its beneficiaries. We currently serve 2,100 children, adolescents, and young adults in NPH residences through the protection and preparation component. Among these children and young adults, 351 suffer from chronic diseases and 238 have some type of disability and depend on the health services we provide. NPH operates 11 primary health care clinics, providing the following service: general medicine, nursing, dentistry, therapies, rehabilitation, and psychological care.

Each clinic's level of complexity varies according to the health demands of the population living in the residences. "Healthy Family" is the central program that guarantees that healthy children receive preventive health consultations, while children with chronic conditions maintain adequate health and have a good quality of life. The clinic's health teams guarantee the health and well-being of the children, youth, and adolescents, especially the population of minors in the residences. (SDG#3).

In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to dominate the clinic's operational dynamics. The health teams focused on essential tasks, such as active surveillance against COVID-19, obtaining COVID-19 vaccines, carrying out rapid tests, giving talks to increase prevention, surveillance of protocols against COVID-19, and supervising biosecurity measures. Undoubtedly, surveillance against COVID-19 continues to have a strong impact on the teams, who have had to reorganize and focus their service offerings to give priority to this disease's daily demands. In 2021, no case of death from COVID-19 was reported among NPH employees and beneficiaries, the most significant achievement of the disease management carried out by the national directors in conjunction with the health teams.



Among the population eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, 90% of the employees and the beneficiaries over age 18 have managed to receive their complete vaccination schedule, and it is projected to reach 100% in February 2022. Access to vaccines, providing coverage for 100% of all beneficiaries over 5 years of age, maintaining basic vigilance against COVID-19, and achieving a progressive transition towards normality will be the most important challenges in 2022. Clinics will continue to seek strategies to achieve these goals.

Some health projects that financed responses to COVID-19 had a very positive impact. One highlight was a project in Honduras that formed a COVID-19 rapid response team, which served both the population at NPH Honduras and that of neighboring communities. This project carried out more than 12,000 rapid tests and medical care was provided to 550 community families in the communities. The team visited 120 communities that requested this team's help during 2021.

In 2021, protocols were created to resume some significant initiatives within the organization, such as restarting the volunteer program and international visits using basic biosafety measures. The use of the mask is mandatory in NPH environments, and this measure will still be in force in 2022.

In October 2021, the international medical workshop was held by NPH during this complicated scenario. However, it was a highly requested event by health teams, a space to recharge, review their strategies, and plan for the year 2022, with COVID-19 being the central theme. The medical workshop is an activity aimed at strengthening NPH's human talent in healthcare, an event with a tremendous professional value that strengthens the global NPH community.

Medical services hopes to see the end of this pandemic in 2022 to be able to heal the wounds and immeasurable damage that this pandemic is leaving in the 9 countries where we operate. There is a need to address the damage to mental and social health, a program that should be strengthened. We recommend focusing on personal actions over which we have control and power, such as getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, practicing disease prevention, handwashing, and respiratory hygiene. Above all, we appeal to common sense, healthy coexistence, and good habits while everyone tries to get back on the road to normality.

The commitment and resilience of the leaders and collaborators in the operations, the board of directors, fundraisers, and donors are our strengths and have been essential. We continue to appeal to their commitment to guarantee the well-being and good health of our beneficiaries, who today represent a small segment of the regional population with social disadvantage and who are the subjects of rights, rights that NPH seeks to restore, such as the right to good health.

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



Medical Services	2019	2020	2021	% Change
Vaccinations*	2477	1195	1996	67.03%
Annual checkups (well-child checkups)	1482	1047	1673	59.79%
Therapy treatments/services (occupational, physio, art, speech)	4870	4213	1973	-53.17%
Total chronic condition* diagnoses (including children with special needs)	760	526	351	-33.27%
HIV-positive and AIDS patients	49	36	32	-11.11%
Medical examination for new arrivals (coming into a NPH Home only)	166	108	144	33.33%
Dental treatments/services	4530	1227	2078	69.36%
Physician consults	13526	6318	7388	16.94%
Nurse consults	8916	8744	12413	41.96%
Totals	36776	23414	28048	19.79%

*Does not include COVID vaccinations. That statistic came to 4423 amongst all the homes.



The year 2021 was turbulent. There were the higher crime levels linked to increased gang activities, then came the assassination of the country's president on 7 July, followed by a devastating earthquake in Haiti's southern peninsula, and lastly, a severe fuel shortage in November 2021. Those were major challenges with direct and indirect impacts on St. Damien's activities during 2021. Nevertheless, the hospital continued to function, on several occasions using special schedules, with staff members working longer hours due to great difficulties with transportation and safety concerns.

Statistics

Most departments were slightly under set targets for the year (85 to 90% achievement). Maternity and Neonatology were both over their targets, respectively, at 124% and 135%. Due to the adverse circumstances in Haiti, these departments' uninterrupted work attracts more people seeking services for safe deliveries and newborn care.

Strategic Plan

St. Damien's plan was presented and approved by the NPH Board at the end of 2021. The main goals are to improve the quality of service and provide more compassionate care to families. St. Damien will continue to work as the referral hospital for mothers and children, offering general and specialized care to the population. There is a need to improve the ratio of health professionals to patients, as well as to renew or modernize equipment.

St. Damien's facility is aging and renovations, as well as new constructions, are needed. We have to adjust to new structural requirements learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, in terms of bed distancing. As the hospital wants to offer more compassionate care, it is also important to better accommodate the families and their relatives/companions tending to their sick children in the maternity ward.

Leadership Transition

St. Damien is currently receiving applications for a new National Director of Health / CEO. After 30 years of service, including 10 in this position, Dr. Jacqueline Gautier is passing the baton to a new leader who will be in place during the 2nd quarter of 2022.

COVID-19 Vaccination

The vaccines arrived late in Haiti, in mid-July 2021. Haiti experienced a lot of vaccine hesitancy, with less than 2% vaccinated, it has achieved the world's lowest vaccination rate. However, after a strong motivation campaign, a vaccination mandate at St. Damien helped us reach 87% coverage. The 13% of non-vaccinated staff must regularly present negative COVID-19 tests to access work. Program de Vie and Ste. Germaine adopted the same COVID-19 testing mandate.

