



FUNDACIÓN NIÑOS DE LOS ANDES 2020



Dear friends:

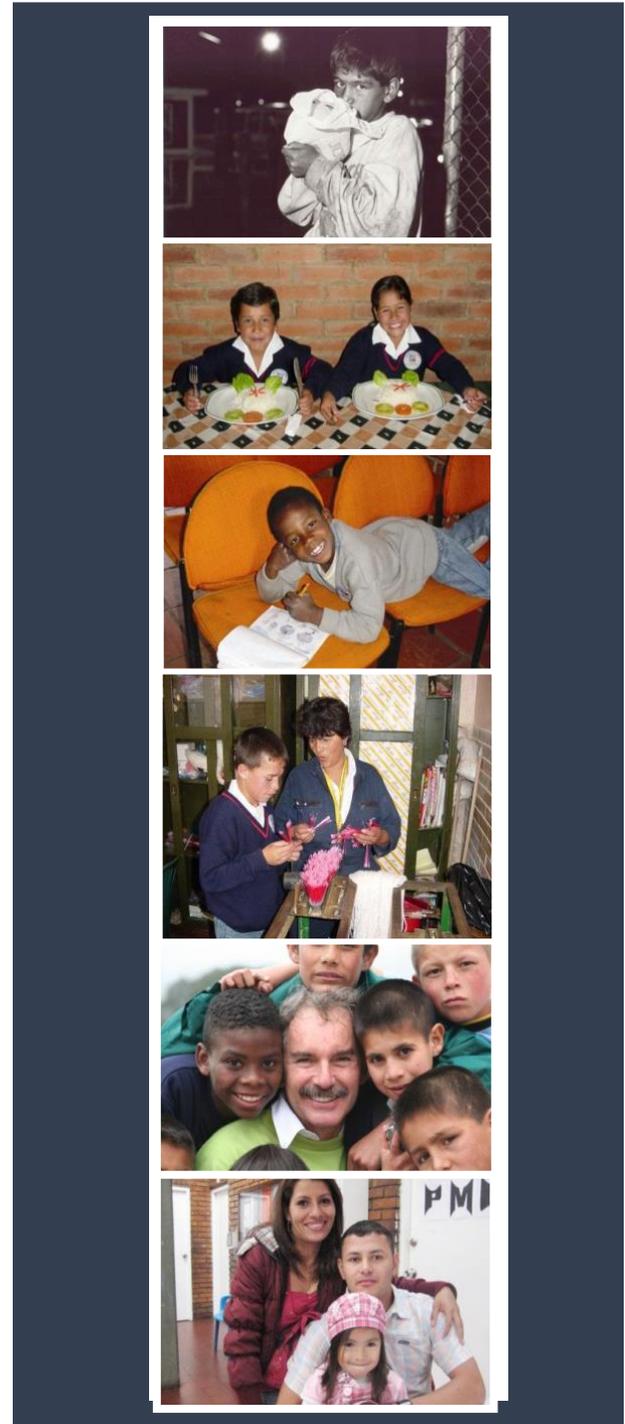
Thank you for the incredible wholehearted support you have lent us, the “Fundación Niños de los Andes” has completed almost three decades of helping change the lives of hundreds of children that have been forced to live on the streets looking for their means of survival. The work being carried out covers the complete cycle beginning with the psychological treatment of children and adolescents in abandonment or neglect by their family and the state, leading up to the comprehensive social inclusion including follow-up, thereby going through all the phases and stages that sum up our Model of Attention, and finally contributing to the compliance of the SGDs in the context of the fight against poverty and reduction of inequalities.

Our purpose as an organization is to form happy children and adolescents, advocate for the compliance and guarantee of their rights and facilitate their transformation by contributing to the development of skills and capacities that allow them to agency their future,

always based on the identification of their dreams, talents and skills. Our interdisciplinary care is offered from the areas of health, nutrition, psychology, social work and pedagogy, in order to intervene their situation in a personalized way and prepare them for their departure.

