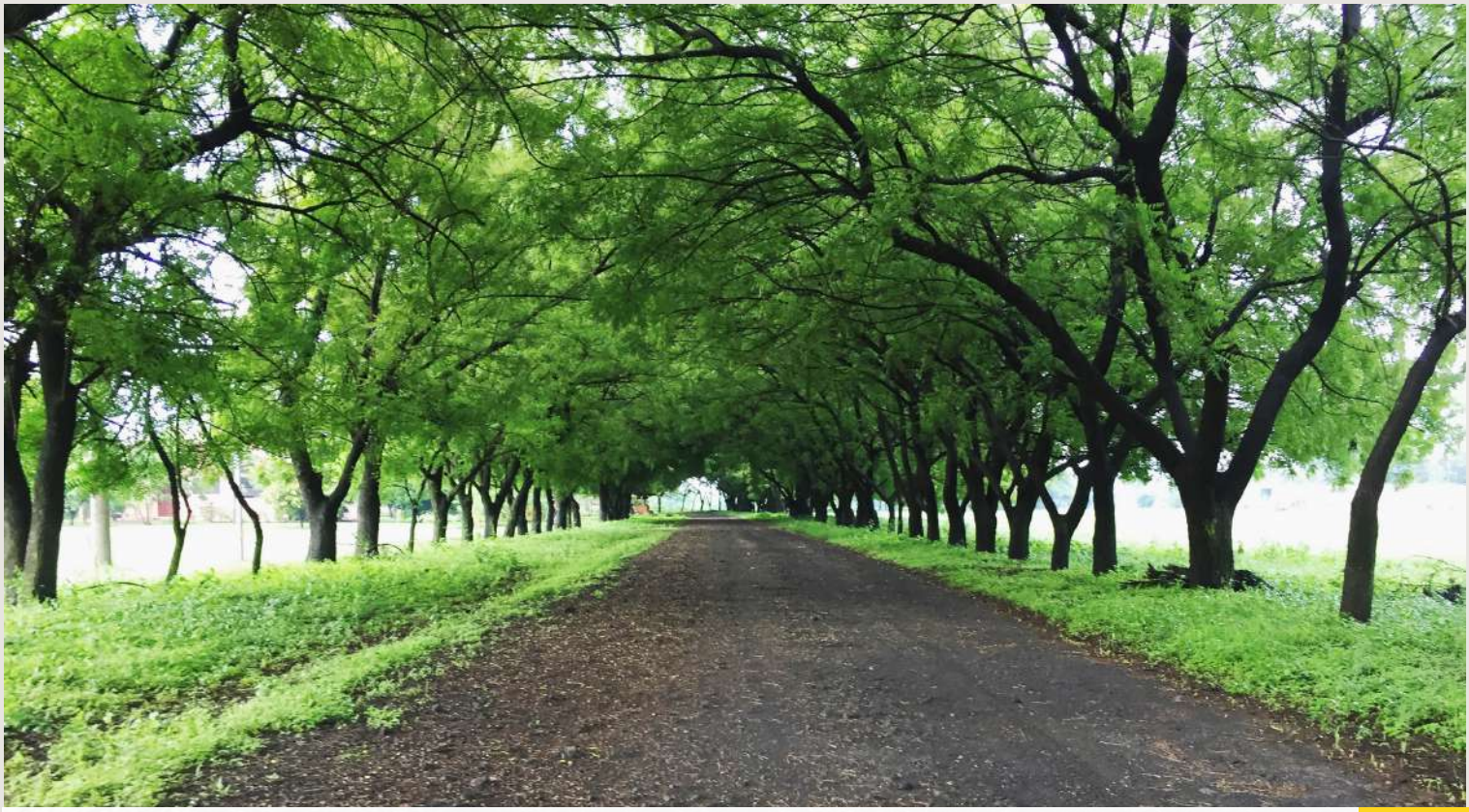


EL AYUDANTE

SPONSOR CONNECTION

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El Ayudante NICARAGUA



MEET OUR EA GRADUATES

The World Bank reports that 72% of the population of Nicaragua does not graduate high school. El Ayudante, with the help of sponsors, provides an opportunity for our children to graduate high school and more. Sponsorships allow you to build a relationship with your child and support them as they accomplish great things. We are so proud of our graduates and are excited to watch our other children.

