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EL AYUDANTE

SPONSOR CONNECTION



A WORD FROM VANESSA:

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



Our children and staff have added to our Ebenezer as we remember God, our Rock, and give thanks for His faithfulness through all life's storms.

We remember how challenging the past three years have been, but also how God has been with us throughout this time. Now as we look forward to a brighter future we want to be more like the one leper and be thankful.

Luke 17:11-19

To help us remember and give thanks, we raised an Ebenezer. We remember God, our Rock, and give thanks for His faithfulness through all life's storms.

“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, ‘Till now the Lord has helped us.’”

1 Samuel 7:12

We look forward to a day when you can join us adding your own stone to this memorial!



Plan your next trip to EA and add your stone to our memorial to God, our Rock.

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Northside Forum Sunday school call with Cristel



Alexandra and Stephanie graduated high school

HCN HIGHLIGHT

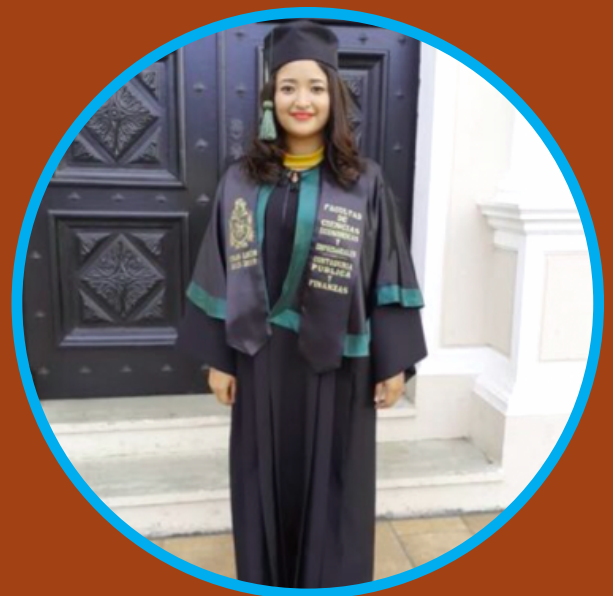


Chilo

My name is Chilo. I was born on September 5, 1995. I have a twin sister, Ivania, who is also in the program at El Ayudante. We live together in our own house. My favorite food is pizza and my favorite color is yellow. I love dogs and singing, sometimes I even sing at my church. When I have time, I like to play kickball and dance. I have graduated college in 2020 with a Nursing degree in Infants. I have just completed my practicum at a hospital, and have received my nursing license. I am now working full time at the university teaching and developing course curriculum for the college of nursing.

Ivania

My name is Ivania. I was born on September 5, 1995. I have a twin sister, Chilo, who is also in the program at El Ayudante. We live together in our own house. My favorite food is carne asada and my favorite color is red. My favorite animal is a dog because I think it is the best friend a person can have. I love to play kickball and volleyball. I graduated college with a degree in accounting and finished my thesis in 2020. I am employed full time at the electrical component factory as a shift leader where I train new hires. When I have free time, I like to spend time with the kids at EA.



A WORD FROM MARISOL



The end of the year 2022 arrives. This has been a year of challenges, achievements, and difficulty that we have overcome with God's help. Always for El Ayudante, the children are priority- their health, education, psychosocial well-being. Each project that is carried out in HCN is focused on them. This year we welcomed 4 new children Cristel Xiomara Reyes Manzanares, Carlos José Castillo Munguía, José David Sáenz Parrales and Javier Josué Reyes Torres. We are so excited to have them. For us and our new children, it has been a year of adaptation. They have brought change to our center and we feel very blessed to have them with us.

This year three teenagers, Naomi Mercedes Salgado, Francisco José Vallecillo Penado and Jania Francela Castillo finished their primary studies. In 2023 they will start their first year of secondary school. Alexandra and Stephanie Maradiaga finished their high school studies. We are also excited for Valeria María Pérez Díaz to finish her career as a Middle Technician in Business Administration. We are so proud of these boys and girls who have advanced to a new level and reached their proposed study goals.

Thank you to each person who is praying for El Ayudante and those who contribute financially. Because of your invaluable help we are able to continue serving our neighbors. God bless our Board of Directors, sponsors, mission groups and co-workers of El Ayudante.

All together we are one team.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A WORD FROM A SPONSOR

In February of 2016 I met for the first time the twins Anielka and Alondra who I would sponsor. They were nervous and shy at first because they had only been in the sponsorship program for a few weeks. But it is really funny how within a few minutes I had fell in love with them and they with me. For the next several years I went to El Ayudante twice every year. On each trip I would spend much time with the twins. One of my favorite things to do was each morning when they arrived on campus a little after six in the morning I would be at the gate waiting on them. Holding their hands and walking them to the HCN center was always a great blessing for me. Over the years I have seen them grow into teenagers. But then the world changed. The pandemic hit and teams have been unable to go to Nicaragua. I greatly missed the twins and all the children at the HCN center.



On December 6th for the first time in over three years I arrived back on the campus of El Ayudante. It was an absolute joy to ride with Eden under the beautiful canopy of trees at El Ayudante. As I walked into the HCN center I was amazed that in many ways nothing had changed. It looked the same. All of the HCN staff were there and very welcoming. The thing that had changed was the children. They had grown so much. I could not believe that my beautiful twins were teenagers. I had the opportunity to spend the morning with Anielka and Alondra. We went into Leon and went clothes shopping. As we drove back and forth from Leon with Eden and Dora we played games in the truck. It was amazing. It was an important part of my life that had been greatly missing. I encourage you to remember the importance of sponsorship and to remember that now more than ever the children at the HCN center truly need us.



Todd Rentz

MEET OUR STAFF



BAYARDO

Bayardo has worked maintenance at El Ayudante since May 2009. When we asked him what he enjoyed about working El Ayudante he simply stated "Everything". He really enjoys spending time with new people every week and getting to share life with them. He has four children-three boys and one girl. On weekends when he is not at EA, he loves to play softball. When asked what animal Bayardo would be if he could choose any, he said he would be a dove because he would like to fly.

GET INVOLVED AT EA!



WE ARE OPEN FOR TEAMS!!!

We are beyond excited to welcome our teams back home. Thankful to have our first team of the year onsite now with a second team following in their footsteps next month. Visit

<https://eanicaragua.com/plan/> to schedule a life changing trip.

Thank you to all of our generous supporters! You helped us meet our end of year fundraising goal, so we can serve even more people, transforming the nation – One Child, One Family, One Community at a time.