NPH Family
PROVIDING A CONTINUUM OF CARE

NPH International
Annual Report 2017

Meet Anayeli

When the stresses of poverty, drugs, violence, illness or death are placed upon any family, its well-being and future is endangered. As a result, these children lose their childhood and are pulled deeper into the cycle of poverty. Without help, their chances of escape are very unlikely.

At NPH our specialty is helping vulnerable and at-risk children, such as Anayeli and her seven siblings. After their father passed away, their mother did not have the resources to properly provide for them. With NPH's support, Anayeli and her siblings received an extensive continuum of care, being raised in a loving home at NPH Mexico, with many opportunities for education, medical care, family bonding and spiritual formation. Additionally, NPH recognizes the importance of biological family interaction and Anayeli and her siblings continued a relationship with their mother. NPH programs provide each individual child the resources they need to remain in their home country, where as adults they play a critical role in improving their communities.

Anayeli born:
October 11, 1995

1995

1996

Joined our NPH Mexico family in October of 1996, along with her four brothers and three sisters

Started first grade when she was 6 years old

2001

2002

Began dancing with folkloric dance group at age 7

Correspondence began with her godparents at age 8

2003

2010

Celebrated Quinceañeras (15th birthday) and 6th grade graduation

Performed in Folkloric Dance trips to the United States – visited Illinois, Wisconsin, and California, age 15 and 16

2011

2012

Junior high school graduation at 16 years old

Decided career path of becoming a nurse at age 17

2014

High school graduation with her godparent, age 18

2015

Year of Service caring for kindergarten children, age 19 and 20

2017

At 21 years of age, Anayelo began university on July 11, 2017 in Monterrey, Mexico

UNIVERSIDAD METROPOLITANA DE MONTERREY

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

VISION

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

MISSION

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos™, inspired by Christian values, strives to create a loving and safe family environment for vulnerable children living in extreme conditions. Through comprehensive education, healthcare and spiritual formation, we give children the opportunity to develop their potential, shaping better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

VALUES

NPH is guided by the following core values:

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

RESPONSIBILITY: learning to be responsible and to respond to the needs of others, both individually and collectively.

SHARING: developing kindness, empathy and care for others, through what we say and do.

WORK: learning to contribute to one's family and community on the path to independence.

FAITH AND SERVICE: putting Christian values into action.

PRINCIPLES

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

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

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

REINHART KOEHLER
NPHI BOARD PRESIDENT

Reinhart Koehler with Pequeños from Honduras

We are family. Most of the thousands of Hermanos and Hermanas Mayores who grew up in NPH homes and today are great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, and young adults building their lives, will tell you that NPH is their family.

Father Wasson's values shape our foundation: unconditional acceptance and genuine love for each other, sharing, contributing by participating productively in the tasks of the NPH Family, and accepting responsibility and practicing co-responsibility by responding collectively to the needs of the NPH Family and those of our neighbors, are among these. For 62 years these values, along with the security of a profound sense of belonging to the NPH Family, and the spiritual formation and development of our Christian faith, have united our brothers and sisters all over the world to be part of this NPH FAMILY.

As all families do, over the years the NPH Family has changed. It all began with an act of radical Christian kindness and forgiveness when Father Wasson took in a boy that had stolen from his church. For years, the NPH Family in Mexico kept growing and developing. In 1985 as a response to the civil strife in Central America, using the seed funds from the Papal Kinder Mission in Aachen, Germany, Father Wasson began extending the NPH family to Central America, where we now are family to children in four countries. Prompted by a severe health crisis and stark poverty, Father Wasson, together with Father Rick Frechette, started our NPH Family in Haiti and then moved to the Dominican Republic, Peru and Bolivia.

With this growth, came the awareness of our neighboring communities' needs. Year after year, NPH began to build a variety of services that addressed them; to name a few, NPH developed community clinics, opened our schools to children living outside of the home, and launched daycare programs and scholarship programs for children in need.

We also increased our outreach to the biological families of our children, increasing visitor days in the homes and home visits to the families. But most importantly, we began to respond to the needs of our children's families.

NPH OneFamily members in Guatemala

NPH Honduras Little Steps Daycare

Over the years, adhering to best practices in alternative childcare, NPH increased its community involvement to the extent that now of the almost 6,000 children we serve through ongoing programs, approximately half of the children live in neighboring communities and the other half live in our NPH homes. In the process of transforming our services, we began a more concentrated effort to help children stay in their family of origin. Through the NPH OneFamily Initiative, we help children who previously lived in our homes reintegrate into their families of origin, provided that they continue to receive support from NPH and that it is in their very best interest.

As we embark on a future with increased community service and support of children and families in need, this will always be our guiding principle: what is best for each child! Father Wasson's philosophy continues to guide our work in building and strengthening families, so that the children can develop their full potential and become adults who care deeply for others, engaging in the communities where they live and work as positive leaders for change.

NPH Haiti Father Wasson Angels of Light School

Our NPH International Board Members worked diligently on providing strong governance through financial transparency and responsible planning. The many volunteer hours our Board Members spent in spite of their demanding professional lives continue to be a special gift to our NPH Family. I would also like to share a special 'Thank You' to our Treasurer Nellie Johnson and Board Member, Mike Markoff, for their many years of service as they will step off the Board in 2018.

We are grateful to our supporters for their generous contributions, and we are equally indebted to our local staff and volunteers, who through their hard work and extraordinary commitment to our children, allow the NPH Family to continue Father Wasson's legacy and honor our name 'Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos y Hermanas', taken from Matthew 25, 40: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. In Spanish, "Les aseguro que todo lo que hicieron por uno de mis Hermanos y Hermanas más pequeños, lo hicieron por mí."

I am most grateful to the Pequeños and Pequeñas, who are my heroes and teach me so much about resilience, love, and forgiveness every day. In the end, we need them more than they need us.

Sincerely,
Reinhart Koehler, *President NPH International*

What we achieved with your help...
a glance at 2017 results

Mexico

Developed new greenhouse for organic tomatoes and increased tilapia production

Successful graduation of "older children" from elementary school

Established earthquake rebuilding force at NPH Mexico

Supporting damaged communities after the earthquake

Honduras

Increase of critical surgical care for Honduran population with partnership through One World Surgery's Holy Family Surgery Center

Awarded highest rating for operating homes for children in the country

Implemented mixed peer-group housing

Began NPH OneFamily Program (Family Reintegration)

Opened transition home for children

Haiti

Hurricane Irma aid relief efforts

Improved security and built playground at St. Helene home

Celebrated 30th anniversary

Increased number of cardiac surgeries at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital

Extensive professional training for physical therapists at Kay Germaine

Nicaragua

Installation of 500 solar panels

Increased services to support to children with special needs and their families

Construction completed on secondary school

Community support after Tropical Storm Nate

Positive recognition from government in providing quality programs

Guatemala

Implementation of NPH OneFamily Program (Family Reintegration)

Renovation of bedrooms for more individualized, personal spaces

Acquired new laboratory materials and computers

Additional benefits and support for Hermanos Mayores program

Expansion of psychology therapies

El Salvador

Creation of onsite community daycare for early childhood stimulation

First graduate from medical school

National spelling bee contest winners

Holy Sacraments for community and NPH children

Expansion of clinic services

Dominican Republic

Developed of mini banking system

Inaugurated transition home program

Delivered community medical support and services

Initiated second house for young adults with special needs

Addition of two Montessori classrooms

Peru

Expansion of our home facilities

Extension of psychology services

Improvement of our home security system

Increased enrollment of university students

Delivered aid to damaged communities after severe flooding

Bolivia

Increased sustainability and crops in farms and gardens

Renovation of kitchen

Implementation of orthodontic treatments

Developed opportunities for sports activities with community

Organized increased professional development for staff

Miguel Venegas with high school students at NPH Mexico.

MIGUEL VENEGAS
NPHI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Father Wasson invested his life in promoting and strengthening the NPH family across nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean; 64 years later, our family continues to grow stronger, and every day more children grow up in an environment surrounded by love, respect, solidarity and solid Christian values.

Our children are blessed with an extended family in North America, Europe and in Oceania through the loving support of thousands of godparents and supporters. This joint effort has continued to grow over the years, and is stronger than ever now with the support of many local donors from the same countries as our homes and programs. This family, the NPH family, inspires a love and solidarity, which fan a flame that will continue to burn for many years to come.

This past year, several countries that are home to our NPH programs endured devastating natural disasters: a magnitude-7.1 earthquake struck Mexico and impacted our homes and offices, Tropical Storm Nate hit Nicaragua, consecutive hurricanes stormed through Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and heavy rains flooded Peru, leaving mudslides and destruction in their path. Thankfully, our children were kept safe. One of our NPH values is responsibility, and I am proud to highlight that our National Directors lived out this value by responding to our neighbors' needs left in the wake of these disasters. Our local teams took action and brought aid to people who were left without food or mattresses to sleep on, whose belongings had washed away in the storms.

One of our organizational goals is to continue growing our local fundraising efforts. The number of local donors has grown in both Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, with Mexico taking the lead. The local fundraising goal for 2018 in all of our NPH home offices has grown by a 19% increase since 2017.

In terms of healthcare, our partner, the Holy Family Surgery Center, supported by One World Surgery, provided almost 1,000 surgeries and over 6,000 consults to Hondurans who would likely not be able to receive care otherwise.

In 2017, we celebrated 30 years of NPH Haiti, where our staff runs multiple programs that serve children and youth, as well as St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, which offers thousands of services to the people most in need throughout the country. In June, the local team hosted their first gala, raising more than $25,000.

Celebrating 30 years at NPH Haiti

NPH El Salvador daycare center

In both Honduras and the Dominican Republic, we opened transition homes for the temporary care of children in emergency situations. In addition, we continue to offer a quality education to students from the nearby communities, from a Montessori kindergarten all the way to high school

NPH Honduras transition home

We were able to open a daycare center at our onsite facilities at NPH El Salvador, to the benefit of both our young community students and their families. Our staff cares for these young children during the day while their parents work, providing an early education to them as well.

Our NPH OneFamily program launched in 2017, thanks to our local teams who have dedicated their work to supporting these children who have been reintegrated to their biological families. We are delighted that they can live with their families and that we are able to continue to help them break the cycle of poverty. We are grateful to our Godparents, who have maintained their incredible support to their Godchildren throughout these changes.

The year 2017 ended with a new Global Strategic Plan for NPH, which will serve as our roadmap for the next three years. As an organization inspired by Christian values, we know that God calls us to serve the most vulnerable every day. We make decisions daily and ask ourselves these questions: Do we answer the call? Who needs our support? What can we do? Where are our efforts best directed? NPH values this roadmap that allows us to answer the Gospel call, which invites and grows the participation of our NPH global family, recognizes the current needs of our communities, honors the best of our traditions, and enables us to preserve our family.

