



City of the Children



John Shinsky, Founder, Ciudad de los Niños

Mission

The mission of Ciudad de los Niños de Matamoros (Spanish for “City of the Children of Matamoros”) is to provide a safe, secure, healthy and nurturing environment for children who have been abandoned and do not have food, shelter, or enough clothing to survive within their community. In addition, it is our mission to provide educational and training opportunities, which will afford these children a chance to become independent and productive citizens, who will eventually give back and support other children in need in the future.

Services Provided

Our primary service is to build and operate a high quality orphanage for abandoned children, which provides them with food, shelter, safety, security, education, vocational skills, high values, spirituality, and the means to be able to become productive and contributing citizens in their respective community. In addition, support is provided to existing orphanages in need, and/or to build homes for families who need assistance with keeping their children in their natural home setting.

History

When John Shinsky was eight years old, his father died of a heart attack. Shortly after that, his overwhelmed mother placed him in the Parmadale Orphanage near Cleveland, Ohio. He lived there for the next three years, until Bob and Martina Weiss became his foster parents. After earning a football scholarship to Michigan

State in 1969, John made a promise to himself that one day he would open an orphanage. He wanted to give others the opportunities that Parmadale gave to him.

About 10 years ago, John visited an orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico. He subsequently purchased adjacent property, recruited volunteers and raised funds to build nine additional buildings. In 2005, a Mexican businessman, Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez Garza, offered to donate 17 acres in Matamoros to John so that he could build and operate an additional orphanage. As a result, John and his wife, Cindy, founded Ciudad de los Niños de Matamoros. This allowed him to realize his dream of helping orphans in need.

A Unique Partnership

In 2009, John and Cindy Shinsky partnered with Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos International (NPHI) and its American fundraising arm, NPH USA (formerly Friends of the Orphans), to open and operate Ciudad de los Niños. The partnership, based on an initial three-year agreement, is expected to evolve into a permanent relationship and allows the organizations to combine their unique resources and strengths for the shared mission of transforming the lives of orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children.

Because of John’s dream and commitment, and the support of NPHI and NPH USA, many abandoned, abused, and neglected children are going to be blessed with a safe and supportive home as well as educational, vocational, and spiritual opportunities.



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Ciudad de los Niños, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos and NPH USA: A Partnership that Transforms Lives



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International
(NPHI) is a
Christian mission

that strives to provide a permanent family and home for orphaned, abandoned and other at-risk children who live in conditions of extreme poverty. Our programs provide quality education, healthcare and spiritual formation with the goal of raising good Christians and productive members of their respective societies.

NPHI has been caring for children for over 55 years. In 1954, Father William B. Wasson took in the first boy after catching him stealing money from the offering box of a small church in Cuernavaca, Mexico. By year's end, there were 32 children in residence and NPH was born. Today, NPH is raising more than 3,300 children in nine countries: Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. Over the years, NPH has provided loving and stable homes to thousands of children NPH outreach programs provide more than 140,000 services each year.

The NPH story began long ago with one man, whose vision and philosophy remain the driving force behind its dedication to the children. At the core of NPH are the five guiding principles of love, sharing, responsibility, security and work.



NPH USA
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NPH USA transforms the lives of vulnerable children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes, health services and educational programs of NPH.

Supporting the work of NPH through fundraising and volunteer efforts, NPH USA is helping transform the lives of thousands of children by creating families for life through values of unconditional love, sharing, responsibility, and education. Our donors help children overcome poverty and become leaders in their own communities. Together, we create families for life and teach children the values of unconditional love, shared responsibility and helping others.

Help Us Rescue Children from Poverty

There are many ways to make a difference, including:

- **Sponsoring a child** to play an essential role in his/her life and establish a personal link that can include correspondence and home visits.
- **Donating to Ciudad de los Niños** to provide for the children's basic needs—food, clothing, shelter, health care and education.
- **Volunteering** for a board or committee, at a special event or at an NPH home.

Please contact NPH USA for more information, to make a gift or volunteer.

Donations to NPH USA, Federal Tax ID# 65-1229309, are tax deductible as provided by law.

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