

CLUB ESPERANZA

An Educational Center of Open Hearts



Club Cristiano la Esperanza serves children from Barrio Villa Guadalupe providing pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes as well as tutoring for elementary school students. Older students receive scholarships to attend high school and participate in a youth group. The Club offers extracurricular activities including a lacrosse team, that plays in a local league, music, art, dance and English.

Accomplishments of the Club in 2016 include the following:

- Over 300 children and youth participated in the programs at Club Esperanza including the twice-each-day feeding program on Monday through Friday.
- Club Esperanza now has a computer lab for its students, which means the students do not have to incur the cost and challenges of going to a cyber café to do their homework and research.
- A program was implemented to provide support to pregnant women and new and nursing mothers.
- A program was implemented to enable disabled and special needs children to take part in activities at Club Esperanza.
- A Bible training class for teenagers was started that has led to a number of baptisms.

In addition to providing financial support, Austin Samaritans provided the computer lab and an Austin Samaritans supporter provided netbooks to equip the lab.



COLEGIO CRISTIANO PRESBITERIANO

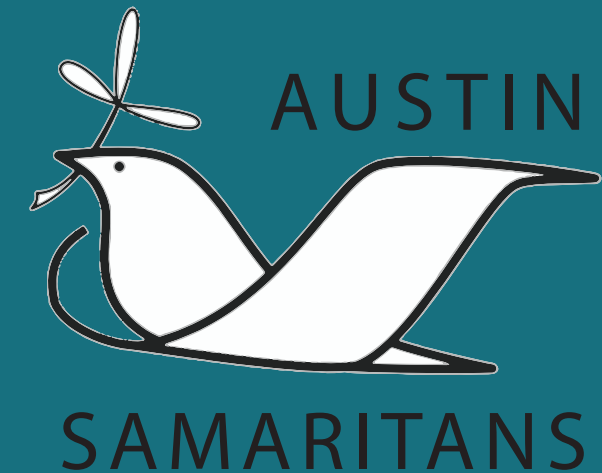
A School of the Mission of the Presbyterian Church of South Korea in Nicaragua

Colegio Cristiano Presbiteriano provides pre-kindergarten through 10th grade classes for students from Barrio Hialeah, a neighborhood of families with very low incomes. The school offers a better education than that provided by the Nicaraguan public schools and does so in a Christian setting; for example, an AWANA program is offered.

Accomplishments of the school in 2016 include the following:

- A student body of 256 was served and a 10th grade curriculum was added.
- Computer classes were added that were greeted with great enthusiasm by the students.
- A roof was constructed over the ball courts to provide shade to the students when they are there.
- Two new classrooms and new restrooms for boys and girls were constructed. A patio was enclosed for use as an additional classroom.
- A retaining wall was constructed to address an erosion problem along the back side of the property.

Austin Samaritans provides essential financial support for the school, without which it would close.



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Austin Samaritans seeks to show God's love to people in need in Nicaragua by serving and assisting churches and non-profit organizations in Nicaragua with their programs in the areas of health, education, and rescue. By coordinating efforts and pooling resources for maximum impact, we connect resources and talent to needs.

FUNDACION ORTIZ GURDIAN CLINIC

A Clinic of the Ortiz Gurdian Foundation

Fundacion Ortiz Gurdian Clinic provides screening for, and treatment of breast and cervical cancer for women of limited financial means. In addition to medical services, the clinic provides a support group and professional counseling to women undergoing treatment. FOG provides free mammograms and breast exams to women over 40 years of age and free gynecology exams and PAP smears for women of any age. Any follow-up treatment that is needed is free.

Accomplishments of the clinic in 2016 include the following:

- Over 1500 women were screened for breast cancer.
- Over 1000 women had Pap smears.
- Approximately 100 women received on-going treatment.
- FOG also maintained a program for cancer survivors that provided skills training and improvement of self-esteem; approximately 20 women participated in this program.

Austin Samaritans provides significant financial support and supplies to the clinic.



VILLA ESPERANZA

A Mission of Forward Edge International



Villa Esperanza provides a residential facility for at-risk girls from Barrio Villa Guadalupe. The facility can accommodate up to 30 girls. Spiritual, emotional, and physical support are provided to girls who would otherwise be subject to a life of poverty, physical and/or sexual abuse, and neglect. The girls' needs with respect to medical care, psychological care, spiritual care, and education are addressed. The girls continue to maintain contact with their families, and the Villa Esperanza staff also works with their families to provide a holistic program.

Accomplishments in 2016 include the following:

- As of 2016, five of the girls at Villa Esperanza had graduated from high school. They have all pursued additional education that will provide marketable skills:
 - One has also completed beauty school;
 - One is enrolled in the university studying business administration and tourism;
 - The two that graduated in 2016 plan to attend the university.
 - The fifth, who no longer lives at Villa Esperanza, is completing a technical education course that will enable her to become a pre-school teacher.
- A full-time tutor has been added to the staff.

Austin Samaritans provides financial support to assist with medical expenses of the girls.



CLINICA MEDICA

A Program of Manna Project International

Clinica Medica serves the impoverished Barrio Villa Guadalupe. It is the only clinic serving an area with a population that exceeds 10,500 that provides services five days a week and a full stock of medication.

Accomplishments of the clinic in 2016 include the following:

- The clinic received its 5-year operating license from the Nicaraguan government to provide general medicine and gynecological services
- 1400 community members were served.
- Testing for Dengue virus was conducted in collaboration with the Nicaragua health agency.
- The clinic participated in a pilot program with medical students from Emory University and Southern Illinois. The program is aimed at reducing the number of adolescent pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
- The waiting area was expanded to accommodate the increased patient load.

Austin Samaritans provides essential financial support, supplies, and equipment to the clinic.