We are also practical and we know we cannot do it all, but we do know how to love, raise, educate children, strengthen families, heal the sick, teach others, live our faith, and so much more. We have increasingly done so in ever-changing environments.

In three years, we plan to continue doing right by the needs of our children, the future needs of children who yearn for the love of a family, and the needs in our communities. We hope to sustain these efforts by growing support for NPH's work, and will do so within our faith and time-honored traditions.

NPH is ready to face the future, and will maintain the legacy of Father Wasson for another six decades, and many more to come. Thank you to our many supporters, for joining us in that endeavor and forming part of our NPH Family.

In gratitude,
Miguel Venegas, *NPHI Executive Director*

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

160
vocational
certifications

42
university
graduates

324 Holy Sacraments

984
Honduras Holy Family
Surgery Center Surgeries
6,124 consults

94
full-time
volunteers from
22 countries

392
childcare staff
received
20 trainings each

797
Children and women living with
HIV that receive antiretrovirals

143,202 Services provided through community outreach programs

Eighth annual Youth Development Leadership Workshop at NPH Honduras.

FAMILY SERVICES

The NPH International Family Service Team achieved many milestones in 2017. Every one of our nine homes received at least one onsite visit from one of our international team members. We provided oversight and support to our National Directors and their local Family Service teams throughout the year, and we listened and responded to urgent home needs with onsite support. We consistently checked in with the staff to evaluate progress on the 26 Core Programs required for each NPH home, programs whose goals range from fostering youth development to comprehensive training for our childcare staff. These Core Programs were developed directly from the NPHI Family Services Childcare Manual (2006) and our Child Care Policy (2014) in order to ensure high standards, prevention, protection and formational opportunities for children, youth and staff. These programs are at the heart of our NPH work, both for the homes and our NPHI Family Services team.

IMPLEMENTING OUR 26 CORE PROGRAMS

Local Family Service Coordinators help improve the care of our children in the homes. They work directly with our NPH International Family Services Team to evaluate the 26 Core Programs so that our local childcare staff is able to continue providing quality care and better implement our NPH mission: helping our NPH youth to reach their potential, to become good, caring adults and productive members of their respective communities, with hearts to serve. As our local Family Service Coordinators improve the implementation of our Core Programs at the local level, we find ourselves, as International Family Services Staff, more able to dedicate our expertise and time to our emerging, innovative new programs that focus on prevention and family strengthening in the communities. Supporting the good work by the NPH OneFamily teams in Honduras and Guatemala was a focus of our International Family Service team in 2017.

In November of 2017, to better support our local teams, we invited the Family Service Coordinators from eight homes, the majority of whom are psychologists, to work on strengthening our Family Awareness programs. These support the right that children have to information about their biological family, their understanding of the reasons for which they are in protective care and to honest information regarding the possibility to live with their biological family in the future.

DEVELOPMENT CONTINUUM PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP

This past year the Family Services team organized and facilitated over 10 local and international workshops, including the 8th Youth Development Workshop where over 45 youth from eight countries gathered for inspiration to carry our NPH legacy forward. The theme was: Our Values Transform. Two Hermanos Mayores, both past participants of the Seattle Institute Leadership Program, helped facilitate this workshop - one shining example of our success in providing a continuum of developmental opportunities for growth and leadership. Our 9th workshop is in El Salvador in January 2018, and we look forward to January 2019, where we will celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary of the International Youth Workshop!!

Psychology/Family Service Coordinator workshop at NPH Honduras

NPH Mexico caregiver with pequeña.

In 2017, all 392 childcare staff received at least 20 trainings, empowering them to provide even better and more individualized care. Annual trainings for our childcare staff are one of our focused Core Programs. These trainings center on themes such as ongoing Positive Discipline, Sexual Education, Abuse and Suicide Prevention as well as Mission and Value Formation. In 2017 we added Self Care for Child Care staff and Social Media training for all staff/youth as required trainings. We know that with sufficient childcare ratios and well-trained caregivers, our children and youth will be in good hands!

NPH Honduras caregiver with children at the new transition home.

The Family Awareness program provides routine encounters for children with qualified social workers or other trained staff so that children and youth receive dedicated time in a compassionate and age-appropriate way to discuss these important issues. Additional goals of our Family Service workshop were to prepare our local teams to focus on Life Planning for all adolescents in our homes, Transition Programs to help them gain independence step-by-step and the ongoing trainings mentioned above for our staff, children and youth.

As we expand our services in the communities to include Transition Homes, Day Care Centers and Family Reintegration Programs (NPH OneFamily), we find our Core Programs essential to our work, providing the foundation to support children and families in their communities. Because of our intentional work these past twelve years in creating lasting relationships with our local teams, we find that working together to expand our Core Programs and care of children and families in the communities is rich and collaborative.

This year we coordinated with the International Medical Services team to offer a Psychologist Workshop focused on the mental health of our children and youth. Based on a common therapeutic contract of respect for and trust in each other, all participants engaged in the exchange of ideas and therapeutic techniques. They also learned new individual and group therapies to support those who have experienced trauma.

CARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

With the creative and dedicated work of over 390 caregivers, the support of Year of Service youth and volunteers, our children receive high quality care. We currently have 72% of the desired childcare staff in place in our homes, which increased from last year, but we still continue to strive to meet the full child-to-caregiver ratio compliance level advised by the Family Services Team. Because of increased prioritization in 2018, our ratio will increase to 81%. Due to our aging population and higher percentage of youth and adolescents across all of our homes, we have increased our focus on programs for youth and young adults in both supervision, accompaniment, and programs for transition and independence. In addition, 2017 saw a 20% increase in the ratio of our social workers and psychologists to better support our children, youth and childcare staff.

Our Seattle Leadership Institute, Preparing Lives for Service, celebrated the graduations of six participants from the Class of 2017 to reach a total of 32 graduates since the founding of the program in 2011! Of the past 32 graduates of the Seattle Institute, 16 are studying at the university level with some working along the way as well, 13 have full-time jobs, 9 of whom are currently NPH employees. One of our first year graduates has just become a member of the NPH International Board of Directors. As one National Director recently commented, "these Seattle graduates have far surpassed the investment in both their personal growth and what they are contributing here in our home". In September 2017, we welcomed six more participants, and look forward to seeing their growth throughout the year.

Seattle Institute class of 2017-2018

We continue our collaboration with iLeap (www.iLeap.org) as part of the professional development continuum for our Hermanos Mayores, key staff, National Directors, as well as NPHI Leadership staff. Our goal for this collaboration is to help foster strong leadership skills focused on sustainability, collaboration, entrepreneurship and personal development, essential for leaders in today's changing world. In 2017, we welcomed 16 total participants to make 46 total graduates from the program since we began partnering with iLEAP in 2015. In June 2018, we look forward to welcoming our 5th group of 10 Hermanos Mayores and key NPH staff personnel. Additionally in 2018 we have planned a regional follow-up workshop for these graduates, who are current employees of NPH, as a way to provide a continuum of learning for our key staff participating in this development opportunity.

iLeap Graduates - class of 2017

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

In 2017, 93 volunteers from 18 countries around the world served in our NPH homes, working in all areas of the home including in medical roles, educational roles, and office roles; one even started a new women's empowerment group. Others taught swim lessons and all became a part of the greater NPH family. We are so very appreciative of the hard work and dedication of these volunteers! Their collaboration and service enriches the diversity in both our homes and volunteer community. Our International Volunteer Coordinator worked closely with the local volunteer coordinators in both the NPH homes and NPH fundraising offices to create a more cohesive, international volunteer program. In addition, she was able to support certain volunteer communities in times of crisis.

NPH Guatemala volunteer with pequeño

A huge thank you to our child care staff and professionals, our children, youth and National Directors, who make our work meaningful, mission focused and who remind us of the love of family and the bonds that are created when we work together for good.

Donna Egge, NPHI Family Services Director and the NPHI Family Service Team
Markus Streit, Avriel Burlot, Nelly Fernandez and Jacqueline Shrader

NPH OneFamily members in Guatemala with NPH social worker.

NPH ONE FAMILY

Last year marked a significant achievement in our service to children and families: the first year of the NPH OneFamily program. Grounded in the child-centric approach that has always characterized our philosophy, the family reintegration program in Guatemala and Honduras reunites children with families and offers a long-term, continuum of care. We owe our gratitude to the exceptional leadership of the NPH OneFamily teams in each country and the godparents and donors, who have generously made this program possible. We are proud that children have an opportunity to live in their home environments and grateful to the families for their open hearts, trust, and collaboration.

RESPONDING TO NEED

Preparation for the NPH OneFamily program began in 2016. We had remained concerned over our lack of structural for support children who had been reintegrated with their families in previous years. Since NPH has historically focused on the long-term continuum of care, most children reintegrated with their families lost educational opportunities, health coverage, or therapies critical to their healthy and full development. Furthermore, the connection that children had with their NPH family and friends was often severed abruptly and permanently.

In response, NPH designed a deliberate process to unite children with biological family members when possible:

- Continually engaging children through family awareness programs to understand their opportunities and opinions
- Preparing children and families for family reintegration through a comprehensive, child-centric, and compassionate process
- Reintegrating children with families in accordance with local laws
- Providing extensive follow-up support focused on the wellbeing of the child, including a connection to the broader NPH family for life

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."- Mother Teresa

HIGHLIGHTS

- NPH Guatemala served 29 children from 18 families in 13 municipalities
- NPH Honduras served 44 children from 24 families in 13 municipalities
- NPH OneFamily teams provided over 300 visits to children's homes and schools
- Social workers and psychologists delivered individual parental training and counseling for children and families, based on NPH values and guiding philosophy
- NPH OneFamily Workshop with implementing staff to exchange best practices in family reintegration

HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight children received medication for chronic illness or specialized needs
- 100% completion for child wellness health checkups in NPH clinics or public health centers
- Three reunion activities to bring children and families to NPH homes and maintain relationships developed over years at the NPH family
- Child Wellness Reports developed, a new communication opportunity for godparents of Pequeños in NPH OneFamily

NPH OneFamily member at a community school in Honduras with NPH social workers.

NPH OneFamily member in Guatemala receiving child-wellness exam

NPH OneFamily Teams, composed largely of social workers and psychologists, collaborated with the homes' directors to design a support plan for each family. Strong relationships with the children's families, cultivated over years through family awareness programs, laid the groundwork for teamwork. NPH analyzed the families' distinct levels of poverty, mapped educational opportunities, and processed external risks. We designed cash transfers schedules, methodologies to monitor expenses, and agreements with families based on transparency and mutual trust. As the children neared their return to family, the homes brought the NPH family together to share in open discussion, pray over new beginnings, and say not "goodbye," but "until next time." The children's transition was handled with dignity, mixed emotions, and underlying faith that we were doing what is best for children.

