

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos

“You may only be one person in the world,
but you may be all the world to one child.”

Fr. William B. Wasson
Founder, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos



Mission

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for “Our Little Brothers and Sisters”) is a charitable organization serving orphaned and abandoned children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its mission is to provide shelter, food, clothing, healthcare and education in a Christian family environment based on unconditional acceptance and love, sharing, working and responsibility.

A worldwide community of donors, staff and volunteers enables NPH to help the children become caring and productive citizens in their countries.

History

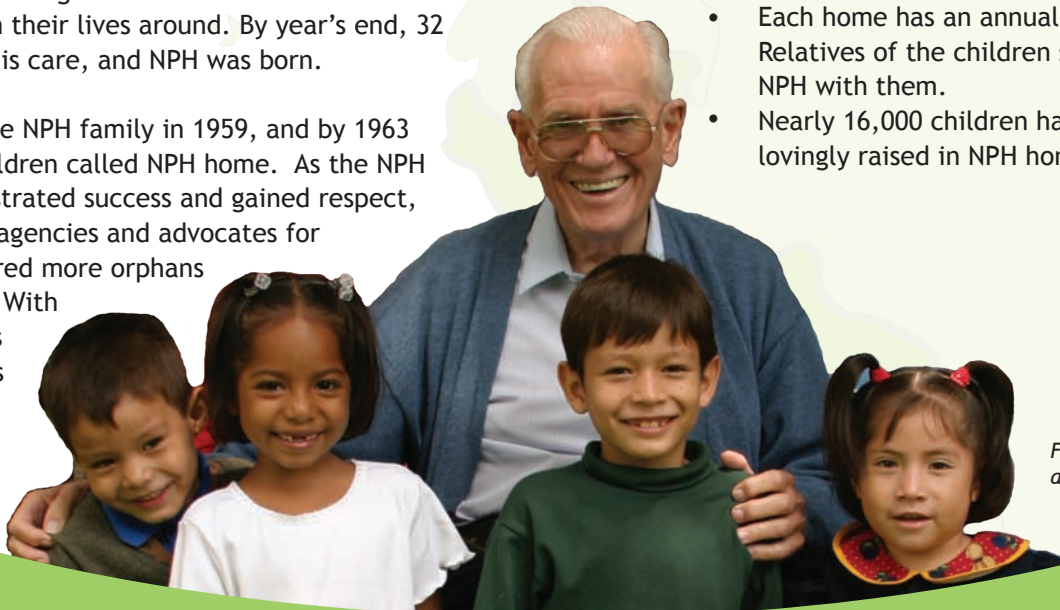
In 1954, a hungry, homeless boy was arrested for stealing from the poor box of a small church in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The church’s priest, Father William B. Wasson of Phoenix, Arizona, refused to press charges and asked for custody of the boy. One week later, the judge sent Father Wasson eight more homeless boys. He gave them a safe home and a chance to turn their lives around. By year’s end, 32 boys were in his care, and NPH was born.

Girls joined the NPH family in 1959, and by 1963 nearly 400 children called NPH home. As the NPH model demonstrated success and gained respect, social service agencies and advocates for children referred more orphans to the homes. With NPH graduates and volunteers

helping to manage their many needs, NPH was caring for 1,000 children by 1970. NPH now cares for over 3,600 children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru.

Did You Know?

- NPH operates a hospital in Haiti and clinics at several of the homes that provide healthcare for over 30,000 children and adults from the local community each year.
- The homes in El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua operate their own primary and secondary schools for children from NPH and the surrounding community.
- Every child has a daily chore, such as farming or cleaning.
- NPH asks their children to give back a year of service to the family, called *Año Familiar*. Positions include child care, medical assistants, office staff and craft apprentices.
- Each home has an annual Visitors’ Day. Relatives of the children spend the day at NPH with them.
- Nearly 16,000 children have been lovingly raised in NPH homes.



Fr. William B. Wasson
at NPH Mexico, 2003.

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