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If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
If you want to help for a while, give them a tree;
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education

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Meet a Few Students from Our Matagalpa, Nicaragua, School

Responsibility schools are located in areas where the government doesn't provide education. In Matagalpa, we are the only kindergarten/primary school in the neighborhood located next to the municipal garbage dump. Our educational programs focus on the needs of working children.

CRISTIAN ELIU OROZCO



I am the third of five brothers. We live in a dirt-floored house with tin and black plastic (garbage bag) walls and a tin roof. We live with my single mom, Reyna Isabel Hernández, next to the Matagalpa Municipal Garbage Dump where we scavenge for plastic bottles, scrap metal and cardboard. The whole family must work. My daily schedule is working in the morning and attending classes in the late afternoon. I like coming to the Responsibility school because all the students are my age. I am not embarrassed and no one bullies me because I am 10 years old and in third grade. My dream in my life is to finish this school year with good grades and good behavior. I love



going to school because my teacher teaches me a lot. I love math. When I grow up I want to be an engineer to build houses, bridges and roads. I want to thank you for your donations which fund my school which is free to all students.

WILLIAM PAO VALDIVIA



I am the youngest in my family. I have two brothers and a sister. We live with my mom and dad and a family friend who is always drugged out. My two brothers are in seventh grade. I am 10 years old and in third grade. I attend the Responsibility school. My mom agreed that I can work in the mornings in the dump and study in the evenings. I like art classes, especially painting. In my future, I would like to become a policeman.

My favorite food is chicken with chips and my favorite sport is soccer.



ÁLVARO DE JESÚS LEZCANO GADEA



I am the fourth of five children. We have three different fathers. We all live with my mom who is 35 years old and single in my grandparents' home. I was born on December 23, 2005. I am 10 years old and study in early afternoons at the Responsibility School. I am in 4th grade. I love going to school because I learn a lot. I also like the lunch the school serves us which is rice, beans, cereal, and tortilla. It is much better than the food we find in the garbage. After the school day, my brothers and I go directly to work in the dump with my mom. We stay until it gets dark. It is there at the dump that I take breaks to complete my homework. We are

a poor family but I have a great desire to continue studying to be something better in life. My goal is to become an artist. I love painting.



My favorite food is chicken. My favorite color is blue. I like to play baseball. Thanks for sponsoring my education which is preparing me for a better future.

JOEL SANTIAGO FLORES LEZCANO



I am the youngest in my family of five kids. We have three different dads. (Alvaro is my brother.) I am six years old, born on April 25, 2009. I go the early afternoon session at school. I love to go to school because they give me lunch. After school I go to work in the dump with my entire family. In the future I want to be a firefighter because they help people. My favorite food is chicken. My favorite color is orange. I love playing soccer.



BLICELDA DEL CARMEN GONZALES HERNANDEZ



I am 16 years old and the oldest of three girls. We live with my mom. Since my entire family only earns a dollar a day scavenging the dump, I have had to work since I have been able to walk and not go to school. However, that all changed when Responsibility opened a tuition free school specifically for the kids who work in the dump. I am in third grade and I attend the late afternoon session. (In the morning I work with my mom collecting bottles and whatever we may find to sell.) My dream is to become a doctor so I must keep studying.

My favorite food is rice and beans but sometimes we don't even have enough money to buy that. I live in a dirt floor house with plastic walls and a tin roof. I would prefer to live somewhere nicer but we just can't afford it.



BELKYS DEL SOCORRO HERNANDEZ DIAZ



I am the oldest in my family. I have two sisters and two brothers. My father abandoned the family years ago leaving my mother to take care of us. We live in a small dirt-floored plastic-walled house. I never went to school so that I could help my mom support the family. We collect scrap metal. Thanks to Responsibility that funds the "School for Working Students" I am now getting an education. This year I am 17 years old and in third grade. My dream is to graduate from elementary school in two years. I want to study and be a professional in something but I don't know what that is yet.

My favorite food is rice with beans and vegetables when we can afford them.



Would you like to accept the responsibility of sending a child, who scavenges a Nicaragua dump for survival, to school for a year? If yes, please return the form below.

Yes, I would like to sponsor a child education for one year. (This is the Nicaragua school.)

Name _____

Address _____

Email (Best method) _____

The cost to send one child to school for one year is \$168

I would like to cover the cost with monthly payments (\$14 per month for 12 months)

I would like to cover the cost with one payment. (\$168)

I would like to make a monthly payment of _____ to help a child go to school.

I would like to make one donation of _____ to help a child go to school.

Other donation to support the school in Nicaragua.

I will email you a photograph and autobiography of your "adopted" child.

Sincerely, *David Lynch, The Board of Directors, Teachers, and the Students*