Our follow up support began immediately, ensuring that each child receive nutritious meals, education, school supplies, and medical check-ups. This significant investment underscores the promise that every child receives at NPH: a path to reach their unique potential. The monitoring and coaching by NPH OneFamily teams signals to families that NPH will be a long-term partner in their children's upbringing. NPH staff can also mentor and train proactively, detect potential risks early, and ensure that the children continue receiving the support provided through the generosity of donors.

In November, a mother brought her three boys back to one of this year's anniversary celebration. As we walked from the front door to the dining room to serve them breakfast, her sons sprinted into the open arms of NPH staff, young adults in their Year of Service at every stop, rejoicing at their opportunity to reconnect. In a moment of pause, their mother turned and said, "It is so evident how much you loved them while they were here." To reflect on the relief she felt as a mother, to know that her children were loved and cared for as she would wish, was deeply moving and a tremendous honor.

CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

The NPH OneFamily teams have demonstrated steadfast commitment to the children and families in the program. Undoubtedly, raising children poses significant challenges in our communities. There is no immediate solution to the increasing security risks in Central America. Now, more than ever, we have a role to ensure that children are raised and educated in a value-based, safe environment to the best of our ability.

Our NPH OneFamily Committee worked to monitor the opportunities and challenges, incorporate trends in best practice, and support the NPH OneFamily teams as needed. The countries' teams came together in a workshop to prioritize parental training themes, promote trust building with families, and design strategies to detect and mitigate risks to children. Finally, we formulated policy to uphold children's safety and security, preserve the privacy and integrity of families, and manage the interaction of supported families with the NPH global family.

NPH OneFamily members and social workers in Honduras.

ON THE HORIZON

We continue to explore funding opportunities to launch the program in NPH Peru and NPH Mexico in 2018. As NPH Haiti and NPH Dominican Republic also serve children already reintegrated in the communities, we seek financing to deliver resources and technical assistance to their local teams.

The NPH OneFamily program empowers children to break the cycle of poverty and creates family where it was previously a remote or insecure possibility. In countries where families struggle daily to raise a child, we link them to our larger NPH family.

Our hearts were warmed this year when one of the young girls specially requested we share more about Father Wasson's philosophy with her parents. She so deeply appreciated his example and the values she learned while at NPH. Incredibly, in her only two years of living in our NPH home, she not only felt connected to our family's values, but wished to make them alive in hers as well.

Just as our children once heard us say, "You will always be part of NPH," their families now hear that message as well. Creating community is the hallmark of the NPH tradition. That is our greatest impact. This year represents our openness to learn, to grow, to partner, and to trust. While not without trial, our faith in children's ability to thrive in family sustains us now and always. As Mother Teresa once wrote to Father Wasson, "Small things become infinite when done with great love."

NPH OneFamily Committee; Donna Egge, Nelly Fernandez,
Christopher Hoyt, and Markus Streit

NPH OneFamily members and social worker playing at community school in Guatemala.

NPH Nicaragua clinic

MEDICAL SERVICES

Reflecting on 2017, our NPHI Medical Services team feels a great sense of gratitude for all the support and accomplishments we have been able to achieve together within the NPH community. At NPH, we ensure that every child has access to quality health care at any level, to vaccines, to safe water, to good and balanced nutrition, as well as to health education and a safe environment; all of which are included in NPH core programs.

We live in a world full of uncertainty and change; a challenging world the NPH faces every day. NPH has been experiencing and adapting to these environmental changes, transforming its programs to meet the current needs of children and communities. It is exciting to witness and be part of the variety of ways that NPH serves children in nine different countries.

One of the most evident results of these changes is the current population in NPH. In 2017, the demographic trends of the population that NPH serves changed dramatically from previous years. Currently, NPH has more adolescents and young adults, and fewer children under five years old. This population pattern prompted NPH to develop new age-appropriate programs and protocols for our largest age demographic, adolescents and young adults. These programs include, but are not limited to: values-based sexual education, Chicas Poderosas (a female empowerment group which promotes gender equality, healthy living practices, and conscientious decisions about adulthood), guidance on for adolescents to care for their own physical and mental health, violence prevention programs, formation on skills for growth toward independence, and both technical and a university education.

The programs we share on the next page are among the 16 NPHI core programs. We measure our progress by key standards that align with the United Nations, UNICEF and PAHO guidelines.

The Mission of the NPH International Medical Services team is to ensure integral and comprehensive health care for all the children of the NPH homes and communities NPH serves, striving to reach an optimum health and wellbeing for each child by supporting the local healthcare staff.

The ultimate goal is to enable the children to live as healthy as possible while they mature to a productive and meaningful adulthood, as well as try to unify all NPH staff and activities with the cooperative goal of health promotion.

Well-child exam at NPH Guatemala

IMMUNIZATION

Vaccines protect children against some of the most dangerous diseases of childhood, some of which can leave consequences for life. The immunization program at NPH is ongoing; we either receives the vaccines from the country's public health department, or we purchase them ourselves in order to complete the vaccination series as soon as possible, according to the age the full series of immunizations. Vaccinations not only protect the individual, they impact their entire community.

MENTAL HEALTH

In societies with deep health disparities, mental health programs need to be executed seriously and professionally. At NPH, we promote:

- Interdisciplinary work administers appropriate treatment, follow up, and further education, always in a transparent manner.
- Empowering and supporting our staff's professional development to care for children with mental health needs.
- Health education and disease prevention for our children, especially in adolescents. NPH reinforces the cycle of awareness, experimentation and repetition, ensuring that our children understand the messages clearly.
- Sexual education based on human and spiritual values.

NUTRITION

On average, approximately 75% of children arrive at NPH with signs of malnutrition such as anemia or low weight. Usually, following only a few months of receiving three balanced, regular meals a day as well as additional nutrition when needed, they reach an appropriate weight and height for their age, and NPH physicians monitor the growth and development of every child on a yearly basis. For those who have any delay in their development – including low weight or height – each home has either individual or group programs available to support them.

MOSQUITO-BORNE PREVENTION

As most NPH programs are in tropical and subtropical areas, protection against mosquito-borne diseases is a must. Malaria, Zika, Chikungunya, yellow fever and Dengue are among those infections easily preventable with mosquito screens, bed nets and other attainable measures.

WATER AND SANITATION

Access to safe water is not only a human right, it prevents diarrhea, pneumonia, parasites, hepatitis and a long list of other preventable diseases. Educating our youth on healthy habits is one essential and cost-effective measure that we use to fight water-borne diseases, with the goal that they carry these skills with them into their adult lives. Our team works hard to ensure that every home has a reliable and lasting water system. Sanitation and waste disposal systems and programs are also essential to preventing infectious diseases. Furthermore, every year, each NPH home joins the worldwide "Handwashing Day", a UN initiative that promotes this easy, everyday practice that makes a big difference in preventing the spread of infections.

NPH ONEFAMILY PROGRAM

For more information, see NPH OneFamily report on previous pages.
NPH social workers and psychologists check in on the health of each child at every visit. If children have chronic conditions, they are also responsible for ensuring follow-up visits with the local specialists and that their medication is available.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Each year, NPH faces the risk of being impacted by natural disasters – hurricanes, heavy rains, earthquakes – that bring with them enormous damage and can put our children at risk. Our Medical Services team proactively developed a healthcare manual to better respond to natural disasters in the future.

NPH Medical Services has also developed policies and guidelines for the prevention of sport injuries, patients' security, waste management, disaster preparedness, health guidelines for caregivers, nutrition, injury prevention, documentation, and tracking, all in consultation with best practices in the healthcare industry.

Finally, we would like to thank our partners: the IT support that we received in going paperless, using the Electronic Medical Records, reporting online, medical brigades, and the various experts that supported us in the areas of pediatrics, neurology, ophthalmology and dental, as well as helping us provide hot water to the kids homes in Kenscoff, Haiti. Your support has made 2017 a great year. On behalf of the NPHI Medical Services team, we express our deepest gratitude to these professionals and teams, and all those who have provided us with continued support.

Pilar Silverman, MD, NPHI Medical Services Director

7,783 physician consults

10,674 nurse consults

2,566 vaccine doses

1,268 dental services

849 children with diagnosis of chronic conditions

74 sessions on health education over 2,000 participants

1,395 well child visits

8,436 therapies (PT, OT, Speech, Psychological)

Rebuilding efforts to help the community

MEXICO

When responding to the earthquake damages, NPH found a way to care for our children and students, as well as provide support to the outside community. Just a few days after the earthquake, 120 high school students volunteered at collection centers to help sort donations. There were 55 boys and girls that went to two communities and offered their support to demolish walls, rebuild temporary homes with wood, tarps and sheets, sort trash for recycling, and other tasks. Our youths brought sacks of corn harvested at our home, sardines, rice, soup, diapers, hygiene items, blankets and clothe. NPH became a collection center to support people who did not know where to take their in-kind donations, which we hand delivered to the community and earned their trust by doing so. In total, NPH staff and youth distributed food, clothes and blankets to more than 330 people in four small towns near Miacatlán.

"The year 2017 was filled with great challenges but also the **COMFORT OF COMMUNITY**. It made us reaffirm the union and solidarity of our people after the terrible earthquake that damaged our facilities. We have been blessed to have our whole family safe and sound, for the support of so many amazing people, and for the solidarity and messages that have comforted us from afar. Additionally, our young students worked in nearby communities, teaching us the beauty of sharing with those less fortunate."

Rafael Bermúdez,
National Director
NPH Mexico

Since April, we have used 90% organic products for our tomato production, and 6,962 pounds have been harvested and used for internal consumption in our homes. This figure is in addition to the vegetables from the other two greenhouses that produced 8,818 pounds each, though for these we were able to apply only 40% of organic products. Our goal is to gradually reduce the use of chemicals and increase the use of organic products for all vegetables grown at the home, which will help reduce our expenses toward food for the homes.

Organic tomato greenhouse production

Youths helping with Tilapia harvest

GRADUATES

12 Kindergarten
65 6th grade
54 9th grade
66 High School
66 Vocational Certification
13 University

96 Holy Sacraments
33 Quinceañeras/os

An important activity at NPH Mexico is the production of tilapia fish; year by year the harvest grows and we feed this delicious and nutritious food to our children. This past year from January to October, 8,744 pounds were harvested, equivalent to approximately 14,774 fish, and served in 25 meals of almost 600 fish per meal. We estimate a 3,968-pound harvest for December, which will add to the year's total production, which should be 9.89% higher than the 2016 production. Our goal is to increase production year after year, though in 2018 our low-end projection is 11,023 pounds considering our kitchen, freezers and dining room are not 100% operational due to the damage suffered after the earthquake.