To many of those who have been a part of our program, they are now grown and women, who shared a special and deep time at our Foundation. Their testimonies confirm the impact that the formation they received in the place that, for a long time, was their home, left in their lives:

- **E**scaped from the claws of violence, delinquency, prostitution and drug addiction.
- **C**hange in size and weight like other children of their age, overcoming the effects of malnutrition.
- **A**ttended school and training in diverse arts and areas, which taught them to be self-sufficient.
- **E**njoyed health recreation, going on trips and having a happy Christmas full of presents and love.
- **C**onsolidated their faith in God and received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion.
- **W**ith lots of love, they cured their deep wounds on their bodies and souls.
- **G**ot to live their childhood like normal children, away from child labor and beggary.
- **S**hared like a family with their friends at the Foundation, thereby creating a brotherhood and sisterhood that still lasts.
- **L**earned about new opportunities to relate and thus develop permanent contact with the volunteers and important donors.
- **S**ome of them attended cultural exchanges programs and built strong ties with their host families in France, Canada and United States.
- **T**hrough Papa Jaime, they learnt to forgive an indolent society and their parents who many times neglected or mistreated them.
- **A**nd what is more important, at his side they learnt to dream and fight to make them come true.
- **T**oday, seeing them with their own families, we have been able to prove that at the end of their process, they are able to break the abusive pattern and worry for their own children.



OUR INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS



Street Work with the Rescue Patrols

Once a week we carry out day and night time visits to the localities identified as critical after a previous examination carried out by social workers. We take care of boys, girls and adults and we inform them about the social support groups. Our aim is that after one year of accompanying them, these groups become self-sufficient. Our health professionals, doctors and rural dental surgeons, take care of these communities as outpatients.



Emergency Centers Casacorazones & Albachiara

This Program is carried out at the homes Casacorazones and Albachiara in Bogotá. We offer immediate integral attention to 70 children and adolescents that were found in the streets with problems of consumption of psychoactive substances, ill treatment, abandonment, commercial sexual exploitation, and links to the worst conditions of child work, amongst other difficulties. After a joint interdisciplinary diagnose with the ICBF defenders, they are referred to specialized programs depending on the identified problems.



Protection for children at risk: St. Patrick and Manizales

These protection programs are developed at the St. Patrick home in Bogotá, and Girasoles in Manizales. In these homes, around 120 boys and girls receive all the essential services for their development: housing, nutrition, health, recreation and education.

Training them for their lives is an essential purpose in this program and it is achieved through support in the projection of their life projects by visualizing their dreams during the time the children remain in the houses.



Specialized Boarding Attention Nuevo Amanecer Home

This is a protection home to take in groups of brothers and sisters that are between 7 and 18 years old and that have been victims of neglect or whose rights have been violated. They stay there until we find families willing to give them a new opportunity through an adoption process, or, if that is not the case, stay in the house until they reach legal age. The aim of the program is to guarantee them their full and peaceful development so that they can grow up in the heart of the family and the community, in an environment of happiness, love and comprehension. It operates in a country home in the outskirts of Bogota.



Follow-up to Social Inclusion

We currently attend close to 2,500 adolescents and adults that have been part of our programs and who have access to all the services of the Foundation, like health service and academic support, legal support or economic support in case they lose their job. The ample experience we have acquired in more than 25 years has shown us that the real social inclusion of a young man or woman that has passed through the different phases of the program, comes true only in the moment in which he or she achieves an adequate labor placement with the law guarantees that will allow them to live in dignity.



Godparent Sponsoring Program for our children

As a way to support our young graduates, who have already established a new life with their new families, the Foundation has created a Sponsor Plan. This plan allows children under the age of 10, to have monthly assistance that directly covers their needs for nutrition, education, uniforms, school supplies and any urgency that has previously identified by our social worker. At the moment around 35 boys and girls receive sponsorship by a "Godfather" or "Godmother", who accompanies them during their process.

