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A WORD FROM EA'S SPONSORSHIP COORDINATORS

We pray that you are having a wonderful and safe summer. As the summer months are busy with vacations, time outside and cold lemonade we wanted to take the time to again say thank you for all you do for the children of El Ayudante. We both have been blessed to travel down to Nicaragua this summer and spend some time at El Ayudante. As we delivered birthday cards and letters from you all, we got to see the huge smiles as the children opened them. We also got to hear the excitement in the children's voices as they told us about their sponsors and shared pictures of you all. You truly have touched all of their lives as well as touching ours. Thank you for loving on these children like they are your own and supporting the ministry of El Ayudante.

Please feel free to contact us anytime at easponsorships@gmail.com with any questions. We pray for you all often!

Christi Morris and Julie Goodwin



SPOTLIGHT CHILD: ANDREA

Meet Andrea! Andrea, born on October 22, 1999, came to El Ayudante in 2005. Andrea is in her 2nd year of high school, and her sister Ingrid is also a part of our program. Andrea is very outgoing and cheerful. She loves spending time with her older sister and other friends. She loves dancing and dressing up to do it. Like many of the girls in our program, she enjoys girly things like nail painting and giggling. Learn more at eanicaragua.com/meet-our-children.



FROM A SPONSOR'S PERSPECTIVE

When we first met Dina Polanco in 2008 it was just a natural match. I decided to go with the younger group to eat pizza while my wife went to a movie with the older girls. This is just the opposite of what we would have normally done, but it was there where I bonded with Dina. She was only 5 yrs. old and ended up in my lap the rest of our trip! We also met and bonded with her mother and the rest of her brothers and sister. We cannot imagine a summer without seeing her. EA is so good about letting us Skype with her whenever we ask. A year is a long time without seeing our girl so this helps keep us connected! The relationship we have with Dina and the rest of the EA family has been a huge blessing in our life. We never imagined that a mission trip could bring us so much joy. We treasure the relationships we have made at EA and look forward to ways we can continue to serve God there. EA and the Polanco's are now a part of our family!

In His Service,
Lonnie & Amanda Sanderson



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EA THIS SUMMER

This summer has already brought lots of excitement to our campus! The children at EA have been making great new friends with the interns on campus. They even had a full week of English class with them where they laughed and learned each day!



Also, thanks to a special donation from First Baptist Church Fairbury the children have been enjoying sewing classes to learn skills that they will take with them for a lifetime.



SPOTLIGHT STAFF MEMBER: BAYARDO

Bayardo Avendaño Sánchez, called Bayardo, has worked in maintenance for El Ayudante since 2009. For him, there is a progression to his job. He talks with the boss to learn a need, does the work, and can see that need meet. For him, this completion is a great satisfaction. He also enjoys meeting new people every week. Bayardo has four children, three boys and one girl. Bayardo says that having a steady job for six years has been a great blessing to him.