Many children who arrive at NPH have not received proper schooling and face a major learning curve compared to the rest of their peers. For this reason, NPH teachers evaluate their academic level and refer them to the grade that can best meet their academic needs. This year we had four elementary school graduates that were older in age, between 12 and 14 years old, who started off on a specialized track to master subjects from elementary school; some of these students missed school before entering NPH, and others learned new material due to a poor quality of education in their previous schools. In 2017, this group of four students mastered the subjects from elementary and proudly moved on to middle school to join their peers. Due to the earthquake, many school procedures have been postponed, and the school does not yet know of students who will take advantage of this opportunity in 2018.

After the September 19th earthquake that damaged several NPH structures, the team gathered to do an inventory of the damages and to begin rebuilding. This NPH team not only focused on the structures to ensure the physical safety of youth, but they also focused on restoring the sense of security and peace within each NPH youth. Activities in the house were diverse: providing psycho-emotional support for each child, implementing outdoor classes in tents, additional family visits and evaluating the need to repair, rebuild or demolish various structures such as the schools, wall, dormitories and more. Despite much adversity, the team has managed to keep the children and students of NPH safe since the very moment of the earthquake, and will continue to see changes and improvements throughout 2018.

Having fun during elementary school gym class

Make-shift outdoor kitchen

NUTRITIOUS MEALS: $829

(PER CHILD PER YEAR)

Sisters playing together

HONDURAS

During 2017, NPH Honduras has transitioned from peer-grouped housing to mixed-age housing groups. Our home now has opened 13 new living spaces, transitioning 81 boys and 78 girls into same-gender, mixed-aged housing. These living environments will provide children and youths with more personal space, enable older children to serve as role models to the younger, and ensure the caregivers can give the children the individualized attention they need. While many homes for vulnerable children in Honduras rely on sizeable dormitory-style housing, NPH Honduras is leading the way in establishing arrangements that resemble biological families' living situations. In 2018, we hope to continue this program by developing our larger dorm-style facilities into smaller family living spaces and provide more significant individual attention.

"One word I would use for 2017 is '**STRENGTH**'. This year has been an incredibly challenging one for us, rich with stories of successes however also torn with loss. We have learned that these hardships do not define us, but rather serve to strengthen us. As they say, "heartbreak does not make us broken, hardship does not make us hard". With the support and love of our family all over the world, we have passed through these challenging moments and begun to heal, all along becoming better children of Christ. You are our family, and we thank you for your continued support from the bottom of our hearts."

Stefan Feuerstein
National Director NPH Honduras

The Honduran National Directorate for Children, Youth, and Family, recently awarded NPH Honduras their highest rating for NGOs operating homes for children in the country. Honduras received a 93% effectiveness rating, placing the home among the top three in the nation. Beyond making the relationship with the government stronger, this new rating paved the way for Honduras to open its new home in Catacamas, which has already assisted over 20 children in urgent need. This new ranking system lifting up NPH Honduras as a national example for other organizations to follow. In 2018, NPH Honduras hopes to be the first NGO to reach the 100% effectiveness rating by creating more individualized programming for our youth.

Caregiver working with a pequeño during a tutoring session

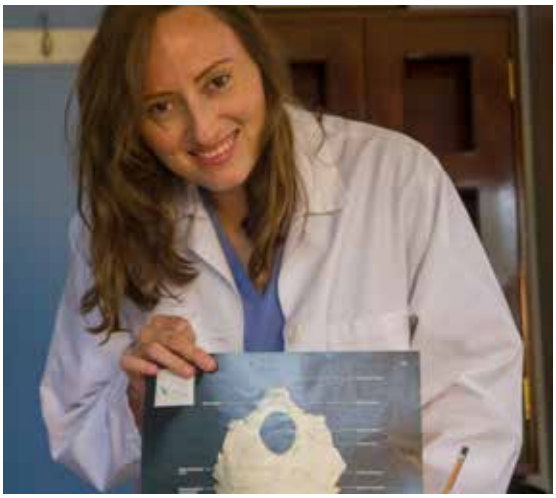
GRADUATES

16	Kindergarten
23	6th grade
20	9th grade
16	High School
29	Vocational Certification
4	University
46	Holy Sacraments
22	Quinceañeras/os

NPH OneFamily social workers meet with a youth who was reintegrated with her family.

In February of 2017, NPH Honduras began its first family reintegration program, called the "NPH OneFamily Program," to reintegrate children into their biological families in Honduras. Following four months of investigations and meetings on the part of NPH social workers and psychologists with our youths and their biological families, we identified 44 children in situations that were able to live with their families provided they receive additional support; NPH now provides the families with educational, economic, and parental assistance. This allows for these children to live in a smaller family unit with biological relatives who love and care for them, and helps 44 children with the NPH educational and personal development experience to contribute to Honduran society outside of our home. This program has more deeply strengthened NPH Honduras' relationship with the Honduran Government Directorate for Children, Youth, and Family; and has allowed us to enter into the broader international conversation surrounding alternative family care. The goal for the program is to continue successfully reconnecting Honduran children with their biological families where appropriate, years into the future.

In July of 2017, NPH Honduras opened its first 'transition home,' Casa Mi Esperanza, in Catacamas, Honduras. In its first four months, Casa Mi Esperanza welcomed 17 youths into its doors, and successfully transitioned 11 into stable, long-term living environments, including five children to biological family members. The home employs 10 local staff members from the department of Olancho. NPH Honduras worked closely with the Honduran Directorate for Children, Youth, and Family; as well as the United Nations High Commission for Refugees' Honduran duty station to open the home, and continues working closely with the Honduran government in its daily operations. NPH seeks to utilize Casa Mi Esperanza to continue reaching out to populations of children in need that we were before unable to help, to provide a loving, caring environment for them where the long-term solution that is in their best interests is found.



Ana, a hermana mayor, works at HFSC

One World Surgery's facility, the Holy Family Surgery Center (HFSC), located at NPH Honduras has increased its efficiency and the quality of care provided during 2017 by implementing new programs. The new evaluation project demonstrated clinical outcomes comparable to surgery centers in the U.S. and a patient satisfaction rate of over 90%. Additionally, they hired a full-time social worker to interview patients in order to learn about how to best support them throughout their time with HFSC. While the Honduran community benefits directly from the surgeries provided, 19 of our Pequeños also received operations during 2017.

Next year, HFSC plans to have their social worker conduct home visits to ensure resources are being allocated towards those with the greatest need, in addition to continuing to implement improvement projects that resulted from their evaluation project.

TEACHER SALARY: $8,221

(AVERAGE SALARY PER YEAR)

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of NPH Haiti

HAITI

NPH Haiti celebrated its 30th anniversary for two days in January 2017 at the St. Helene flagship home in Kenscoff. Youth and adults leaders gave a historical presentation of the past 30 years then NPH Haiti President and co-founder, Fr. Rick Frechette, gave an anniversary mass. Cultural activities, dancing and singing, were performed by the children and afterwards all received a special meal and treats. On day two, some of the children with our team of big brothers and sisters, visited hospitals and jails and delivered in-kind donations and supplies. On June 17, 2017, NPH Haiti held its first fundraising gala at the Marriott Hotel to celebrate the 30th anniversary with visitors and dignitaries. Our team was happy to celebrate with the Haitian community and international guests its achievements in Haiti in supporting maternal and pediatric healthcare as well as raising and transforming the lives of vulnerable children.

"The year 2017 was **WONDERFUL** for our family. We celebrated 30 years of caring for vulnerable children and their families in Haiti! Despite all the challenges that our country faces, we have the opportunity to continue to expand our family and to support more children each year. We want to thank all those who have participated in making our dreams a reality."

Kenson Kaas,
Deputy Director of Childcare NPH Haiti

NPH Haiti and partner, The St. Luke Foundation for Haiti, teams travelled over 266 km twice to Anse-à-Foleur and Port de Paix in Northern Haiti. In-kind donations and supplies were delivered to help people who were affected by Hurricane Irma. Items included 17 tons of food (rice and cooking oil), 17 tons of water, six tons of clothes and sheets, 60,000 aquatabs, 6 sack laundry soap powder, and 25 boxes laundry soap bars. Roofing materials to repair 20 houses and 250 marmites of seeds for planting (1000 lbs), were also delivered. We are grateful that we can help support families in need who lost everything.

Solar panel installation

Wall repair at St. Helene home

GRADUATES

192	Kindergarten
71	9th grade
37	High School
5	Vocational Certification
18	University

9	Baptisms
58	First Communion

In 2017 we completed many repairs at our flagship home St. Helene, including repairing the outer wall of the entire property which was damaged in a storm. We also renovated the amphitheater, which is used for all our gatherings, mass, cultural activities and meeting with families. Additionally identified problematic trees were cut and removed for safety. The home also acquired a donation of a playground, which was very well received by our NPH children and the community children who attend our onsite school.

At St. Helene, 19 water heaters were installed in all the girls houses for hot showers. The first phase of the project has already been successfully completed with the installation of water tanks and piping to the five girls' houses bringing them water suitable for bathing and kitchen use. The boys houses are slated for phase two installation and upgrades to the potable water and sanitation system are planned for 2018.

A solar smart grid has been installed in Tabarre, merging many NPH and The St. Luke Foundation for Haiti facilities to one electrical network. In January 2017, for the first time, all generators were switched off during the day and the system was running on solar energy. The programs are now running 100% on solar for six to eight hours a day, depending on the direct solar radiation. Our goal is to have a system with 650kwp solar energy and have all programs in Tabarre connected to the grid. So far, we have about 475kwp with further installations starting in 2018. With the prosepct of stable power 24/7, there will be no more damages to our medical devices and no more power outages during surgeries.

This project is possible thanks our cooperation with partners and donors such as the NPH offices of Spain, Netherlands, Germany, the Biohaus-foundation and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In 2017, a solar conference also took place in cooperation with NPH, St. Luke and Biohaus foundation. We had about 100 participants, among them: representatives from the German and Haitian government, American and Haitian companies and NGOs and students from the vocational school. It was impressive to see that so many people are interested in solar energy and that representatives from the Haitian government are open to discuss with companies and students about the challenges and opportunities in the Haitian energy sector.

New playground

Solar grid

New baby at the St. Anne Baby House

SANITATION AND DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT PHASE 2: $192 (PER CHILD)

Professional development training course for therapeutic and medical staff from NPH.

