



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

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***A note from CFCA:** We are always trying to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. To help with this, some projects are now sending annual photos in a digital format to CFCA headquarters in Kansas City, Kan., for printing and mailing to sponsors. You are receiving this photo with a letter about your friend's project, written by the project coordinator. You will still receive a spring letter from your friend. If you have not received it already, it will come in the mail separately.*

Dear Sponsors,

Nicaragua, located in Central America, is a land of lakes and volcanoes, full of culture, history, natural beauty and human warmth. Throughout its history, Nicaragua has faced wars and many natural disasters, which have caused suffering and poverty. But the strength and faith of its hard-working people keep alive the hope of a better tomorrow.

CFCA has served in Nicaragua for more than a decade, and now has 9,618 sponsored members—8,872 are children and 746 are elderly. There are 173 scholarships offered to students in higher education or professional formation.

The main project is located in Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. We also have seven regional offices serving 28 subprojects.

We work hard for the children, teens and elderly who in their silence yearn for a little respect, dignity and love. With your help, dear sponsor, the burden of the cross that restores human dignity becomes lighter.

The monthly funds are transformed into direct benefits such as nutrition, health and hygiene services, education, clothing, birthday and Christmas celebrations and gifts, home improvements, small livelihood projects, urgent need assistance, etc.

In order for the children to go to school, they receive a backpack, school supplies, shoes and school uniforms at the beginning of the year.

The worldwide economic crisis has caused a lack of access to basic food among our sponsored community, which is why CFCA provides basic food products and personal-care items to enable good physical and mental development.

Our project provides health care, including medicine for all our members. We work with local private and governmental medical institutions. Special medical cases are covered with donations made by sponsors or in alliances with medical institutions. We also offer education covering topics such as illness prevention, hygiene, good eating habits and mental health. Because of the special situation of our elderly and distant health centers, our project offers them personalized health care and medicine.



Offering hope. Restoring dignity. Worldwide.

Sponsored members are special and very important to CFCA. As a sign of love for them, we celebrate their birthday by having cakes, candies, piñatas and a gift. They also enjoy a Christmas celebration with a meal, and toys or clothing as their gift.

There are occasions when sponsors offer special gifts as extra help to their friends. Those gifts may include special medical needs, education, home improvements, beds, water and power connections, clothing, home utensils, etc. The CFCA social workers visit the home of the sponsored member to understand and verify the appropriate need.

Some of our families have a great sense of entrepreneurship. However, they do not make enough income to start their own small business. CFCA tries to provide seed funds they need or to find the resources they require to generate income and improve their quality of life.

Our scholarship program is focused on sponsored and non-sponsored teens, who live in extreme poverty but who hope to progress. The program allows them to access technical or professional education. They use their funds for tuition, transportation and food. In turn, each student does community service by tutoring sponsored children, giving lectures to CFCA families, visiting sponsored members and reforestation. These services enable them to develop and learn good values. Some become ideal candidates to eventually join our staff.



Thanks to the love and generosity of our sponsors, CFCA has changed the lives of many children and teens in Nicaragua. This is why I want to share with you the words of sponsored member Marlon:

“My family’s origins are rural, with very humble customs. My parents could not study because of the lack of economic resources. My father works growing corn, beans and tomatoes. These crops are seasonal, and the little he makes can barely support our family. However, my parents have been able to educate us with a spirit of unity, respect and a desire for progress because they encourage us daily to study and prepare ourselves for a better future.

“I have been sponsored through CFCA since 2001. I have been in constant communication with my sponsor, who often writes to me, since then. I share about my life and my sponsor advises me. My family and I are happy and thankful for our sponsorship. This means to me that I have an opportunity in my studies, and that it is an expression of love and a blessing from God.”

Thank you sponsors, our friends. Without your willingness, CFCA could not be a reality.

May God bless you,

Ervin Martínez
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