A WORD FROM OUR HCN DIRECTOR

"We started 2021 like we always do, supporting our children and their families. Each year we use a comprehensive approach to guarantee our families well-being and self-sustainability. Our children and young adults started their school year, with El Ayudante providing the supplies they need to attend school. They receive additional support in our facilities. Today, we want to focus on something wonderful that is happening. It is the promotion to another level of life for our university students and high school graduates. Ivania González, Chilo González, and Jenni Miranda are ready to venture into the work force with professional titles. They have achieved this with the unconditional support from El Ayudante, and their own dedication. These titles guarantee them the opportunity to compete in the workplace and have the opportunity of good employment, so they can provide for themselves. Fernando Rojas, Celeste Castillo, and Valeria Pérez are resilient young people who have fought hard to achieve their dreams. With the support of El Ayudante, and their dedication, they have graduated High School. They are now preparing to choose a career at the university. Fernando, Celeste, and Valeria have been part of EA since they were little. Valeria is the youngest, and was 2 years old when she was admitted to our center. All of these children have grown and taken advantage of the opportunity that has been given to them at El Ayudante. Thank you to all of our sponsors as you are a critical part of making these opportunities possible, loving and praying for our children."





Marisol,
HCN Director

GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT



IVANIA

"El Ayudante has been part of my life for a long time. It is incredible how it opened it's doors for me and my sisters. Thanks to all the support that has been given to us, our lives have had a great change. I thank God that he put me in this incredible place, where I have grown, seen many changes and have learned from each and every opportunity. Thanks to all the people who have been part of this place and who have put their trust and love in this place, in me, and in the children who are part of El Ayudante."

THANK YOU!

"Thanks to everyone, and especially to my godparents (sponsors). Without a doubt they are one of the blessings that God has placed in my life. They are incredible people who have been present regardless of the circumstances, filling my life with love and hope. Thanks to El Ayudante, even in the midst of difficulties and obstacles, I have fulfilled the dreams and goals that I have set for myself. Now, I have received my Bachelor of Public Accounting and Finance degree, and can finally enter the workplace and put into practice the knowledge and skills that I have acquired through my studies. This was made possible by the support that I have received at El Ayudante. Without a doubt, El Ayudante with God's help transforms each family and each life that is part of this mission. God Bless every sponsor, and every one of the people who are part of El Ayudante."

GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT



CHILO

"EA is an organization that allows you to develop yourself professionally and especially as a person. I am grateful to El Ayudante because it was a fundamental part of my life and helped me to grow. EA was there in every stage of my life since I was a child."

THANK YOU!

"Thanks to the people who were part of this process because without them I would not have achieved this triumph. Thanks to my sponsors because they were always there to help me grow. Today I am a nursing graduate from El Ayudante."

GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT



JENNY

"Being at El Ayudante has greatly impacted my life since I was 12 years old. After I graduated from high school, I was able to attend one of the most well-known universities here in Nicaragua. I got my Nursing degree in Child's Health and now am working as a nurse helping people in their home, and I am still looking for a full-time nursing job."

THANK YOU!

"I'm very thankful for every single person God has put in my life to make my dreams come true. Thank you so much and may God bless you!"



A SPONSOR'S PERSPECTIVE

GARY & JOANN SMITH

"When I took my first trip to Nicaragua, I really didn't know what to expect. My high school Spanish from nearly 30 years prior was not likely to be useful and I wasn't sure I would even be able to communicate with the children there. I knew that God was calling me to go though, and I was trusting Him to make my time there beneficial. When we first drove through the gates, I felt like I'd come home. I knew that everything would be fine. I had the opportunity to meet the children and learn more about them while we were there. Communication was not a problem, because love is indeed a universal language."



Jenny with her sponsor, Joann.