HAITI: SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

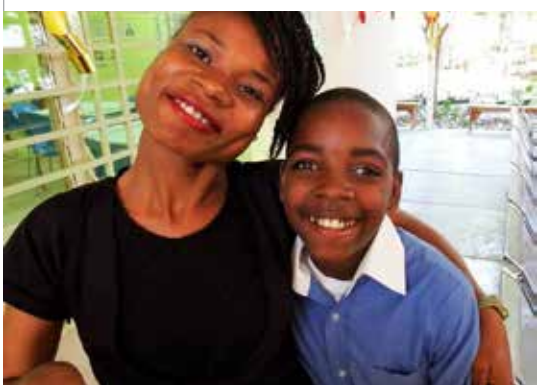
The Special Needs Program is passionately committed to strengthening its offering in the field of physical therapy. At Kay Gabriel Therapy Center in Tabarre, our therapists receive continuous training from in-house specialists and visiting international experts, including an exchange of techniques and strategies and ongoing peer support. They also participate in an extensive formal training program; in 2017 that program included 10 individual training sessions along with 23 days of block training. The University of Genoa provided a modular professional development course for 25 therapeutic and medical staff from NPH and other local organizations, including two hospitals and a prosthetic center. The training covered topics such as brain function, child development, motor skills and disability rights. It also included practical demonstrations of techniques with children from Kay Gabriel. These training interventions are critical in Haiti, where the educational framework for physical therapists is extremely limited.

In December 2017, Kay Christine residential home welcomed its first new member of the family in three years: a seven-year old boy with special needs named Jamie*. Jamie was admitted to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in 2016 with severe cholera symptoms. He was close to death and required emergency resuscitation upon his arrival. His mother soon passed away because of the same disease, and his father was no longer part of his life, so he lived at St. Damien for eighteen months until Gena Heraty, our program director, welcomed him to Kay Christine. He now has a permanent home with an extended family of very excited brothers, sisters and caregiving staff. He also has access to regular physical therapy, which will improve his chances of walking unaided in the future. He was baptized by Father Rick Frechette on Christmas Eve. He went from being near death to beginning a whole new life; to this one child, our program is his entire world.

Gena Heraty, *Special Needs Director with new child, Jaime.*

*Name changed for child protection purposes.

In 2017, our Special Needs Program staff worked together to create and commit to a code of conduct for all stakeholders including staff, patients, parents and visitors. A workshop took place in October where the theme was 'Believe in Good'. Staff suggestions were gathered and colorful posters were designed and displayed. The posters proclaim our dedication to overarching NPH principles such as humility and mutual respect. They also confirm our shared commitment to the little things that mean a lot, including friendly greetings and warm smiles. The new code of conduct is a solid framework for a positive work culture based on love.



Smiling faces at Kay Germaine

66 students
attend Kay Germaine school

148 children
receive therapy

Expert visit helps support children and staff at Kay Germaine

Activity time at Kay Germaine school

86 adults receiving therapy one to two times a week at Kay Gabriel

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

9 young adults participating in a life skills workshop at Kay Eliane

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

In a country with widespread unemployment and underemployment, our program employs 119 people in the Port-au-Prince region.

This past year the Special Needs Program hosted four external monitoring and evaluation visits from international teams that included physical therapists, behavioral psychologists and a special needs education expert. These teams travelled at their own expense to offer practical support to local staff on a voluntary basis. Their feedback was very encouraging, with one visitor stating, "We were delighted to see that staff remained constant over four years. Staff use information and ideas with very few resources." Another visitor concluded that the Special Needs Program provides, 'A very impressive environment for the educational, therapy and other needs of very vulnerable children in Haiti'. External monitoring and evaluation visits have a direct and positive impact on the development of our services; our program outcomes are enhanced through respectful exchanges with passionate professionals.

Our Outreach Coordinator, Jacinta McGuane, developed a comprehensive learning disabilities manual in French for distribution to schools all over Haiti. The manual assists teachers in diagnosing, assessing and supporting children in the classroom who have learning, visual, hearing, language and behavioral issues, as well as those with specific medical conditions such as spina bifida and cerebral palsy. This intervention directly addresses a critical need in Haiti for educational resources based on local experience. The new resource will be introduced at eight schools initially, serving up to 4,000 beneficiaries. Training workshops are scheduled for 2018, and the manual will be made available online, along with a Spanish translation so that this resources can benefit other locations in the wider NPH network. This output will improve educational performance and participation for children with disabilities, as well as organizational responsiveness to their unique needs.

Kay Germaine school community students

Cardiac surgery patient at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital

ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

2017 marked NPH Haiti's 30th anniversary. It all began in 1987, one year after Duvalier's dictatorship ended. Father Rick Frechette arrived and extended the work of Father Wasson to Haiti. Saint Damien Hospital grew from a hospice in 1989 to the current, well respected, referral-based maternity and pediatrics hospital in Haiti.

A STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP

After the 2010 earthquake, the pediatricians of Brown University-Hasbro Children's Hospital from Akron, Ohio travelled to Haiti to support St. Damien's; soon after, other pediatric programs joined in. We then asked Dr. Jeff Kempf, Director of Global Health at Akron Children's Hospital, to coordinate the efforts of the growing group of pediatricians from global health programs willing to come and work at St. Damien. Currently, 11 pediatric academic medical centers rally in a wonderful, bi-directional program exposing U.S. pediatricians to global health in Haiti and offering a rotation to Haitian physicians in the U.S. hospitals. After St. Damien created its residency program, the St. Damien Collaborative grew stronger, becoming an excellent partner in the training of the residents. The network also offers medical equipment and supplies.

Through Dr. Kempf's leadership, and after five years of collaboration, the group has reached a wonderful level of organization to promote quality pediatric care for children in Haiti. We organize monthly conference calls and have attended a yearly retreat the past two years to review the collaboration's results and continue to plan for advancements. This past year, the group sent one CT scanner to St. Damien and another one is on the way. They brought 11 children from St. Damien's to their Akron hospital to perform cardiac surgery. At the end of 2017, the chairman of Akron Children's Hospital, Dr. Norman Christopher, donated 16 much-needed monitors that will soon be delivered to the hospital in efforts to improve the management of children and women delivering at St Damien. We are grateful to count on Dr. Kempf and Akron Children Hospital's program.

Right: Jacqueline Gautier, MD *National Director for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital and St. Kay Germaine*; Middle Yola Pascale Gassant, MD and Margareth Narcisse, MD.

Last June, approximately 220 people participated in a successful fundraising gala at the Marriott Hotel in Port-au-Prince to celebrate the 30th anniversary of NPH Haiti. There were 32 local companies who sponsored the event, and attendees included the Minister of Healthcare as well as other dignitaries. Following this gala, St. Damien organized its first two-day pediatric conference with the support of Fondazione Rava, the Haitian Pediatric Society and the Saint Damien Collaborative. In attendance were 160 pediatricians. St. Damien hopes to continue to hold this conference on a bi-annual basis, to serve as a continuous educational opportunity for pediatricians and other health professionals involved in children's healthcare.

Emile, a famous Haitian singer performed at the fundraising gala.

DEVELOPING PHYSICIANS

The second group of six pediatricians graduated on September 17th , 2017. They included; Dr. Steeven Joseph, Dr. Sherley Jacques, Dr. Danielle Dorinvil, Dr. Islande Saintilus, Dr. Jean Rony Antoine and Dr. Wesky Dorcena, received their diploma in a ceremony at Oasis Hotel, in Petion Ville. The consortium of Université Notre Dame d'Haïti, Hospital Bernard Mevs-Medishare and St. Damien were incredibly proud to see the results of the efforts of these physicians over the past three years. They shared warm words of gratitude toward the faculty members and all of the St. Damien partners who had mentored them. These six new pediatricians were hired at the hospital between October and December 2017. They are replacing pediatricians who left as well as others involved in training abroad.

PEDIATRIC SURGICAL FELLOWSHIP

The program supported by Fondazione Rava NPH Italy and the European Society of Pediatric Surgery, will complete its second year in March 2018. A core group of Italian pediatric surgeons led by Dr. Vincenzo Tomaselli rotate to participate in the training of two Haitian fellows. The training is coordinated by Dr. Osnel Louisma, head of the program. One of the two fellows is currently at Gaslini Hospital, Genova for a five-month training. In turn, St. Damien will soon receive the second Italian pediatric resident from this hospital for a one-month training.

The St. Damien heart program has grown significantly. Eleven children received heart surgery in February 2016 at our hospital. A second mission scheduled for September 2016 was postponed for January 2017 due to insecurity. More than 150 children were screened during five visits of pediatric cardiologists from the US, France, India (from an Indian hospital established at Cayman Islands). A wonderful partnership with Haiti Cardiac Alliance, Gift of Life International and a foundation from Health City Hospital in Cayman Islands support this program. A significant proportion of those children were dying before at home or at health centers not able to send them abroad for needed surgeries. Many are screened throughout the country with missions at other hospitals thanks to the work of the Haiti Cardiac Alliance. St Damien is the only hospital able to offer local surgery for the moment brought by an international team led by Gift of Life International.

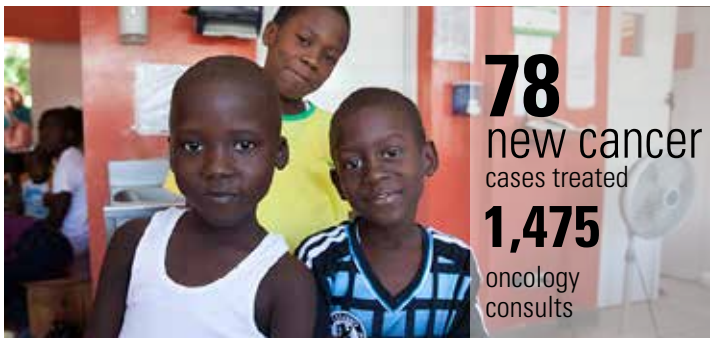
Dr. Alexandra Noisette, a pediatrician from St. Damien is currently in her six months of one-year training in pediatric cardiology in Martinique. Dr. Noisette was able to conduct her first screening visit during her training last September. The program will continue to grow offering screening, surgery, follow up care to the children with heart disease in Haiti. Three surgical cardiac missions are scheduled at St. Damien during 2017.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FOR CHILDREN IN ABANDONED WARD: $19 (DAILY)

CARDIAC MISSIONS

Three cardiac missions were held during 2017, and 34 children were operated on. There were two who passed away. Our last case at St. Damien represented the 30,000th child to receive cardiac surgery through Gift of Life International (GOLI) since it started its operation 20 years ago in Uganda. St. Damien is grateful and proud to be one of GOLI's partners since 2015. GOLI is also building our capacity to care for children with cardiac diseases. Dr. Alexandra Noisette is currently completing her second and last year of fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Necker-Enfants Malades Hospital in Paris, the leading pediatric cardiology program in Europe.

2017 ST. DAMIEN HIGHLIGHTS



78
new cancer
cases treated

1,475
oncology
consults

Public Health
29,144
services

Provided over
14,900
consults

45
children
received cardiac surgery

2,786
babies delivered

7,371
maternity visits

Malnutrition
Admissions **431**

Treated **1,195**
children for dehydration.

Provided over **1,500**
tuberculosis consults and
treated **254** new cases

Caregivers and children having fun picking and drinking coconuts.