GOALS ACHIEVED IN 2020



Thanks to the help from our donors, benefactors, and the commitment of our board of directors and professionals, during the year 2020 we were able to:

- Protect a total of 721 children and adolescents between the ages of 7 and 18 by restoring their fundamental rights through all the programs of our Foundation.
- Provide a complete meal plan including breakfast, lunch, dinner and two snacks to 721 children who joined our Boarding programs.
- Reintegrate 121 children with their families, who were a part of our programs.
- Link and assure the permanence of 639 children and adolescents to the programs in Bogota, and Manizales in the formal education system, complemented with activities of school reinforcement. 432 boys, girls and adolescents received superior education in Bogota, and 189 in primary school. In the St. Patrick house, 17 young teenage boys attended university and 1 technical studies.
- Help 449 members of the children's families, having them take part in the Program of Family Development directed by the social work area, ad a tool to promote responsibility towards their own children.
- Rescue Patrols were suspended this past year due to COVID-19.
- Carry on the follow up to the social inclusion of 411 people (male and female young adults) that have been a part of our programs, through supervised home visits, food aid, medical and dentistry attention.
- Provide clothing donated by our benefactors to 150 children and adults, living on the streets in Bogota, who come to us for help.
- Benefit with contributions of the **Godparent Plan** to 38 children younger than 7 years who have left our programs, who enjoy a contribution of 50.000. to 100.000 COP monthly, to help with their daily life costs. Some godparents accompany them in their development process.
- Provide medical and dental care for 721 boys, girls, adolescents and adults belonging to all the programs.



ATTENTION COVERAGE 2020



Method	No	Program	Type of Population and Target Problem	Children and Adolescents	Families	Total
Boarding	1	Emergency Center Casacorazones and Albachiara	Children and adolescents living on the streets of age 7 to 18	282	201	483
	2	Special Protection Sede Manizales	Boys and girls from the age of 7 up to 18, whose rights have been infringed	263	188	451
	3	Specialized Boarding Nuevo Amanecer	Boys and girls from the age of 7 up to 18, whose rights have been infringed	118	42	160
	4	Protection and Boarding ST. Patrick	Children and adolescent boys with adoptability measures.	58	18	76
Social Community Environment	6	Follow up on Graduates	Acompañamiento biopsicosocial y pedagógico para un éxito en la inclusión social	411	34	445
			TOTAL	1132	483	1615

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

6.408

Boys, girls and adolescents have been attended in the past four years.

Since Papa Jaime began his work, around **65.000 boys, girls and adolescents** have been cared for in our program.

More than 100,000 people

have been attended in the street with our Rescue Patrol in these past 30 years.

NEEDS AND CHALLENGES 2021

By 2021, Fundacion Niños de los Andes aims to strengthen the management and service of the care programs we provide for our children in Bogota and Manizales, each to the modality they correspond to: Internal (Specialized boarding), External, and community led. With this in mind, the improvement plan aligns towards the coordination of human, financial and technical resources that allow the consolidation of the care process, from the Foundation's philosophical framework *Filosofia Ser*.

Needs	Challenges
 <p>In order to meet our plans this year, our needs are focused on increasing the management of sustainable strategic partnerships to take the children's training and formation to the next level and expand their scope of the Foundation's work to their families and communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize the technological infrastructure of the headquarters to ensure remote schooling. • Improve connectivity to encourage children's contact with their families and schools. • Link volunteer workshops to cover specific areas of training. • Generate successful strategies that facilitate the employment linkage of young adults. • Innovate complementary fundraising strategies in this complex post-pandemic era. • Support with markets and bio-security elements the families of our children in boarding school programs and our young graduates who have been affected by unemployment and socio-economic consequences of COVID-19. <p>We are confident that with your usual support, we can achieve all our goals.</p>	<p>Our dream is that all the children and young adolescents that benefit from the services of the foundation, learn to think positively, to crystallize their dreams, to love unconditionally and to forgive and serve lovingly. To achieve this, we are facing the following challenges for the year 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our main challenge for 2020 is to guarantee the technological tools and connectivity in all of our programs for the virtual education that the current situation demands. • Strengthen the educators' skills so they can properly guide our children with remote virtual education. • Link children and adolescents to specialized care programs that contribute to mental health, altered by prolonged pandemic confinement. • Prevent COVID infection, raising awareness among children and young people of the great importance of disinfection, immediate change of clothing, continuous hand washing and reporting of health-related symptoms. • Strengthen work with families by reactivating home visits to highlight pandemic crisis conditions to intervene risk factors such as domestic violence • Guidance families in the face of their co-responsibility actions with their children's processes in the institution to achieve an adequate family reintegration. <p>We hope that more and more people will join our common cause: the care, protection, education and training of our children as good human beings full of love and happiness.</p> 