

# NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA - JULY 2019

## Fighting Breeds More Fighting

Civil unrest rocked Nicaragua a year ago. The news was full of fighting, anger and acts of violence. Children watch that! Children learn from that!

This year the teachers have noticed a sharp increase in the number of fights and acting out among the children. Of course, little children don't usually do serious physical harm when they fight. But the effects of violence are cumulative as children begin to think that fighting is the way to resolve problems.



The teachers arranged for Johanna Muñoz, a licensed Social Worker, to come and offer workshops through the school for the parents. She helped parents deal with the things that have happened and gave them ideas on how to help their children live a more sane and healthy life in the midst of turmoil.

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[www.littleschoolnicaragua.com](http://www.littleschoolnicaragua.com)

Facebook - LaEscuelitaNicaragua

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## Dia De Madres

Mother's Day in Nicaragua is more than a card and taking Mom out to dinner. It is a major celebration, and every school has activities in which the children perform something special for their mothers.



And there is always a pinata for the kids. Everyone has a wonderful time on Mother's Day.

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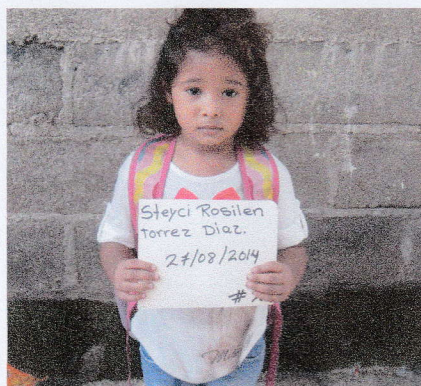
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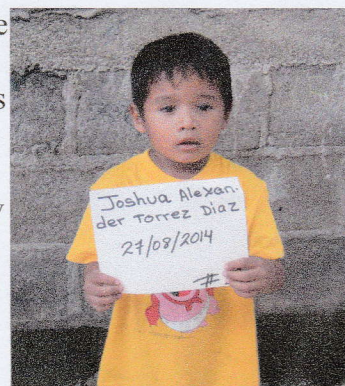
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## Some Children Need Sponsors



Each year the teachers are able to identify some children whose level of family need is more serious than most of the students in the school. These children need the financial support of a sponsor who can help their family provide what the child needs.

For \$200 per year, we can assure that these children receive everything that all the other children receive, plus the little extras that are needed.



By the time you read this, we hope that some of these children will already have sponsors. However, the teachers have identified eight such children, and we have only included a few of the photos here. There are still others in need of sponsors.

Among the children needing special attention there is one girl whose is a



survivor of childhood cancer and in need of constant medication which her parents cannot afford. Some of the families live in single rooms because they cannot afford even the smallest apartment. Many of them are in single parent families where one of the parents has left them.

The cost to sponsor a child is \$200 a year. The sponsor will receive the name and photo, along with some information about that child and his/her family. **Can YOU sponsor one of these children?** Contact us at [penngarvin@gmail.com](mailto:penngarvin@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU

## The New Mural Is Finished!

With great thanks to the artist, Gerardo Hernandez and his sister who helped with the painting, we celebrate this new mural at La Escuelita. During the time of painting, many people from the neighborhood spoke to Gerardo about how much they missed the old mural, and how pleased they were to have this new one in their community.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this project.

