#### Friends of Children EVERYWHERE

## PROVIDING HOPE AND HEALING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA



# Hidden on the side of a mountain, outside Guatemala City, Casa Bernabé is home to over 100 children victimized by abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

Through your support and partnership with Friends of Children Everywhere over the years, Casa Bernabé has been empowered to care for hundreds of children, restoring families, and transforming orphan care in Guatemala.

The ministry has grown to include a school, medical clinic, vocational training, and post-placement care and support for the children.





## THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN IN GUATEMALA ARE LIVING IN CRISIS.

2nd highest child murder rate in the world.

4 out of 10 children experience sexual abuse.

**49.8%** of children suffer from chronic hunger - 4th highest in the world.

5,000 children are living on the streets of Guatemala City alone.

78% of the children are living below the poverty line.

**88%** of reported crimes against children go unpunished including rape, murder & kidnapping.

1 "UNICEF Annual Report 2016 Guatemala." 9 Jan. 2017.

"Statistics." UNICEF, 26 Dec. 2013, www.unicef.org/infobycountry/guatemala\_statistics.html.



# The Good News

Over the past 32 years, Casa Bernabé has sought to be a model in residential care, providing comprehensive services to Guatemalan children that have been orphaned, abused, neglected and are at risk. They have sought to set a high standard of care for their children meeting their emotional, physical, academic, social and cognitive needs.

Since 2002, Friends of Children Everywhere has been committed to the support and care of the children at Casa Bernabé. Annually, we are responsible for raising 80% of their necessary funding.

Together, we are providing hope and healing through Jesus for vulnerable children in Guatemala, both within the walls of its campus and also within the surrounding community.

Lives are being transformed as the ties of generational poverty and abuse are broken through family modeling and education.

# Casa Bernabé Ministries





## Children's Home

The children at Casa Bernabé live within nine different family units, where they are cared for by a loving Christian couple and are able to experience, often for the very first time, what it means to live in a family. Casa Bernabé provides each of these children with food, shelter, medical care, education, vocational training, and above all Christ-centered holistic care.

### **Transitional Living Program**

Our Transitional Living Program helps young adults over age 18 learn to work, attend school, and acquire life skills in preparation for launching into Guatemalan society. Coupled with vocational training, the Transition Program accompanies the young adults of CB on their journey towards independence. Our youth gain the practical tools needed to break the cycle of poverty and integrate into society as responsible, contributing citizens.

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## **Integrated Formation Program**

This program offers vocational and workplace preparation with hands on education in areas such as welding, carpentry, computer programming, sewing, aesthetics and cooking. With an emphasis on education and life skills, we actively invest in the future of each of these young adults, giving them the opportunity to succeed in the path they choose once outside the care of Casa Bernabé.

#### **Families United**

This is a pioneer ministry committed to reconciling and restoring broken families. Casa Bernabé's team of dedicated professionals are committed to working alongside each of the families of our children and the Guatemalan government, conducting extensive visits, evaluations, & interviews, then preparing a plan that would unify the disintegrated home. The team provides follow-up and supervision once re-united

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## Medical Clinic

The Clinic began a partnership with the San Carlos University of Guatemala with the purpose of opening our clinic up to the surrounding community, as well as treating the children and staff at Casa Bernabé. This also program also provides the training for our young women to become a certified dental assistant. The clinic houses three psychologists, a pharmacy, and the dental clinic with a full time dentist.

#### **Christian School**

Offering Pre-K through 9th grade education, Casa Bernabé Christian School provides quality, Christ centered education. For more than 10 years, the school has also generously opened its doors to families in the surrounding community. Due to many economic and social limitations, in most cases, the children from these families would not have the chance to receive any kind of formal education.



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Friends of Children Everywhere believes that through our combined efforts and dedication to utilizing our experiences and resources we can help to improve the lives of vulnerable children. Your donations will make possible stories of love, redemption, rescue, strength, and family. These tax-deductible gifts are the lifeblood of our organization.

# Our sponsors are a vital part of delivering the Good News of Jesus to the children and families served by Casa Bernabé.

# You can make a difference. Sponsor Hope.

Our Hope Sponsors are able to touch and influence every aspect of a child's life at Casa Bernabé. Financial support isn't always glamorous, we have to pay for electricity, we have to buy toilet paper. Those are realities of life. They are necessities. As a Hope Sponsor you are helping meet these very real needs and more. Your sponsorship ends up looking like the security of three daily meals, a warm, safe bed at night and the continuing care of loving adults. Hope Sponsors give the gift of an education, a vocation, and ultimately, the hope of a life beyond the walls of the orphanage for not just one, but all of the children.



Our Hope Sponsors create the foundation that every other program is built off of. This is our most essential sponsorship, and for as little as \$10/mth, this is your biggest opportunity for impact.

As a Hope Sponsor you will receive an annual update and a thank you card from one of the Casa Bernabé Children.

Hope Sponsors, you are playing a part in God's story of redemption for each and every one of these children. On behalf of them, let us say thank you. We hope that the kids we sponsor today will never need a sponsorship program for their children.

# If your dreams don't scare you they're not big enough. We know we serve the God of the impossible.



As we look to the future we have dreams of an expanded ministry that shines an ever increasing light into the surrounding community. Through continuing to develop the medical clinic, enlarging the school, and enriching our Families United programs we hope to provide some economic initiatives and training opportunities for children and their families.

Our desire is to shift the narrative; to help keep struggling families together, and break the cycle of poverty.

This is where "What if?" becomes "We can." and "We will."

## Pray



Prayer is the response that others may not see and it may not always produce immediate results, but it always holds the most power. Join us in upholding the children, house parents, leadership, and staff at Casa Bernabe.

## Sponsor



Whether you choose to support one of the Casa Bernabe ministries individually or become a Hope Sponsor, your donations are tax-deductible, and the lifeblood of our organization.

### Become an Ambassador



Has your heart been stirred with a passion for the work being done at Casa Bernabe? Let us equip you to become a voice for the vulnerable and advocate in your area in order to grow our community.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~Margaret Mead



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