The complete report about COVID-19 cases in children and staff members at St. Damien is pending.

Staff Turnover

Haiti is in the middle of an acute exodus and brain drain that has affected St. Damien: 5 physicians, 6 nurses, and 3 administrative staff members resigned and have left the country. HR has been very busy recruiting. Currently, many staff members are requesting to work part-time, mostly because of St. Damien's insufficient compensation packages.

Security

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to increase the number of cameras and improve the hospital's fences. This helps to secure the building, both against thefts and for personal safety. However, the whole population of Haiti is at risk of kidnappings. NPH Haiti's staff has had 3 members kidnapped, 2 in 2021, and one who was just released after a ransom was paid by her family as we are writing this report.

Lab Improvement

The improvement of the lab is progressing with the support of Robert Downey Jr. The goal is to progressively become self-sufficient while improving the quality of the lab work. Eventually, the lab may be a source of income by doing lab work for other institutions within a few years.

Radiology improvement

Saint Alphonsus Foundation from Boise, Idaho, is working on upgrading the radiology equipment. Dosimeters will also help monitor the X-ray exposure of the staff for the first time.

Pharmacy

In 2022, 65% of essential drugs and medical materials will be acquired from a well-known drug procurement agency, IDA (the International Dispensary Association), in the Netherlands. We will place 3 orders during the year. If everything goes well, we will receive the first container during the 2nd quarter. This will help fight counterfeit drugs and allow for substantial savings.

Finances

The finance department completed a review of procedures, including adopting one against money laundering. St. Damien's finance management performed well, mostly due to exchange rate gains. St. Damien benefited from funding for many out-of-budget projects to face challenges due to insecurity, COVID-19, and the indirect impact of the 2021 earthquake.

Personal Development

During this difficult year, this department's role was instrumental to help keep up the personnel's morale. This department also works closely with HR in offering continuous education for supervisors.

New Building

A 2nd floor will be finished in February 2022 that was built on top of the former malnutrition unit. It was transformed into a COVID-19 unit by the entrance gate. We will use the space for maternity triage, as well as an isolation unit for the children.



St. Damien General Statistics	2021 Achieved	2021 Target
Consultations:		
Pediatric Clinic	6,328	7,400
Emergency	1,861	1,820
Neonatal	1,617	1,780
Surgeries Total:	1,447	1,600
Admissions:		
Pediatric Total	2,394	2,916
Neonatal	690	508
Oncology	229	330
Ambulatory Surgeries:		
Surgeries	1,489	1,300
Oncology:		
Consultations	979	1,315
New Cases	64	80
Malnutrition Program:		
Consultations	196	Not reported
Admissions	101	212
Tuberculosis Program:		
Consultations	523	1,507
New Cases	87	246
Dental Clinic:		
Consultations	3,185	3,200
CLIMEDI: (Clinic for candidates for US Immigration)		
Candidates	2,455	Not reported
Maternity:		
Visits	7,337	Not reported
Admissions	3,527	2,800
Deliveries/C-Sections	3,113	2,500
HIV Program:		
Consultations	1,394	3,800
Cohort (% active)	998	970
Public Health:		
Pregnant Women	734	1,700
Family Planning	2,663	3,400
Other Visits	6,413	Not reported
Vaccination	2,711	Not reported
Beneficiaries of the Fish Room (Room for abandoned children)	17	
Total Services and Treatments in 2021:	52,552	



Education

Despite the restrictions caused by COVID-19, education turned out to be a revelation in 2021. All the students had a successful academic year. Three students graduated from university and five graduated from high school, with three of them receiving honorable mentions. As part of the self-learning and artistic development, we inaugurated the multifunctional room for teenagers “Createens,” where youth can learn to play musical instruments, dance, paint, and handcraft.

As Father William Wasson stated in his philosophy, “Education will lift my children out of the poverty in which they were born.” At NPH Bolivia, we understand that education is the last and perhaps the most important link in professional formation, through which young men and women consolidate their independence and become active members of the community.

Life Skills Training

NPH Bolivia started developing more skills for young men and women’s social participation and preparation in communities. In 2021, youth received training in social skills, personal finances, personal presentation, labor insertion, cooking classes, and vocational orientation to prepare them for independent living.

Thinking about our 2021 summary, we realize we have many reasons to feel grateful. It’s been a year of big challenges and a difficult time due to the pandemic situation as well. However, thanks to our donors and staff, we have some important milestones to mention.

In March, we officially inaugurated the dairy milk project, which gave excellent results for self-sustainability. A volunteer and ex-worker came from Austria to build a path to the school. Because of this path, the children now have better access to education. This year we also completed a water purification system project which allows the children to access healthy and safe water.

For youth in the community, the “Createens” project was inaugurated in December. This multifunctional room for teenagers provides a space for self-learning and creativity.

2022 is an open door, and we are excited about what is coming. The fishpond will be showing results and dairy milk will have a greater impact as well. We hope to return to “in-class” tutoring at NPH Bolivia. We are expecting to open our doors to the communities and carry out projects such as “Createens” that will benefit near communities. Likewise, we will also work to strengthen family ties and restore family relationships by creating a favorable environment for the child. Other significant projects include the solar energy system, a local production program, orthodontic treatment for children, and a recycling project.

Our greatest motivation is the smile on the little ones’ faces. Our greatest strength is the optimism and dedication of our staff.

—Patricia Rueda, National Director



NPH Bolivia also develops alliances with key organizations to work on training and workshops that empowers the youth and provide them with knowledge and access to new social skills for their future. There are dairy, fish farming, and agriculture programs, which in addition to producing food for better nutrition, also allows NPH to provide them with practical and theoretical training on agriculture, livestock, and animal care.

