

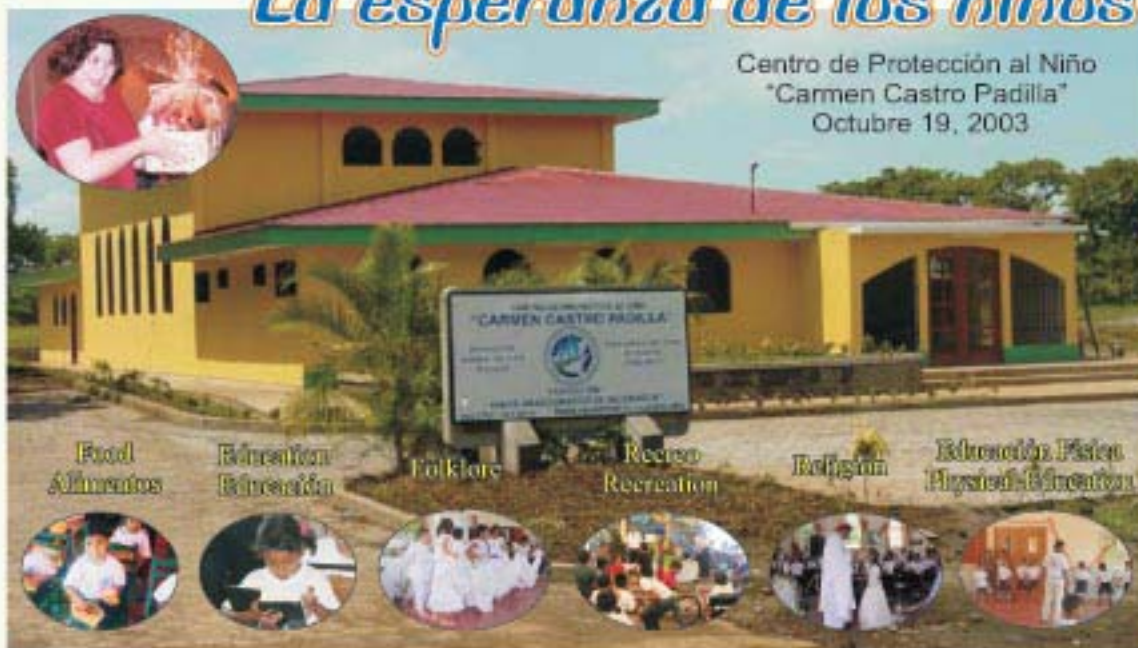
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Message from the President

Dear Friends:

This has been a transcendental year for our organization. It has been almost two years since the inauguration of the Center for the Protection of Children "Carmen Castro Padilla." A project brought to fruition by the combined efforts of "Abandoned Children in Nicaragua Foundation" in California and "Niños Abandonados de Nicaragua" en Nicaragua.

Our mission or primary objective is oriented towards the rescue and support of children of extreme poverty with a high risk of becoming children of the streets, creating for them the possibilities of education and shaping them to be people of high morals, civic values as well as spiritual values filled with love towards humanity.

In its first phase, we will attempt at providing them with a sixth grade level of education. Following this phase, we will initiate the program "Learn a trade and study". A program where the children can finish their high school education and continue through to college and in the worse case scenarios, the kids that do not want to finish school can go to work in the trade learned while at the center.

These projects have been initiated in poor neighborhoods located south of the Kola Shaler bottling co. near Sabana Grande. However, if we can get the support at a national and international level, we could open other centers for the protection of children in other badly needed areas of Managua and cities across Nicaragua.

Today the daily operating cost needed to educate sixty-five children 6 to 9 years of age during the first year that the center has been open, have been met through donations and fund raising activities realized both locally and in California. We have also been blessed with many kind volunteers who donate their time and labor coordinating many activities and the volunteers who assist at the Center.

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