



Casa Niño Esperanza

Education and Nutrition Program

— Guatemala —



Located near the Guatemala City dump in a neighborhood plagued by crime and poverty, Casa Niño Esperanza is a sanctuary of safety, hope and education for the 140 at-risk children who come here daily. The parents of most of the participating children scavenge at the nearby dump, trying desperately to provide for their families, and they are deeply grateful for the blessings this ministry provides.

For the children, the serving they receive at lunch is often the most nutritious meal of the day. The director of the program, said that the rice and beans seem heaven-sent to the children being fed. Without this outreach, the kids would spend their time hanging out on dangerous streets or at home alone. Instead, they have found an escape from that life, and when Sor. Nidia enters a room, the children engulf her with hugs and affection. With a warm smile, she says, “I love this work here because it’s a very vulnerable place.”

Jennifer, age 10, enjoys working on the computers, learning to type and taking part in math tutoring. Jennifer says, “I love the way I’m treated here. Everyone here is a friend.” Jennifer has a younger brother who is also enrolled in the program. Casa Niño Esperanza has become a refuge for them — a place where God’s love allows them to feel safe and protected — and Sor. Nidia prays that compassionate Catholic donors like you help her keep this sanctuary of safety and hope thriving so it can continue to welcome and minister to God’s most vulnerable children.



Description

This ongoing project will help sustain an education and nutrition program that ministers to vulnerable children living in extreme poverty in Guatemala City.

Purpose

To provide children with a sanctuary of safety, education and nutrition by sharing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Partner

The Asociación la Providencia — Casa Niño Esperanza, run by Sor Nidia Maria Almendarez.

Project Location

Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Cost

\$24,000 will help fund the salaries for four teachers, 37 scholarships for needy children.

Summary

- Children and adolescents in the area are at risk from crime, undernourishment, drug and alcohol abuse, and falling prey to the crippling cycle of poverty.
- An education offers an opportunity to find dignified work instead of scavenging at the nearby garbage dump.
- A safe, healthy and loving Christian environment provides both material and spiritual hope for vulnerable children.
- Your compassion is a shining example of God's love to children who otherwise might face a bleak future.



The sisters that work with Sor Nidia share God's love and compassion with the vulnerable children at Casa Niño Esperanza.

Join us in being messengers of God's love to children in Guatemala!

***"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."***

MARK 9:37

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2021, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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