



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

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***A note from CFCFA:** 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 CFCFA 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,

My name is Miriam del Carmen Cartagena de Jaco. I am the coordinator of Project Ocotepeque in Honduras. I have served the sponsored families during the past 16 years. My husband and I have three children, two boys and one girl, who have been very supportive of me in carrying out this mission. I am a teacher but my true vocation has always been service to the most in need, and God has allowed me to help form communities of compassion and rebuild lives through this mission of love.



We are grateful for everything we have learned from you as well as the sponsored children and elderly, and their families. Being with them motivates and encourages us to serve and love them more. The sponsored members love you; they remember and pray for you; they always hope to receive news from you. We try to give them the love that you share for them in your letters, which encourages them and gives them the strength to continue in search of new dreams and to understand that everything is possible. Their life can be different. Don't forget, your friend needs you more than you can imagine.

The Ocotepeque project currently serves 3,600 children and 106 elderly. We offer 135 scholarships distributed among 12 subprojects. Thanks to your support, we have been able to offer a holistic formation in which the sponsored members have the opportunity to grow and be more, walking together to be better. The possibility for your friends to have dignified lives, nice memories and to become professionals is one of the greatest goals and objectives for our project.



The project offers different formation services, such as handicraft training, dressmaking and tailoring, computer lab for teenagers, library for sponsored and non-sponsored children, and English courses for children and teens.

There are four basic priority benefits: nutrition, health, clothing and education. Through a personal approach, we identify the most urgent needs that we must cover immediately, converting benefits into love and happiness, especially for the elderly who are provided tables and chairs, home improvements, personal care, etc.

Offering hope. Restoring dignity. Worldwide.

We have sponsored members who live in conditions of abandonment. They can hardly take care of themselves, and this is why we thank God for Casa Hogar (Home Shelter) where we create a nice environment for children and the aging to live with dignity. Casa Hogar was made possible with donations from sponsors and other generous people who are providing a great blessing for others.



Many teens began their education thanks to CFCA. Today, many of them are already professionals, and some are even serving the sponsored children. It is beautiful to see many sponsored teens not only graduate, but continue their education in a university, with the support of their sponsors. Such are the cases of Yeimi, who is studying dentistry, and Carlos Alfonso, who is specializing in mathematics. These are opportunities they never dreamed of having.

Many of our families who were living outdoors now have their own house. This is the way that CFCA strengthens the communities of compassion, changing the life of your friend. Our goal is to expand our outreach to more children and aging in need.

We the staff members, the sponsored members and their families, thank God for the beautiful gift of having you as sponsors, people with such a generous and loving heart. Thanks to your support we can better serve your friend by offering many benefits which, day by day, help to build new men and women, develop communities and offer the hope of a dignified life. These things can only be accomplished by creating bonds of love, trust, dedication, great strength and wisdom.

May our heavenly Father strengthen your life and bless you today and always.

Truly yours, your friend and servant,

Miriam Cartagena
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