



Friends of Honduran Children



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Making a Real Difference

Right now, thousands of impoverished, orphaned or abandoned children are struggling for survival in Honduras. Our mission is simple – improve their quality of life. Meet their basic needs and empower them to break the cycle of deprivation and hardship that controls their lives.

Working with our long-time Honduran partner Sociedad Amigos de los Niños, Friends rescues them from a life of poverty and neglect. They are given food, clothing, medical and dental care, and a safe place to live. Most importantly, they are given love and security.

When they are safe and thriving, we provide an education and life tools – daring them to aspire to something better.

Our efforts create real results. By investing in sustainable programs rather than band-aid solutions, we are helping them transform themselves – from victims of poverty to self-sufficient members of society.

Our Partner Sociedad Amigos de los Niños

Based primarily within the city of Tegucigalpa, Sociedad strives to help Honduras' most vulnerable people. For more than 40 years, Sociedad founder Sister Maria Rosa Leggol has delivered hope and an opportunity to forge a brighter future through self-pride and self-sustainability. In that time, more than 35,000 children have been rescued, cared for and educated.

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Dr. Jim McCallum began working with Sociedad in 1979 in response to his fervent desire to help Sister in her tireless efforts. More than a quarter of a century later, Friends is a thriving non-profit, grass roots organization based in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

Together, we have saved thousands of children from the ravaging effects of hopeless poverty. To do this, we rely on the generosity of people who want to make a real difference in the life of a child. **With your support, we will make a real difference in the lives of thousands more.**



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Child Sponsorship

At any given time there are thousands of impoverished, abandoned or orphaned children who need our help and love. For about \$1 a day, Friends' Child Sponsors make an immediate difference in the lives of these children.

For \$30 a month or \$360 a year, individuals or families work in partnership with three other Canadian sponsors to create a safety net of supporters. As every new safety net is created, Sociedad is able to take on another child, immediately giving them a safe home and a brighter tomorrow.

Sociedad's communities of homes are special places where our sponsored children are taken to be raised in a caring and loving atmosphere. Here they grow strong and confident, getting the love, care and skills they need to become productive citizens of Honduras.

Together each sponsor safety net feeds, clothes and houses a sponsored child. Child sponsorship ensures each child receives an education, medical care, vocational training and life skills. Most importantly, it provides someone to look after them – to love them and give them a chance to realize a better future.



Flor Azul Farm School

In spite of having no training, job or income, many young boys leave the rural areas of Honduras and migrate to the city in search of better opportunities. Once there, it is easy for them to be pulled into the cycle of poverty and violence found in life on the street.

Flor Azul is Sociedad's response to this persistent problem. A farm residence and school, it provides boys ages 7-15 with a place where they can live with dignity while being given basic care. They also receive an education and valuable vocational training in different trades. **Through learning by doing, the boys are prepared for a more promising future.**



Medical Brigades

Little government support for health care and a serious lack of adequate facilities, potable water and sanitation services has led to a serious health crisis throughout Honduras. Thanks to the support of many North American medical professionals, Sociedad is able to bring free, primary medical and dental care to many remote areas of Honduras through a program known as Peterborough Medical Brigades.

Friends send three Brigades a year, each one consisting of 16-18 medical professionals from the Peterborough area. **Each team will see up to 1,500 medical patients and 1,000 dental patients** during their visit, providing care to the country's most vulnerable. Since its inception, over 100,000 Hondurans have received medical attention and medicines.



Education and Scholarships

Under-funded and ill-equipped, the poor state of Honduras' education system and high cost of sending a child to school has resulted in a **shocking illiteracy rate of 76%**. Many children don't make it past primary school if they make it to school at all.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Honduran young people are getting the chance to become self-sufficient through a combination of practical training and academic study. In addition to supporting existing education efforts offered to children in the care of Sociedad, the FoHC Education initiative provides school supplies to rural primary schools and is developing scholarships that will enable students to pursue vocational training at the high school level.