NICARAGUA

In 2017, new children have joined the NPH Nicaragua family and the home has received recognition from Nicaraguan Family Services, 'Ministerio de Familia', for its efforts in strengthening relationships with children and families while consistently working to restore and protect the rights of children. Five new children are living at Casa Padre Wasson in the protection program and 13 in the prevention, or semi-internal, program. The children and their families were invited to attend NPH Nicaragua's first family retreat to the Island of Ometepe, where children, families, and staff participated in activities focused on bonding, self-reflection, and improving their behavior and relationships. Nicaraguan Family Services recognizes NPH as an excellent example over the last ten years, of UNICEF´s efforts to maintain family relationships with children in difficult situations. In 2018, NPH hopes to accept 40 more children to its programs and continue to develop and strengthen relationships with both the Nicaraguan government and the families of our children.

"2017 was a year of **UNITY** for NPH Nicaragua. From offering support to communities and children in need after a devastating storm, to hosting new retreats for families of our community students and for our pequeños and educators, our family has become more united. Every challenge and celebration has strengthened our family bonds this year.

Marlon Velásquez, *National Director NPH Nicaragua*

The construction of NPH Nicaragua's new secondary school was completed in August. The new school, funded by NPH Germany, includes eight new classrooms, a lab, a library, and an administrative office. The space will benefit all NPH students, including those from our protection and prevention programs and the community students who attend our school. Now, all preschool, primary school and high school classes will have their own space as opposed to splitting classrooms in half and limiting space as was necessary before. NPH is hoping to accept approximately 40 new students in the 2018 school year.

New secondary school classrooms

GRADUATES

6	Kindergarten
24	6th grade
8	High School
30	Vocational Certification
3	University
10	Holy Sacraments
11	Quinceañeras/os

Marlen, the Samaritan Project coordinator, with one of the girls

Helping to deliver supplies

Having fun at the home during activity time

CASA SAMARITAN SERVICES: $719

(PER CHILD PER YEAR)

The Samaritan Project, also known as Casa Samaritano, began in 2010 at the NPH home on Ometepe island. After moving the NPH home to the mainland in Jinotepe, two volunteers stayed on the island to continue providing support to children with disabilities and their families. Casa Samaritano cares for children with neurological issues such as cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome and other motor neurological disorders, as well as patients with orthopedic problems, autism, cognitive delays, psychomotor retardation, and spina bifida. The program offers a wide range of support to 42 children and their families, including physical and occupational therapy, medical and psychological care, food baskets, workshops and training. In 2017, minor renovations were made to the Samaritan property to include a new bathroom, and the project's 7th anniversary was celebrated in October.

Approximately 500 solar panels were installed on the rooftops of the vocational workshops and the cafeteria, thanks to Biohaus-Stiftung and NPH Germany. The panels have a life expectancy of at least 20 years and a capacity of about 52 kilowatts. This energy can save the home up to 30% in energy costs, or nearly $2,000 monthly. This installation puts NPH at the forefront of sustainable, solar energy in Nicaragua, allowing the home to host public conversations and providing the opportunity for a more hands-on education for the home and community in the future. NPH hopes to receive permission from the government to supply overflow energy to the community at lower energy costs for its neighbors, and to increase staff knowledge and expertise to be able to properly maintain the solar panels.

After Tropical Storm Nate hit Nicaragua on October 5th, a group of students and staff from NPH supported some of the most heavily affected communities with food, clothing, and other in-kind donations. Food and lodging was provided by NPH for 36 children displaced from their group home, and 200 large sacks of food, including rice, beans, soy, and dehydrated potatoes, as well as two hundred bags of clothing and several mattresses were distributed among the residents of two communities in southern Nicaragua. NPH children and staff who were luckily unharmed by the storm were able to share and interact with those who live in the hardest-hit areas, where floods washed away roads, destroyed homes and possessions, and even claimed lives. The damage also reached NPH Casa Asis, in San Jorge, with the loss of many crops and the deaths of 70 chickens and several pigs. In 2018, NPH hopes to repair and replace everything necessary at Casa Asis and will continue to be available for community support.

Special needs student and friend together

GUATEMALA

The NPH OneFamily program aims at reintegrating youth who previously live at NPH Guatemala who are now able to live with their biological families, contingent upon receiving essential, additional support from NPH. Launched in 2017, the program currently supports 19 families with 29 children, 19 boys and 10 girls. This year NPH staff made more than 108 visits to the families' homes, conducted more than 540 interviews, 30 school visits and 34 family workshops with parents and children, providing education in various topics like human rights and values, sexual education and relation, domestic violence, health and nutrition. In 2018, the goal is to increase the number of children supported by the NPH OneFamily Program to 40, alongside a rising number of family visits.

"I had the opportunity to return to NPH Guatemala and begin my position as the National Director. This year has been **TRANSFORMATIVE**; a time of change and also great challenges. We have worked hard to achieve a transformation of services and also adapt some of our facilities, to give quality care to our children and youths both in the home and community. Thanks to all the donors and the people who help us, together we are transforming lives and forging a better future for our children, young people and the society, in this way we are fulfilling the mission of our founder."

Orlando Ramos, *National Director NPH Guatemala*

The staff of NPH Guatemala's school added new laboratory materials and also new equipment in the computer room at the beginning of 2017. They installed 25 new computers with the newest version of the common programs so that the students can learn using up-to-date technology and systems. In 2017 the school provided an education to 120 students from the surrounding community and 102 students living in the home, and celebrated the graduations of 53 students. The new science and computer technology equipment are tools to help the teachers lead these students into the future. In 2018, the staff plans to renew the audio visual room equipment.

Students learning power point on new computers

Renovated bedroom with new beds

GRADUATES

11	Kindergarten
14	6th grade
28	9th grade
14	High School
28	Vocational Certification
18	Holy Sacraments
5	Quinceañeras

In mid-2017 we began renovating the larger bedrooms to become smaller, individual rooms that accommodate two to three children. The team also replaced bunk beds with 76 new wooden beds, 47 in the boys' home and 29 in the girls'. The goal of this project is to create a more personal and private environment for youth, giving them a personal and unique space just for them. In 2018 there are plans to renovate the other big rooms in the home in an effort to improve the youth's privacy and individualized care.

NPH's 'Hermanos Mayores' program is our way of checking in on the youth and adults who grew up at NPH and now lead independent lives, as any family would do. In 2017, we supported 37 big brothers and sisters with food, clothing, hygiene products, medical support and rent payments; but most importantly, we supported them with educational scholarships to boost their academic careers and chances of finding fulfilling work. NPH offers additional benefits as well, such as sponsoring drivers' licenses, providing cooking courses, and building relationships with companies to help open the door to future job opportunities. The goal of the program is to stay in touch with our older brothers and sisters, and to help them improve their quality of life when they are in need. In 2018, we want to increase the inclusion of hermanos mayores in the home events, implement trainings for parents and children, and facilitate even more community outreach in nearby villages.

Psychological support is top of mind for the wellbeing of our children, many who have suffered great losses and traumatic experiences in their lives. In 2017, our staff provided more than 1,000 individual, one-on-one counselor visits and 121 group therapies. The psychology team supported 82 youths in creating life plans, where the youths outlined their personal and professional dreams and goals. The staff treated 60 children with various individual therapies such as physiotherapy, ergotherapy and language therapy. We also restarted the youth development group and the women's empowerment group, 'Chicas Poderosas' that 33 girls regularly attended this year. These development programs help to improve youth's self-esteem and provide the platform to reveal their unique gifts and potential.

Hermanos mayores activity at NPH Guatemala

Learning about natrue and sustainability

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS: $405

(PER CHILD PER YEAR-INCLUDES MATERIALS AND UNIFORM)

Caregiver and children sharing hugs

EL SALVADOR

In 2017, we had the graduation of the first doctor in our home. Rodolfo, one of our university students, reached his lifetime goal of graduating as a general doctor this year. Rodolfo arrived at NPH when he was 15 years old; both of his parents passed away and their extended family needed support from NPH. Even at a young age, Rodolfo had his heart set on becoming a doctor and he worked hard to achieve this goal; with the help of NPH, he was able to attain his dream. Studying medicine is one of the most expensive majors in our country, and it is difficult for many to attend university and follow through. NPH El Salvador will continue making it possible for our students to continue their studies at the university level, and will encourage them to work hard and reach their dreams. *Rodolfo is picture below with National Director Olegario Campos and his wife, Patricia.*

"2017 was a **BLESSING** for the NPH El Salvador Family. We are thankful to God for all the blessings we were able to share with our kids and with the people from the community outside our home. We are also thankful to all the donors, Godparents, friends, NPHI staff and local staff for their work and support because without their help, we would not be able to continue Father Wasson's legacy. We are here to support children, and with many thanks to God, that is what we did this year."

Olegario Campos, *National Director NPH El Salvador*

A total of 26 children received their Holy Sacraments this year, including those who live at NPH and also children from the community. Among these sacraments, we celebrated eleven baptisms, and three first communions of the youngest children from our new CAI Daycare program. We highly value this gift because it is the foundational to our children's spiritual development and because they continue the legacy of Father Wasson. We are proud to provide spiritual education and faith formation opportunities to youth in El Salvador who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Next year, we will continue providing the catechesis program in our home, not only for our children, but also for the children in the community daycare program.

Holy sacrament group with Fr. Raymond Webb

GRADUATES

9	Kindergarten
8	6th grade
13	9th grade
14	High School
2	Vocational Certification
1	University
26	Holy sacraments
18	Quinceañeras/os

Providing quality early childhood stimulation at the onsite daycare center

Winners of the spelling bee

Child wellness check-up at onsite clinic

RAISING AND FEEDING CATTLE:
$176 (PER CHILD PER YEAR)

NPH El Salvador opened "Centro de Atención Infantil" (CAI), a daycare that brings both quality care for children during the day, and great relief for the parents to know their kids are in good hands during the weekday. The daycare started with 19 kids who live in the community and then extended the service to the children of 'Hermanos Mayores', adults who grew up in NPH. Currently, 43 children attend CAI every day: 24 of them from the local community and 19 of Hermanos Mayores. As the word spread and the CAI population grew, another teacher was hired. The children receive an early childhood education, which is not common in rural areas of our country. Next year, CAI will continue to provide support and education to the children so that they receive the foundation for their future.

Two of our youths participated in a spelling bee contest outside of our home, and we are proud to announce that they both won in their categories! Every year, our students prepare for an external spelling bee contest; this year, these two particular students enrolled in the district competition across 15 schools. In the overall competition, one student won first place, and the other, second place. In El Salvador, not all students learn English at school, but our youths have the advantage of studying it at a young age; this makes a significant difference in their language-learning and spelling abilities. Next year, the teachers of our school will continue encouraging the kids to participate in contests like these, for the motivational value and also so that they put into practice what they have learned.

