

Thank you volunteers, donors, staff & families!

*What a phenomenal year!
Four full time staff with benefits,
new therapy equipment, expanded vocational program,
2 months of intensive staff training by volunteers, all
leading to amazing progress for our children and youth!*



134 Wheelchairs and New Therapy Equipment Fuel Movement, Play and Participation

Thanks to the generosity and collaboration of Global Mobility and Futuro de Nicaragua, in 2016 we've provided specialized chairs to 57 children and 77 adults, and followed up with all prior recipients of chairs, adjusting, repairing and exchanging as needed.

Follow up is crucial to making repairs and adjustments as children grow!

Impact: Meet Genesis!

Genesis, now 6, has received her second CIELO de Amor wheelchair. It tilts back and provides better positioning which has allowed her to strengthen her core, gain head control, and thus more fully participate in activities with family and peers.

Our professional volunteers have coached our staff to help Genesis develop eye gaze communication, motor skills and active social skills. Her family is learning to improve her feeding by adjusting the thickness of her food. Starting young is key!



Your Donations Make a Difference!

Your **one-time donation** can help fund supplies or rent for a month. bit.ly/supportcielo
We are tremendously thankful to our 36 **sustaining monthly donors** who help provide full-time salary and benefits for our fabulous local staff - truly the heart and soul of CIELO de Amor. Help us reach our goal of 60 monthly donors!

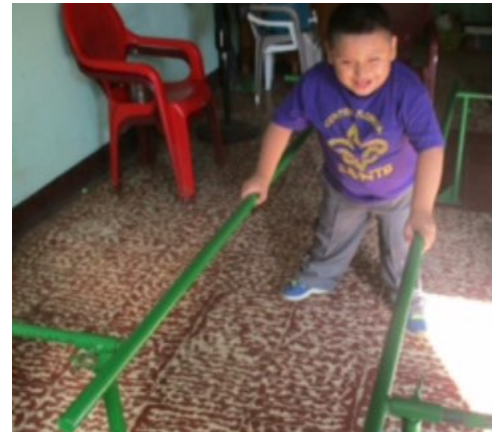
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New Therapy Equipment Fuels Movement and Play

Every week our children build motor skills and independence, using our new parallel bars and brightly painted recycled tire stairs. We are thrilled to have bars - made by a local craftsman - that can be easily adjusted for any height and width.

Impact: Jamir's Walking

We've been helping Jamir work on walking for 2 years. After surgery, Jamir wore casts for six months. He did not take to using a walker, but the parallel bars have had a huge impact. Initially his father had to support him and nudge him along, while staff blew bubbles to motivate him. Just a month later, he eagerly uses the bars, and now Jamir is growing in coordination and strength - and beaming!



Vocational Training Gives Our Youth New Confidence

Our long-time volunteer Occupational Therapist Esther has trained our local staff to run the vocational project for 7 youth with disabilities. They are developing on-the-job skills and confidence in so many areas, including health and safety, following recipes, practical numeracy, customer service, and making crafts.

Impact: Jesua's Cooking

From day one, Jesua has been full of enthusiasm and our most motivated youth. Twice a week, he comes early to clean. In spite of his challenges with vision and intellectual delays, he's learned a variety of new job skills. Jesua and his family say there is no other place like CIELO, where everyone treats you well and no one says you can't do something because of a disability. We are all so proud to see his skills grow to match his enthusiasm!



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By the Numbers...

Physical Therapy & Special Education

- 36 children actively participating

Vocational Training

- 7 youth, 4 times/week

Wheelchairs

- 134 new chairs
- 180 follow-ups
- 25 repairs
- 16 exchanges

Staffing

- 4 full time staff, with benefits
- 1 part time vocational trainer
- Cost \$1,500/month

Volunteers

- 5 on-site volunteers, including 2 returning for a month!
- Plus many volunteers from abroad assisting with materials, fundraising and much more!

We appreciate your continued interest and support!

– Ruth Weinberg and the CIELO de Amor Family