Spiritual Development

Despite the social restrictions and the special effort it required, our volunteers in spiritual development led the first Holy Communion of 11 boys and girls at NPH Bolivia. This year, four boys and five girls were Baptized, and we also celebrated the Confirmation of their siblings.

Unlike in 2020, children were able to attend Holy Mass in the church rather than in their living areas, which was a great treat. Moreover, the volunteers of Caritas Portachuelo Social Ministry came to Casa Padre Wasson to help train teenagers to celebrate “Navilandia”: a special activity to learn about hand crafting, social dynamics, and recreational dances for Christmas time.

Spiritual development is key to their wellbeing as it helps them find a sense of life and belonging. This is why at NPH we work from an early age on Christian values and carry out activities that strengthen the spirit of collaboration and service to the community.



NPH Bolivia Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	99
Holy Sacraments	20
Quinceañeras/os	16
Kindergarten Graduates	4
High School Graduates	5



Community Work

On 4 November, we celebrated the inauguration of the first part of the One World Surgery (OWS) outpatient surgery center. OWS is an organization that collaborates with NPH, working on the property next to Casa Santa Ana and providing comprehensive healthcare to those most in need.

In 2021, OWS carried out 15 mission trips and 6,215 Primary Care Patient Consults. With the first part of the surgery center now running, people living in extreme poverty who have neither health insurance nor the resources to treat their conditions will now be able to receive surgery in a professional surgery center.

Education

Despite the pandemic, the university students were able to continue with their studies. In 2021, three students graduated: Kenia Luisa (Education), Víctor De Los Santos (Dentistry), and Yocaris Benítez (Psychology).

The year 2021 was also a year of ceremonies. Because we were unable to celebrate the high school graduations for the class of 2019-2020 in 2020 due to COVID-19, we combined their ceremony with the class of 2020-2021, which consisted of 46 high school graduates. Many of those students are now entering higher education to pursue careers.

Farewell to 2021 and welcome 2022! Here at NPH-DR time is flying by all of us. In November, when we celebrated our quinceañeras, there was tremendous joy in the air. I was proud to see some Hermanos Mayores (older brothers and sisters) return home and be a part of their younger brothers' and sisters' celebrations. It is evident to me that what we do here at Casa Santa Ana is to try to give the children the necessary tools so that they can achieve their dreams. As mentors and guides, we might not be in line with where those dreams sometimes go, but I am at peace knowing we have given the proper formation and values that they will always be able to lean on.

With the reopening of our Montessori school, we are looking to expand our early childhood development program to more in our community. Through this program, we will be able to make a greater impact on the children's lives. We hope to do this in partnership with a government program that serves children from age six months to five years. Our program serves those who are 3-5 years old.

We also wish to grow our San Marcos programs to reach more of the outside community, bringing direct help to families of children with disabilities. At an event in late 2021, we invited some of these families to our home. It was humbling to hear how appreciative the parents are of the little assistance we can offer at this time. The gratitude shown by them is a sign of just how important our work is.

With your continued support, we shall continue doing this and more!

—Kieran Rigney, National Director



At Casa Santa Ana, we have an extensive educational program that goes from preschool to high school, as well as technical training workshops and the university program. We create alliances with companies that support us by providing their organizational space for training young people through internships and labor inclusion.

Disabilities

On 2 December, the official inauguration of the San Marcos Extension Program took place. This program emerged to meet the needs of people who have a disability or severe health condition, but due to their limited economic resources, could not pay for the required treatment and care.

We currently have 27 people directly receiving support and more than 60 people indirectly receiving support in our San Marcos Extension Program according to their condition. This includes economic support, food, medicine, special transport to their medical appointments, coverage of their surgeries, and more.

The San Marcos Extension Program, as its name suggests, is an extension of the San Marcos home where we care for and treat children with disabilities, focusing on the cases in the communities.



NPH Dominican Republic Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	130
Fully supported [...] in the community	36
Community Students	297
Holy Sacraments	57
Quinceañeras/os	10
High School Graduates	23
Vocational Workshop graduates	5
University Graduates	3
Chicas Poderosas participants	30



Protection for Children and Youth At Casa Sagrada Familia

In 2021, in the middle of the pandemic, NPH El Salvador was able to achieve a vaccination rate of the 90% of the child, youth, and adolescent population and 100% of the staff. In the academic area, 12 of the youth moved on to the Higher Education Program, which will benefit their futures. Ninth graders and high school students completed their studies and are waiting for graduation ceremonies that were suspended by the authorities due to COVID-19. Moreover, thanks to the effort of the Fundraising Offices and local staff, the agriculture program in our home has started to produce multiple vegetables for consumption.

Communities

In April 2021, authorities stated that schools were able to restart classes on-site. The NPH El Salvador School created a system of protocols and schedules so that students were able to safely return to in-person classes. As for the children living in the home, 100% of the population attended on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Regarding community students, parents decided whether to send their kids to NPH on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or continue doing homeschooling. Consequently, 90% of the Community Program students came back to school and NPH was able to guarantee education, meals, and basic medical attention for them.

The children's most common question in 2021 was, "When is COVID-19 going to end?". Until now, we all still want to know this. However, despite the pandemic, NPH El Salvador has continued supporting children who come from vulnerable communities. They were able to continue studying either from home or onsite as we took all the biosecurity measurements at the school. The children and youth who live with us were stable and were able to receive the second dose of the vaccine. Unfortunately, some children did contract COVID-19, but they suffered no complications at all since we followed all the restrictions and with the support of the medical staff. We have made necessary changes to take care of ourselves and protect one another from this disease.

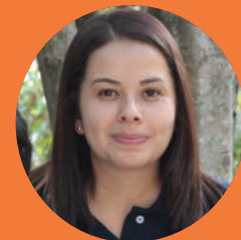
In 2022, we hope that the girls and boys will be ready to return to school. Other hopes are that the higher education students will be ready to start a new semester and that our entire staff will have the positive energy to start a new year.

In 2022, the parents of the children we support will once again have to decide whether or not to send their sons and daughters to in-person classes at the school. We hope that parents will continue to support their children's school responsibilities.