"When I talked to my husband (Gary) about the possibility of sponsoring a child (or two) there, he simply told me to follow my heart and let God lead me. I knew that Jenny was a young lady that God wanted us to help sponsor. She is a beautiful young lady … inside and out … with such a heart for others. We knew that she was one we wanted to come alongside as she journeyed in her relationship with God and in growing up to serve others. Watching her mature over the years has been such a blessing. She has worked so hard and put her heart and soul into everything she has done to get where she is today. We are so proud of the young woman she has grown up to be and we look forward to seeing where God takes her and how He uses her to further His kingdom and serve the people of Nicaragua.

El Ayudante is truly a holy place and the people there (adults and children) are such a blessing. The times that I have spent there have helped me mature in my faith and grow stronger in my witness for Christ. I am grateful for the people there who have become family to me. Sponsorship has been one of the wisest and most important decisions we have made over the years."



FERNANDO

"My name is Fernando and my birthday is February 6, 2001. I live with my Mom and I have three brothers. I love all colors and my favorite animal is a lion.
I love to eat churrasco, play sports, and spend time with my friends. My favorite sports are soccer, baseball, and volleyball. My favorite subject is English, and I like to joke around a lot."

GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT

THANK YOU!

"This has been another step in my life and a new beginning. I completed high school and am now going to university. For this achievement and progress, I give thanks to all the people who have supported me. Thanks to the unconditional support from my sponsors and the trust they place in me so that I can continue my education at the University studying to earn my degree in digital media: social media and website design."



GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT



CELESTE

"My name is Celeste and my birthday is November 20, 2001. I live with my grandmother and my sisters. I love to sing and dance. My favorite color is green, and I love to eat chicken. My favorite animal is a dog and my favorite activity is watching baseball or soccer."

THANK YOU!

"Graduating high school has represented a great success in my life. A success that I would not have been able to achieve without the support of everyone. I thank God that he put wonderful people who have walked beside me and with me on this journey. I look back on this journey of perseverance and see the support that you have given me. It fills my soul with happiness that I can continue my studies at the university to become a language and literature teacher. Thank you so much for everything. I love you so much, Blessings."



GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT



VALERIA

"My name is Valeria, and my birthday is May 5, 2003. I live with my mom, stepdad, and my brother and sister, Winkler and Valeska; who are also in the program at El Ayudante. My favorite food is nacatamal (a traditional Nicaraguan food). My favorite activities include playing kickball and watching Barcelona play soccer. Once I graduate, I would like to study accounting."

THANK YOU!

"My fifth-year promotion was very important to me because I achieved what I set out to do. With the help of God, all my teachers, and my sponsors, this was made possible. Now thanks to their support and help, I get the opportunity to go on to University to learn more as I study to become an Accountant."



A SPONSOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"My name is Brooke Cagle, and I have been a sponsor for El Ayudante since 2015, after getting the chance to be a part of a mission team to Nicaragua after my senior year of high school. When I returned home to Tennessee, I told my parents that I wanted to be a sponsor, and I signed up to give annually to help support a student at El Ayudante. Even though I knew it may be a challenge, being in college and finding a way to give financial support, I knew with no doubt that God was leading me to this and that He would provide, and He has! And through this provision, I have been so blessed to see the kids at El Ayudante grow up, even if it has been from a distance, and always look forward to emails, newsletters, pictures, cards, and video chats. I only recently began being Valeria's sponsor, but I remember the two of us singing and dancing together when I got to visit Nicaragua in 2015, and knowing how much love, support, time, and energy has been invested into her by this holy place and its staff makes my heart so happy. Being a sponsor means an opportunity to directly see the impact God can have through a willing heart, and it is so beyond worth it. Seeing the bright smile on Valeria's face and knowing the immense impact El Ayudante has on her and all of its students is something to cherish and give wholeheartedly toward!"



Valeria & Brooke

-BROOKE CAGLE

THE IMPACT OF EA



from **PROFE GLORIA**

"For me there is something that impacts me in our young people who despite the problems they have at home, they have managed to promote themselves as high school graduates. A very special case is Fernando. This young man is an example of struggle in the academic area. However, he has been striving to improve himself, and this he has achieved even in the midst of great family problems. This, I believe, is worthy of admiration. El Ayudante has been a base where Fernando has sustained himself to improve himself, for the support that is given to the families I am proud to be part of this ministry."

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