The NPH clinic has accomplished various successes throughout the year including medical visits as part of the Child Wellness program, vaccinations, surgery and assistance to the local community. Each of our 117 children under the age of 18 had examines of the eyes, nose, throat, and ears, 64 children received vaccinations, one of our youths with a heart condition received cardiovascular surgery, and there were 198 consultations and procedures provided to the local community. Good healthcare is essential for our children to stay healthy and do well in school, and can be hard to find for some of our local community members. In El Salvador, young children do not have access to a good healthcare system due to the conditions of the public hospitals and clinics. Next year, the clinic will continue providing quality services to both populations.

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Montessori student from the community

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In 2017, we welcomed more students to our onsite Montessori program and added two additional classrooms. Currently, there are 46 students studying in our Montessori program. Upon opening the two new classrooms, we hired four new teachers, with two assistants to welcome approximately 20 new students into their classrooms. Since we are a semi-private school, students attend school all day long compared to the public schools, where they would attend either in the morning or afternoon. Next year, we are looking to serve a total of more than 50 children in the Montessori program.

"In a word, 2017 was **INSPIRING**. We continued our work throughout the year dedicated to finding the best approach to helping each member of our ever-growing NPH family. The earnest desire of so many people who joined in to help us is precisely what makes working with the NPH family so inspiring. The year of 2018 marks our 15th year of family at NPH Dominican Republic! From our whole family to all of you, our wonderful friends and donors, thank you for 15 years of support. None of this would have been possible without it. I hope that you are also proud of your accomplishments. Believe me, you should be."

Kieran Rigney, *National Director Dominican Republic*

NPH Dominican Republic opened a project for children in Monte Plata named "Niños de Dios", "God's Kids". The home was created with the specific purpose of providing a temporary home to children in need and emergency situations, with the hope of reintegrating them into family structures. Currently home to five children, the program employs three 'Hermanos Mayores', adults who grew up in NPH as children, and is now looking to hire three additional staff members. In 2018, "Niños de Dios" plans to welcome 20 children and develop onsite recreational areas.

Hermana mayor caring for new children

Developing life skills by learning about bank accounts

GRADUATES

40 Kindergarten
17 6th grade
30 9th grade
19 High School

43 Holy Sacraments
22 Quinceañeras/os

The staff of NPH Dominican Republic began a mini banking system for our children onsite. All 176 internal children from ages three to eighteen years old now have a bank account and a bank identification card. The NPH Bank provides security for their money, and personal finance lessons that highlight the importance of saving. The goal is that over time through this experience, children and youths will learn money management and acquire the skills necessary to lead independent lives one day.

The Dominican Republic opened a second house for young adults to be able to better meet their needs and eventually welcome new children with disabilities. The Haitian cancer patients who were previously living in our Santa María home moved to a peaceful, spacious area of the clinic, and eight young adults from the special needs home, Casa San Marcos, moved into Santa María. This move created an opportunity to welcome more younger children with disabilities sent by the government to stay in Casa San Marcos. Providing special attention, education, treatment and therapies to these youth remain the top priority and will help their integration into society. Each year we strive to help our youths become as independent as possible.

We strive to help our neighbors in little ways that make a big impact. Over the past year, we have provided 500 people with medical services via mobile clinics, 166 community students with an education through our school, and an additional five women in the surrounding community with English classes. We helped renovate and expand two family's homes. We do this to meet the immediate needs of the community and at the same time give them an opportunity to improve their lives. Next year, we hope to support more than 600 people with medical services, and serve 200 external children in our school from the surrounding communities.

In 2018, NPH Dominican Republic will celebrate its 15th anniversary. In 2003, NPH Dominican Republic began in a rented home with seven youth and a dream. Today we live in our permanent home "Casa Santa Ana" and have helped protect and serve more than 300 children. Working to improve the standard of living for our children, we have employed over 100 local staff, contributing to growth in the local economy. Within the next year we hope to open our Eco School, and expand and improve our reintegration program.

Children helping in gardens to collect vegetables

Medical services community outreach

ORGANIC FARM: $124

(PER CHILD PER YEAR)

Celebrating godparents day

PERU

In September and October, building improvements were made in our home: the kinder house has a new stimulation area; the administrative center has two new offices; new wooden modules were built for a therapy area and another larger room as an auditorium. These changes will benefit over 100 children and youths: they will receive their therapies in comfortable and practical areas, and the administrative staff will be able to carry out their functions in a more suitable environment. We hope that next year we will be able to generate new jobs, which will benefit the local community.

In early 2017, we welcomed three new volunteers to extend our psychology support to the children: two who work on language and learning therapy; and one who inaugurated the art therapy service. This is the first time that NPH Peru has an art therapist, which is beneficial for our children because it provides an effective and healthy way to express their emotions and feelings. To date, 31 children have benefited from language therapy, 42 from learning therapy, and 25 from art therapy. Our goal for next year is to continue working with volunteers in different areas that help our youths to express themselves and develop their skills.

"2017 was a year of taking on new **CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**; and we are very grateful for the opportunity to continue the delicate and important work in favor of our children."

Tula Cruces Castillo and Rosario Chirinos, *National Directors NPH Peru*

Tula is pictured with a recent university graduate

Psychologist session

Delivering in-kind donations to flood victims

GRADUATES

- **4** Kindergarten
- **5** 6th grade
- **3** High School
- **4** University
- **5** Quinceañeras/os

Early in 2017, many families who lived in Carapongo, an urban area of the district of Lurigancho-Chosica located in Lima, were badly impacted by the flooding of the Rimac River as a result of El Niño phenomenon. In March and December, thanks to the valuable donation of our friends from the United States, Germany and Italy, NPH Peru staff was present in the area providing humanitarian aid and service to 57 affected families who lost everything. We offered medical care as well as non-perishable food, water, school backpacks for children, furniture such as mattresses, covers, tables, chairs, stoves, rice cookers, blenders, refrigerators, cleaning and personal hygiene items, baby diapers, bed blankets, children's clothing and other supplies. These families expressed their gratitude after this significant donation and hopefully it supported them in their quest to rebuild their lives.

In 2017, we had six youths began their university studies in different careers at both national and private colleges, becoming the largest freshmen university class in recent years from NPH Peru. Including this new class of students, 13 NPH youths now currently study at the university level. Most of them are able to study in private institutions, which is a great challenge given the current economic situation of our country. This year four of our youths graduated from college in the areas of Business Administration, Law and Agronomy. As most of students who attend university in rural areas, they plan to go to the capital city of Lima where they can find more opportunities to do an internship and gain practical work experience in order to get a job that let them continue with their professional training. In 2018, five youths are expected to be admitted and start their university studies.

Our NPH staff improved our home's security system, installing six fire extinguishers, seven emergency lights, three security alarms and one wooden fence. These new installations make the home a safe place to live and contribute to the work that the security service provides on a permanent basis at the home to ensure the security and integrity of our children and staff. In 2018, we hope to obtain approval of technical safety inspections in the buildings again, based on the recommendations provided by Instituto Nacional de Defensa Civil del Perú.

University students with their new laptops

Celebrating turning 15-years old

THERAPY MATERIALS: $43

(PER CHILD PER YEAR)

Increased vegetable production on the farm

BOLIVIA

NPH Bolivia made major strides towards greater sustainability this past year. Our milk cows produced approximately 50 litres per day, we ate delicious fish once a week from our ponds, occasionally we served meat from the meat cows and goats, harvested yucca and rice that was nearly enough for the entire year, and the garden started to provide us with fresh vegetables. In total, we produced food at a value of nearly $20,000 (USD). Taking into consideration overhead costs and salaries connected to production, we reduced our overall costs by $5,000 (USD) per year. As the milk cows had offspring and the staff planted several fruit trees, we expect production to increase in 2018.

"One word comes to mind when I think about 2017: **GRATITUDE**. We are very grateful for the support we received. Thanks to that support we are able to keep offering a secure and loving family to our children in which they have the possibility to grow as human beings and professionals in order to break the circle of poverty."

Tom Kuiper, *National Director NPH Bolivia*

In 2017, after 12 years of use, we upgraded the NPH Bolivia kitchen. By increasing the size of the windows, improving ventilation, and replacing the granite countertops with a stainless steel material, we made it easier to keep the kitchen sanitary and it is now a more accommodating, comfortable place to prepare food. New industrial kitchen appliances adorn the space, which help our chefs prepare quality meals for over 115 children daily. These upgrades and renovations improve the chef's ability to bring quality, safe food to the children and staff three times a day.

Kitchen renovation

GRADUATES

5 Kindergarten
4 6th grade
9 9th grade
8 High School

18 Holy Sacraments
7 Quinceañeras/os

University student with one of the youngest children in the home

Dental treatment

Professional development for caregivers

MEAT AND FISH: $162

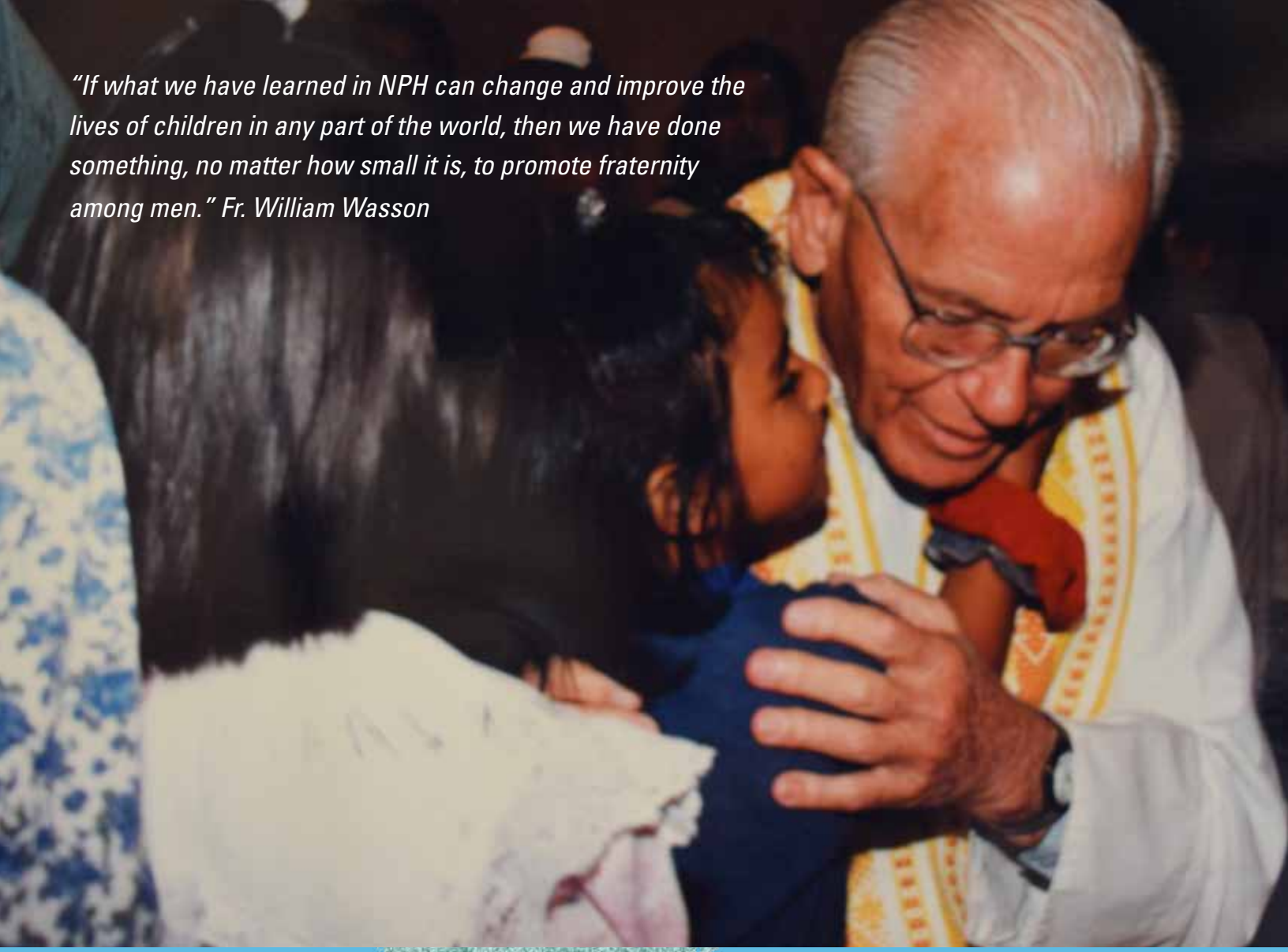
(PER CHILD PER YEAR)