We are thrilled and excited about this new year. Likewise, we trust that God will multiply what we have and allow us to reach those who need us.

Thank you for everything!

—Dora Serrano, Nation Director



NPH El Salvador offers help to Hermanos Mayores and different vulnerable communities, providing support at different educational levels through the Padre Wasson Community Scholarship program. Within this program, there is the Centro de Bienestar Infantil (CBI), which provides Initial Education to boys and girls between one and six years old who come from low-income communities.

The students of the Padre Wasson Community Scholarships receive support at different educational levels. At the NPH school there are students studying from Kindergarten to ninth grade; there are also students who receive a scholarship to study high school and higher education through universities or technical schools.

Education

When COVID-19 arrived in El Salvador, classes were suspended and months later, schools restarted by using homeschooling. Education did not stop at NPH El Salvador School. Teachers started using technological tools to create different videos on platforms for students to watch at home. They also communicated with parents and caregivers through cellphone applications to send and receive homework assignments. When schools reopened, the NPH staff prepared strict biosecurity protocols to guarantee the student's well-being. Our school also prepared different socioemotional activities for all groups in the pandemic context to take care of the student's mental health.



NPH El Salvador Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	94
Fully supported [...] in the community	23
Community Students	241
Holy Sacraments	21
Quinceañeras/os	6
Kindergarten Graduates	15
High School Graduates	15
Technical School Graduates	1
University Graduates	5



Spiritual Development

In 2021, NPH welcomed 13 new children at the Casa San Andrés facilities. These are children from vulnerable conditions who will now get the attention and services they need. This will allow them to integrate into the extended NPH family, overcome their past, and have access to a prosperous future of their own. NPH Guatemala celebrated eight Quinceañeras (girls who turned 15 last year), 22 Baptisms, 14 Confirmations, and 20 First Communions at our local chapel inside the home.

Spiritual formation is a light that guides the children. Sports, musical, and recreational activities helped strengthen the youth's mental and physical health during 2021.

Community Work

Our Daycare Center was only partially opened during the pandemic, yet NPH Guatemala supported 24 families from the community of Parramos. During home visits by tutors, the two to four year old children received early stimulation to improve their social interactions and development, allowing their mothers to go to work or job interviews. The activities at our Chicas Poderosas program helped build self-esteem, self-understanding, and a stronger personality for 30 girls in NPH Guatemala.

In 2021, the effects of COVID-19 impacted the economy and the health of vulnerable families in Guatemala. Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Guatemala guaranteed the care of 64 children sheltered in our Casa San Andrés, offering food, medical care, recreation, education, psychological care, and family bonding.

The Education Center served 249 children from the community, teaching them through online classes. In some cases, families did not have internet access. Therefore the teachers taught in the students' homes to ensure that they did not drop out of school.

The NPH OneFamily program served 49 boys and girls and despite the closure of communities and schools due to biosecurity protocols, the team supported the children with housing, food, and education during the year.

The beneficiaries of the programs for the adults received support in education and labor insertion, with several young people successfully obtaining full or part-time jobs.

Vocational workshops focused on women's empowerment were held through an alliance with the municipalities of San Andrés Itzapa and Parramos. It was a great success and some of them have their own business now.

For 2022, our goal is to continue supporting vulnerable families and children, adolescents, and young people by extending our programs and promoting job placement for our beneficiaries.

—Orlando Ramos, National Director



Through our NPH OneFamily program, we reunited four families and reintegrated nine children. The social worker and psychologist provided these families support and training that help them to secure the family reunion process.

We also made great headway for the Santa Teresita family center in Chimaltenango that will serve that community's most vulnerable members. The center will be based at what is now the Santa Teresa student home. This center once was originally the administration office, then it served as NPH Guatemala's girls' high school home. The remodeling stage is scheduled to begin in March 2022. The center will consist of four therapy rooms, early stimulation, and youth mentoring facilities, a kitchen, a workshop, and meeting areas. Hopefully, the center will open in June 2022.

Education

In 2021, NPH Guatemala proudly celebrated the graduation of 67 students from the community and 20 living in the home. Twenty-four kids graduated from kindergarten, 14 from primary school, 34 from middle school, and 15 youths with diversified high school diplomas. Each student is different, and teachers seek alternatives to help create the best learning path for each child. Despite the pandemic and a full year of online classes, 99 percent of our 307 students at the Educational Center passed their grades.

The school scholarship program is aimed at children and young people from neighboring communities with limited economic resources who can benefit from educational scholarships. This provides them access to the universal right to education, receiving training under ethical principles, with academic quality and technical preparation that favors the development of their unique potential to contribute productively to society.



NPH Guatemala Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	118
Fully supported [...] in the community	49
Community Students	259
Holy Sacraments	56
Quinceañeras/os	8
Kindergarten Graduates	26
9 th Grade Graduates	34
High School Graduates	15
Technical School Graduates	1
Chicas Poderosas Participants	30



Education in the Community

Because the civil unrest made it unsafe for students to attend in-person classes at our school, the teachers adapted by using the WhatsApp cellphone application to teach and send homework. Thanks to their efforts, we had 59 students graduating from 9th grade, and 63 graduated from high school. The university students in the Don Bosco Educational Program have experienced a difficult year. Twenty-five students should have graduated, but due to safety concerns, NPH had to refrain from graduation activities. However, a further 25 students are joining our higher education programs in 2022.

NPH Haiti empowers children, young people, and families, especially by providing a quality education for the most vulnerable in the poorest and most precarious communities in the Port-au-Prince area. In 2021 alone, NPH had over 1,780 students enrolled in our schools. We are helping them to fulfill their dreams, build a better future, and become agents of change in their communities. One of those schools is the FWAL (Father Wasson Angels of Light), created as a crisis response to the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake when large “tent cities” were formed by thousands of destitute survivors.

I will start with something I said last year: this was the most challenging year for all of us Haitians. I don't even know where to start. Some key events were the death of our president, the never-ending cycle of political instability, the gang activities that terrorized or kidnapped the population, and the earthquake that killed thousands, followed by a hurricane a few months later.