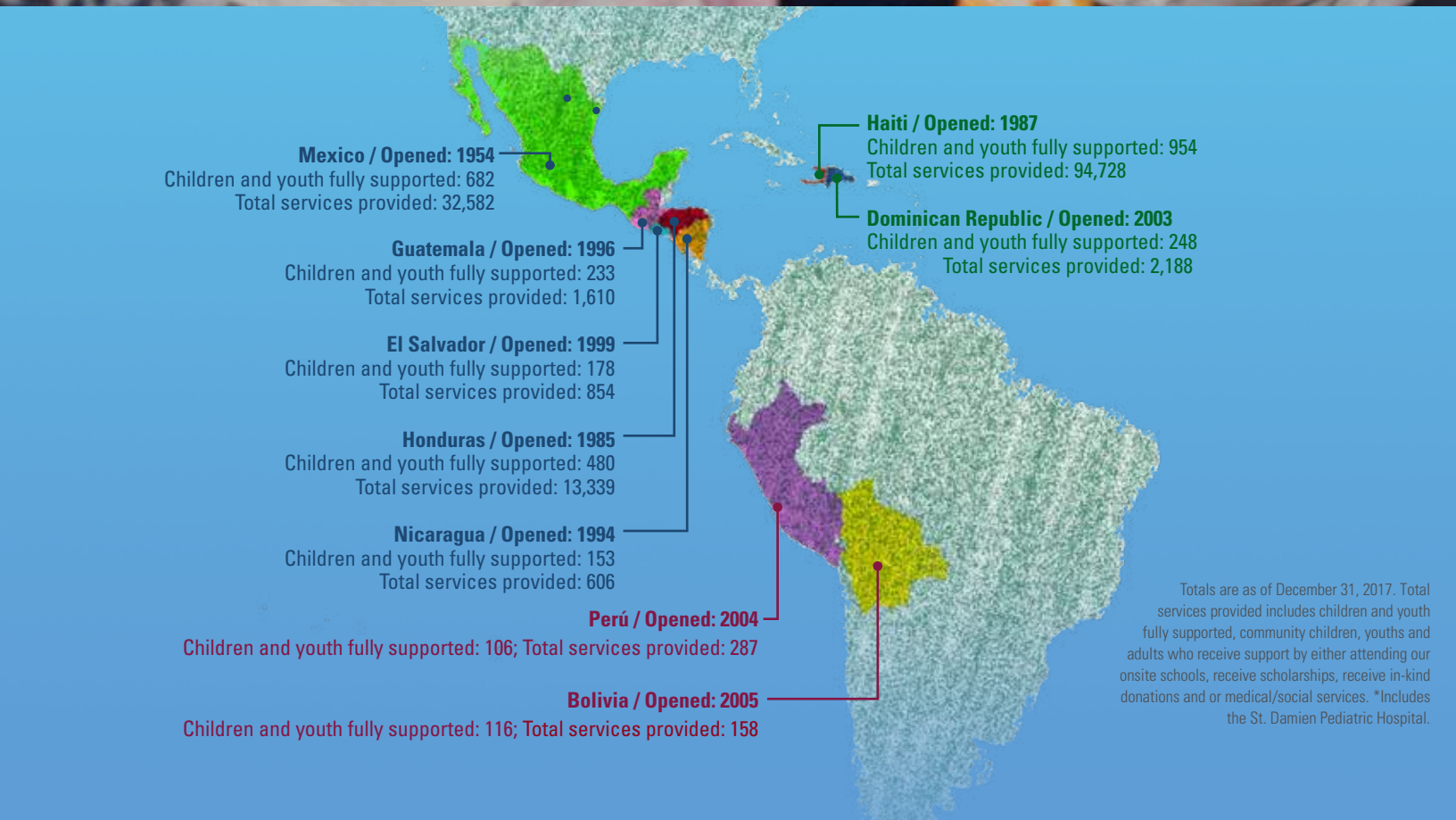
NPH Bolivia participated in various sport activities with the surrounding community this past year. Boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 20 years old competed against other teams in the surrounding villages, mainly in soccer, but also in volleyball and basketball. These sport activities are a strong tool to strengthen NPH's relationship with the community, and they are also a productive and healthy activity for the children. Next year we would like to keep participating in these tournaments, and also plan to invite teams from the community to play at the home.

This past year 19 youths received orthodontic treatment. An orthodontist visited the home twice a month to our onsite dental office, to ensure check-ups and treatment for those in great need. The braces of 19 youths will help straighten their teeth, hopefully eliminating the need for later corrective surgery, and contributing to higher self esteem of the youth. At the end of the year, the dentist will check if there are any other children in need a treatment, and will plan follow-up visits if funding allows.

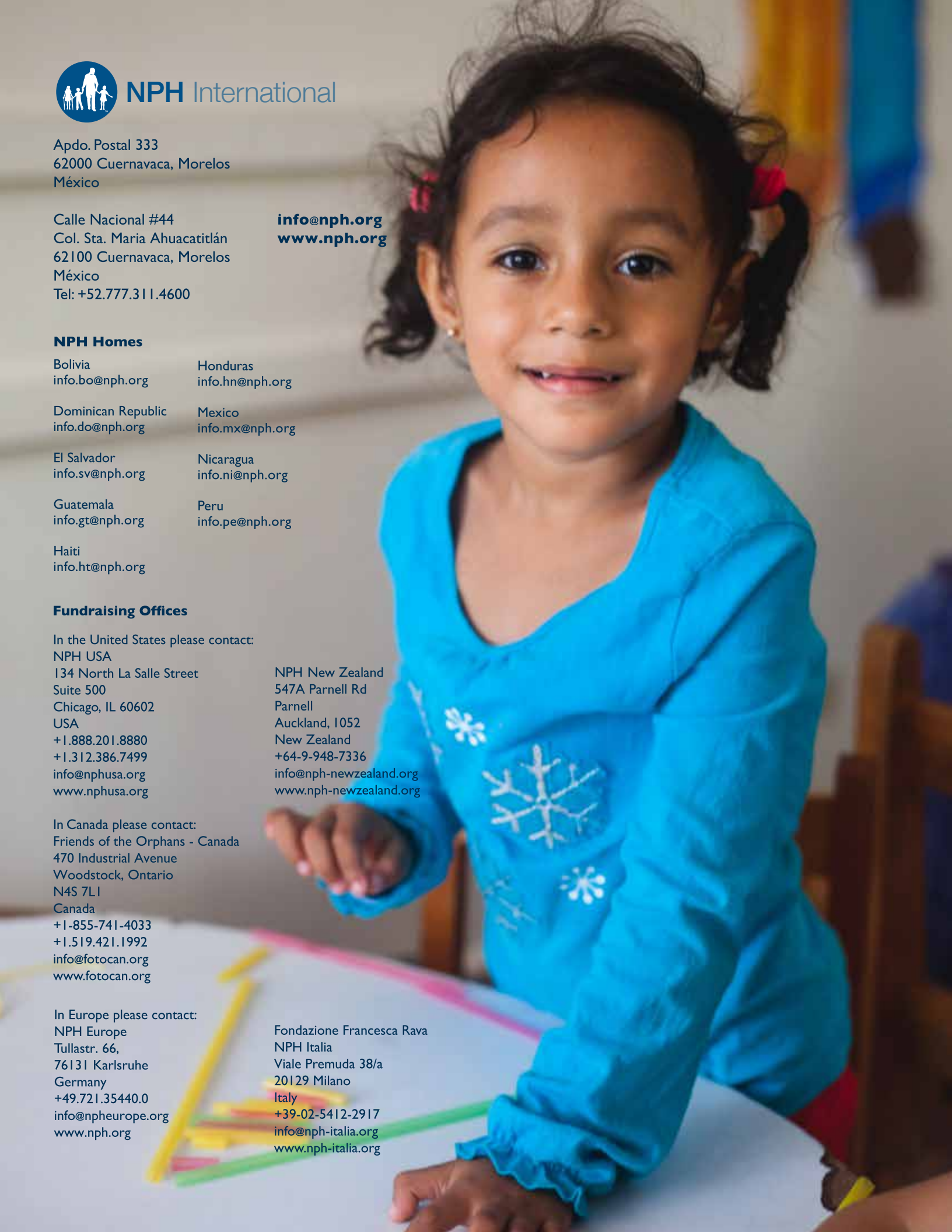
NPH Bolivia placed a strong emphasis on training their personnel, especially the caregivers. We were glad to receive several professional trainers of NPH International in the home, who are specialized in psychology, social work, family service and bring many years of experience and practice with them. There were approximately 25 caregivers who received 18 workshop trainings throughout the year. The continuous, advanced training for the staff supports them in understanding the children's needs, learning new, best practices and sharing ideas. The home will continue to place high value on trainings into the future, since ultimately, the children always benefit.

"If what we have learned in NPH can change and improve the lives of children in any part of the world, then we have done something, no matter how small it is, to promote fraternity among men." Fr. William Wasson





Totals are as of December 31, 2017. Total services provided includes children and youth fully supported, community children, youths and adults who receive support by either attending our onsite schools, receive scholarships, receive in-kind donations and or medical/social services. *Includes the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.



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