In the decade between 2011–2021, the Haitian population grew by 1.5 million people, which reached over 11.6 million in 2021. The United Nations World Food Program estimated that 4.5 million Haitians were experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity. This past year, we have been challenged over and over in our commitment to serve those in need, yet we have prevailed and continue to stay strong. Our quick and strategic actions to help those impacted by the earthquake and hurricane are some of our most successful memories. Seeing what we did and how we did it by empowering people to regain their lives was the highlight of the year.

We are excited to continue to help those impacted by the earthquake and hurricane. We plan to help them regain their livelihood by helping them to build houses and supporting entrepreneurial activities in southern Haiti.

—Kenson Kaas, National Director





NPH Haiti Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents living at St. Helene	287
Fully supported [...] living at St. Anne Baby Home	31
Fully supported [...] living at St. Louis	46
Fully supported [...] living at St. Simone	25
Fully supported [...] in the community	815
Community Students	1,780
Holy Sacraments	70
Kindergarten Graduates	66
9 th Grade Graduates	91
High School Graduates	95



As a new year comes in, we should look back on the year that is ending and somehow sum it up. In our program for people with disabilities, our biggest challenge during 2021 was the insecurity in Haiti. Crime worried and stressed Haitians every day, and so perhaps our greatest success was being able to survive the year! Our school for students with disabilities and the rehabilitation center had to close several times during the year, but we are still here doing an outstanding job. Parents and beneficiaries are very satisfied with our services, while the school children continue to learn in a safe and happy environment. Believe me, in Haiti, the mere survival of a program is a considerable success.

As to those living in Kay Christine, many of our family members face challenging health issues and to get through a year with no one passing away is a great achievement. Credit goes to our wonderful staff and the high level of care we provide. We also had a year when no one in Kay Christine was hospitalized, another major achievement. Our family is aging, so many who were previously among the stronger ones now face age-related health issues which demand changes. We will get there.

We welcome 2022 as we pray for good health and strength with future challenges. Furthermore, we pray for peace in Haiti and the world. Not only that, but we pray for a world where love becomes the trend that takes over. Thank you for your continued support.

NPH Haiti Special Needs Data

Number of fully supported children, youths, and adolescents with disabilities living at Kay Christine	58
Number of students with disabilities at Kay St. Germaine	87
Number of children, youths, and adolescents with disabilities who received therapy at Kay St. Germaine	72
Number of patients who received therapy at Kay Gabriel	195

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

By Nicholas Rogers and Paul Antigua

The morning of 14 August 2021, began as just an ordinary Saturday. Haiti was still waking up, a fresh day, with everyday Haitians having coffee and a bite to eat, getting ready for work, or going about their business. Then, at 8:29 AM local time, the nation felt the violent jolts of yet another earthquake.

People ran out of their homes, screaming and calling for help, checking that loved ones were safe. Up to 2,248 people lost their lives, with over 12,000 seriously injured. Around 61,000 homes were destroyed, with many more damaged. Many Haitians were reminded of the traumatic events of the 2010 earthquake. Haitians believe the rocking lasted longer in this earthquake. This time, Port-au-Prince was largely spared, suffering only light damage, but southern Haiti was hit very hard.

The 7.2 earthquake struck the southwestern area in the mountains between the Nippes and Sud departments. Close by are the cities of Jeremie and Les Cayes, where most of southern Haiti's population resides. Both cities suffered widespread structural damage. The rural, remote communities were also badly impacted, though with landslides and falling boulders.

After the initial earthquake, there was a long series of aftershocks, causing panic and leaving everyone on edge. Soon afterward came Tropical Storm Grace. It passed just south of Haiti, close enough to bring torrential rain for the following days that thwarted ongoing rescue efforts. Communication was difficult between Port-au-Prince and the south due to electricity failures, blocked roads, and fallen phone lines. Thousands of people from the capital rushed to the south or tried to contact loved ones, many of whom were staff from NPH.



NPH Reacts

From the moment the earthquake struck, the survival instinct took over. Caregivers quickly evacuated the buildings, away from potential falling debris. Staff at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital did the same, while the NPH Haiti Special Needs Programme tried to ensure that the population with disabilities, especially those who had mobility problems, were kept safe. There were fears about further damage from the aftershocks. Luckily, there was none. On the night of 14 August, children and staff at Kenscoff felt it was safer to sleep outside.

Caregivers consoled the children who were worried about their families. St. Damien's staff had to reassure patients that it was safe to re-enter the hospital. NPH Haiti's National Director, Kenson Kaas, and his team took calls from dozens of Hermanos Mayores (Older Brothers and Sisters) in need of desperate help. One was from the family of the Assistant National Director, Géhy Jean Noel, and his brother, Jean Max, a radiologist at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, who lost their uncle and their home.

This was also a moment when NPH showed its true colors in the face of adversity. Many staff members and Hermanos Mayores called to see how they could help. Others, such as Annabelle Pierre, a former NPH youth, went to help those suffering horrific injuries in disaster-stricken areas in Les Cayes with the Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences of Léogâne – of UNEPH, Université Épisopale d'Haiti, where she is a student. She spent just under a week, sometimes not sleeping until 3:00 AM.

There were also heroic acts from around the globe. Donors and sponsors called their NPH fundraising offices to check on NPH, the hospital, and the godchildren, wanting to know how they can help. Fundraising offices quickly created emergency appeals and events to support the most hard-hit. Children and youth in the other NPH homes sent messages of love and prayers to their NPH Haiti brothers and sisters. NPH stood by its values when people needed our help the most.

Challenges On The Road

NPH Haiti quickly began pulling together supplies to the worst-affected areas. One of the biggest challenges was passing through Martissant due to local gang activity. Eventually, the staff managed to get through to areas such as Maniche in Les Cayes, where people still had no electricity and communities were still cut off. It served as a good opportunity to determine the greatest needs and speak to those most affected. Suffice to say, they heard many terrible stories along the way.

The first expedition took place on 9 October, going to the fourth section of Camp Perin, intending to provide aid to the most hard-hit. Despite problems with the truck transporting the materials and the heavy rainfall, within a week, the team managed to build 11 houses and provided 10 families with the materials to build their own homes in remote areas which were difficult to reach.

On the second expedition on 21 November, the team built 21 shelters, including two schools. Ten families living in places where it is difficult to transport materials received US\$250 to facilitate their construction, while a further 10 families received materials to build their own homes.

Over the two expeditions, NPH Haiti aimed to provide approximately 600 food kits for the families, consisting of rice, beans, oil, corn, flour, wheat, and water, which would last a family up to a month. However, while in the field, the team recognized that there were far more families in desperate need of any food immediately. Quickly, NPH began to separate the food kits, so over 1,000 families were able to receive emergency nourishment.

On the morning of 19 February, we received 143 families in Tabarre, who travelled from southern Haiti. Seventy families received US\$300 for building materials, such as metal sheets, wood, slats, nails, cement, and plywood, as well as help with transportation, plus food and hygiene kits.

The other 73 families received food and hygiene kits, as well as US\$200 for transportation.

Fortunately, all these families were able to return home to the south without any problems and begin to rebuild their lives. NPH Haiti hopes to make one more trip in 2022.



Support Delivered to Earthquake Victims

Construction Materials	\$445,810.00
Materials / Logistics & Transport	\$50,000.00
Food Products	\$132,202.50
Food/ Logistics & Transport	\$30,000.00
Total Budget	\$658,012.50



Protection for Children and Youth at Rancho Santa Fe

This year, we focused on improving the quality of care we provide to more than 80 children and youth with severe disabilities who live in our residential homes. Thanks to generous gifts from supporters, we began or completed remodeling five homes for our beneficiaries with disabilities, ensuring that they have comfortable places to live that are adapted to their individual needs. Other highlights in our disability care programs included the purchase of customized wheelchairs, the construction of wheelchair-accessible paths and ramps, the creation of individualized nutrition programs, and an expansion of the physical, occupational, and speech therapy services that we offer.

Using residential alternative care programs that create a loving, family environment, NPH Honduras works to restore the basic human rights of vulnerable children and youth under 18 years old. NPH operates protection programs in our residential care centers: the Santa Fe Ranch, our operational headquarters, and the Casa Mi Esperanza emergency shelter.

2021 was a successful year for our NPH Honduras family, despite the many challenges we faced. Thanks to the hard work of our medical team, as well as generous donations of COVID-19 rapid tests, we were able to return to work "as normal." Our on-site school was one of the first schools in the country to return to in-person classes. We received an award from the national childcare authorities for NPH's contribution to the child protection system in Honduras.

Our community outreach programs continued to grow. NPH now serves hundreds of families in impoverished communities with academic scholarships, gender equality programs, as well as medical and therapeutic support for people with disabilities.

We celebrated the eight girls and seven boys who received their trade certification this year from our vocational school. Furthermore, the children and adolescents who live in our residential care homes were able to visit their biological families for an extended period.

In 2022, our goal is to continue our path towards a renewed normality. The lives of the children and youth have been deeply impacted by the pandemic. We must prioritize vaccination in the safest way possible, following medical guidance, to protect our staff and beneficiaries and ensure that our programs can safely operate to serve our families and communities. We will continue to work closely with the childcare authorities and other NGOs in the child protection sector to ensure that our expertise and experience can contribute to public policy decisions. And, most importantly, we will continue to love and care for the children in our NPH family so that they may feel safe and be nourished both physically and spiritually, and may feel empowered to reach for their dreams.

—Stephen O'mahony, National Director



Community Work

NPH Honduras empowers communities and families across the country. Our objective is to sow hope in vulnerable children and youth so that they can become change agents who fulfill their dreams, build a better future, and create a more just society. We implement different prevention initiatives and projects through the San José Family Center in the Mata de Plátano community, the San Francisco de Asís Family Center in the city of Talanga, the Pasos Pequeños (Small Steps) daycare center in Tegucigalpa, the Amigos de Educación (Friends of Education), our family-strengthening program for Hermanos Mayores (former beneficiaries), and the Humanitarian and Health Emergencies Response Team.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating social and economic consequences, this year, NPH Honduras continued to implement programs to reduce the number of children who grow up impoverished. The San José Family Center, located in the mountain town of Mata de Plátano, provided comprehensive services to more than 283 vulnerable children, adolescents, and their families this year. These services include disability care, psychological support, and educational assistance. The Family Center continues to be an emblem of NPH Honduras's innovative efforts to empower vulnerable families and communities across the country while sustainably reducing poverty and inequality in Honduras.

Preparation For Life

In May, we were awarded a grant by the Honduran government to implement an economic empowerment project for young people. Through this project, NPH provided seed capital and business management training to 70 young women and men between the ages of 18 and 29. NPH Honduras proudly supported these young people through the training process and accompanied them as they opened the doors to their small new businesses. In 2021, we also joyfully celebrated the graduation of six young adults who completed our university scholarship program that now will go on to be agents of change in their families and communities.

Through formal higher education programs, vocational training, and other support services, NPH empowers adolescents and young adults to secure their first job and earn a dignified living. This approach allows beneficiaries to achieve financial independence, autonomy, and a responsible character, thus contributing to the sustainable reduction of generational poverty.



NPH Honduras Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	342
Fully supported [...] in the community	166
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	127
Number of Families supported in the aftermath of ETA and Iota	252
Holy Sacraments	44
Quinceañeras/os	19
Kindergarten Graduates	15
9 th Grade Graduates	13
High School Graduates	11
Technical Graduates	15
University Graduates	6
Chicas Poderosas Participants	174
Hombres de Honor Participants	48



Protection for Children And Youth at Casa Buen Señor and Casa San Salvador

In 2021, NPH Mexico received 33 children and adolescents from several of the country's states. Seventy percent of them looked for our help due to the extreme conditions of poverty they were living in, which didn't allow them to attend school regularly and their relatives were unable to support them. A follow-up of their adaptation process is carried out continuously so that they can feel well-adapted to their homes.

The year was also marked globally by the COVID-19 pandemic. The children and youth living at NPH Mexico were no exception. The entire NPH population of resident beneficiaries over 15 years old received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as all our staff. Furthermore, the children were vaccinated against hepatitis, measles, tetanus, and other diseases, complying with the national vaccination scheme, as well as NPHI vaccination protocols. Our medical team constantly gives talks to the children about topics like washing hands properly, anemia prevention, biosecurity and prevention measures, nutrition, and sexual health.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for everyone. It was especially difficult for the children, since we had to suspend in-person classes, outings, family visits, and other events to protect them. Our staff and the children were very patient and responsible in taking care of themselves.

Our Ciudad de los Niños (City of the Children) home in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, celebrated its 12th birthday and two of its members graduating from university. Graduations were privately this school year. One 165 boys, girls, adolescents, and adults graduated at different levels.

There were difficult moments this year when I felt desperate, not knowing how to carry on. I read all of Father Wasson's books again seeking inspiration. We put several insights into practice. In July, we managed to receive visits from a limited number of family members on Sundays. The children and youths truly missed their families. Those who received visitors would be in quarantine later, in addition biosecurity measures for visiting family members. We also asked our godparents, donors, and friends for extra financial aid. Their response was so wonderful that it encouraged us to pull through and sleep peacefully!

During the summer holidays, we were able to gather 500 children who live in our homes and spend time together. When someone asks a child, what do you like most about NPH? Most of them answer, "my friends."

This year ends with faith and hope, knowing that NPH will continue to be the home of many Mexican children and adolescents who receive the opportunity to thrive. I have hope for the future. I place my trust in a better tomorrow, and this is how I see the life of each of the children.

—Rafael Bermudez, National Director



Preparation For Life

Work was carried out with five adolescents to begin their job insertion process and independent life. The project included several stages:

1. A review of an introductory guide to the project.
2. Mapping of basic service institutions, comprising orientation, and enrollment in government health services.
3. NPH Health Services offered talks on contraceptive methods and other topics focused on health and follow-up to start a gradually independent life.
4. A job search where the adolescents learned how to fill out a job application and how to perform a job interview as well as recognize their skills that are useful to get a suitable job.
5. Finding their way in the city. They were taught how to move around the city, how to use public transportation, etc.

After this project, the adolescents were able to find work in supermarkets, convenience stores, and fast-food restaurants.

At NPH Mexico we focus on providing educational programs, vocational training, and other support services that equip our youth to earn a living wage and secure a first job with dignity. The key result is the achievement of financial independence, autonomy, and a caring and responsible character.

Education

After a few months of online education, we noticed the children and youth felt uneasy as some of them were not fully understanding certain school subjects. Since our homes have large open areas, we decided to go back to in-person teaching at the home, strictly following every possible preventive measure to keep everybody healthy. Teachers agreed to visit our homes three times a week, and the results in the children's spirits were wonderful.

NPH Mexico is committed to educating underprivileged students, so we embrace the idea of continual learning and growth and strive to prepare the students to be compassionate, productive, and responsible community members.



NPH Mexico Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	558
Fully supported [...] in the community	14
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	179
Holy Sacraments	153
Quinceañeras/os	42
Kindergarten Graduates	4
6 th grade	37
High School Graduates	149
University Graduates	92
Chicas Poderosas Participants	82
Hombres de Honor Participants	75



Disabilities

Despite the COVID-19 health crisis, we managed to expand the Good Samaritan program, providing attention to 78 children at Casa Padre Wasson on Ometepe Island and in the town of San Jorge. There were 1,747 therapeutic sessions carried out. With our support, 30 patients were able to attend 102 medical appointments in public and private hospitals, and at the same time, all received primary medical care from the NPH doctor. During the home visits, it was possible to determine the family's integration in terms of child care, both in the emotional and physical aspects.

Through the Good Samaritan program, NPH Nicaragua provides physical, motor, intellectual and sensory therapy to children and adolescents with disabilities. In addition, the program instructs parents about how to carry out physical therapies in their homes and provides them with psychological care to reinforce the treatment plan proposed by the therapists, helping them to improve their quality of life.

Once again, the health crisis caused by COVID-19 has made us rethink our work plans and challenges us to put into practice our skills as leaders to modify and adjust our strategies in order to carry out each of our projects.

Although this health situation limits us in a certain way, we have been able to face it and continue working for the benefit of our children and adolescents. As a result adolescents from our school graduated from their 5th year of high school. This is a success both for them and for us.

Also, we had certain cases of children and collaborators who tested positive for COVID-19, but fortunately, each of them recovered and were able to continue with their daily activities. This is due to the timely measures that were taken to prevent contagious of others who ensured their prompt recovery.

For 2022, we would like to have a more inclusive school, having the necessary resources to include children with disabilities and consider them to study in our school. To achieve this, special education teachers with both a vocational and pedagogical approaches are needed.

We would also like to strengthen vocational workshops by providing different options for children in both primary school and high school. In addition, work in the vocational with parents to provide them tools and knowledge that are useful for the self-sustenance of their sons and daughters, and in this way not institutionalize the family, but make them able to generate income to sustain of their families by putting these new skills to practice.

—Marlon Velásquez , National Director:



Community Work

In 2020, our school had difficulties in offering quality education to students. However, by 2021, we managed to execute strategies that would allow us to offer better attention, not 100% perfect due to the COVID-19 health crisis, but one that is adaptable to the situation.

Our study method was based on students attending in person in a staggered way. Primary students attended Mondays and Tuesdays, while high school classes were on Wednesdays and Thursdays to avoid crowding and possible infections. Despite the disruption caused by these strategies, 45 students from different study modalities managed to graduate.

Preparation For Life

Our workshops in 2021 faced the great challenge of adjusting their study schedules to follow the staggered schedule for high school students, yet achieved 80% attention to students. Despite the challenges, we were able to restart the workshops by INATEC (Technological Center), providing certification as technicians to ten high school graduates in different areas: Communicative English, Tailoring, Electric Arc and Oxyacetylene Welding, Residential Electrician, and Microcomputer Operations.



NPH Nicaragua Data

Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	113
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	315
Holy Sacraments	39
Kindergarten Graduates	11
6 th Grade Graduates	17
High School Graduates	13
University Graduates	7



Protection for Children and Youth at Casa Santa Rosa

During 2021, children over 12 years of age (77% of the population) were immunized against COVID-19 with two doses of the Pfizer vaccine. There has also been a significant improvement in the daily menu since July 2021. Children’s diets now include more fruits and legumes, so meals are more nutritious. In addition, thanks to donors, a magnetic water softener system was installed to improve water purification in each of the children’s homes.

Preparation For Life

The Higher Education Program has continued to support our youth in their studies and during their transition to adulthood. Six of them are studying a technical career at institutes, while eight are pursuing a university degree. In December 2021, one of the institute students completed a degree in English Translation. In addition, two more students are about to begin their university studies after receiving vocational training sessions and having reinforced their interests in the workshops at our home.

In 2021, we managed to get our children to adapt to their virtual classes. We have also responded positively to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our entire team of collaborators has been vaccinated, as were our children 12 years old and above. Family visits to the children were resumed once a month to allow families to spend time with their children after nearly a year without visits. We have also managed to reach approximately 70% of our local fundraising goal thanks to the generosity of our donors who support and continue to believe in our mission.

The most unfortunate thing, in my opinion, was the fact that some of our teenagers decided to leave our home unauthorized for various personal reasons, despite our efforts to make them feel that this is their home. We took the necessary steps with the support of the local authorities to provide them with better protection, even though they no longer live with us.

For 2022, our main vision is to expand and to be able to serve and support our community’s families in a state of vulnerability. We aim to guarantee an integrated and functional home, where there are no children or youth immersed in situations of violence and abandonment. We hope to begin to achieve this little by little, with the conviction of reaching this goal as we have reached the previous ones. Foremost, we trust in God, and we also know that we can count on the solidarity of our donors. Joining together and being united, we will achieve a better tomorrow.

—Rafael Antonio Arce Guillén, National Director



At NPH Peru, we focus on providing educational programs, vocational guidance, and other support services that prepare youth to begin adult life by securing a first job with dignity. The key result is the achievement of financial independence, autonomy, and a responsible character, thus contributing to the sustainable reduction of generational poverty.

Education

Classes for the entire school year were done through distant learning. The children were able to continue their classes virtually thanks to donations of electronic devices and cell phones that were purchased for each children's home. In December 2021, five students finished primary school, one student finished high school and one student graduated as an English translator. Moreover, the three beneficiaries of the OneFamily program have continued to study from their own homes.

We believe that quality education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and improving children's lives. Our goal is to help disadvantaged children achieve their full potential through our educational programs. From providing each child with all the necessary school supplies to supporting university students in the transition to college life, their education is supported completely or primarily by NPH.



NPH Peru Data

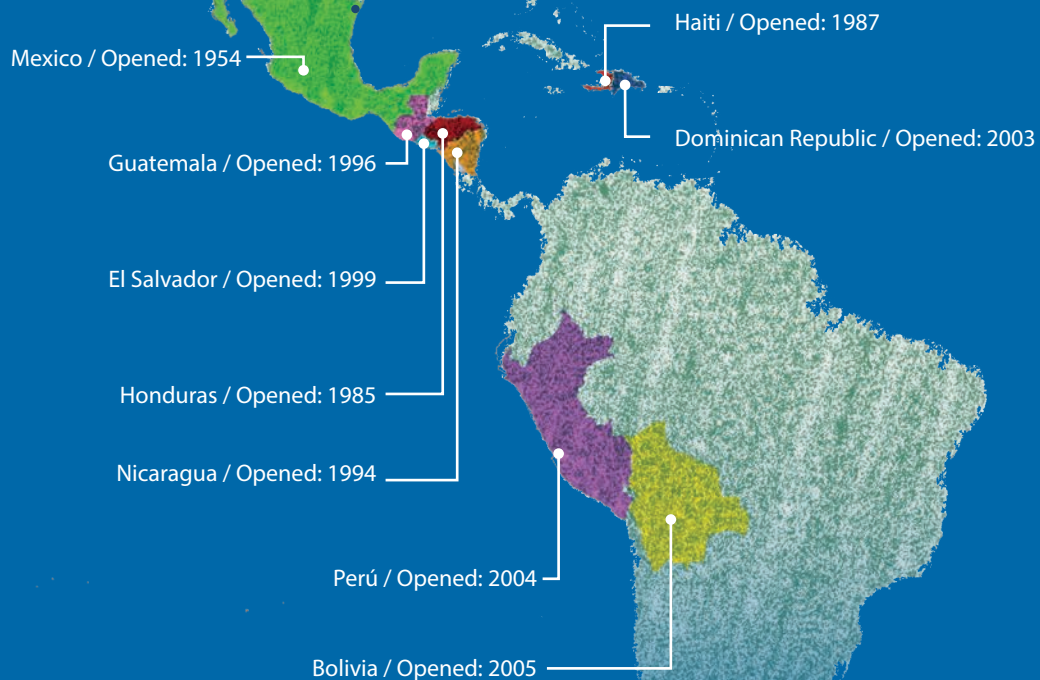
Fully supported children, youths, and adolescents	63
Fully supported [...] in the community	3
Community Students with NPH Scholarships	15
Holy Sacraments	11
Quinceañeras/os	7
6 th Grade Graduates	3
High School Graduates	1
University Graduates	1

“We are all our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, and we must care for each other to bring peace to our world.”

—FR. WILLIAM WASSON



In addition to the over 3,000 children and youths that are fully supported 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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