



Building Sustainable Futures

**N3R, also known as Ninos Tres Rios, currently provides assistance funding to 270 families in poverty within fourteen indigenous rural villages of El Salvador.**



**Our Education Program** provides funding to assist students to attend school, including special education for children with disabilities.

**Our Special Needs Program** provides funding to assist families with the extra cost of caring for their disabled child.

**Our Medical Emergencies Fund** assists families with the unforeseen cost related to an illness or other medical need.

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**N3R's 2024 Program Summary.** This document provides the reader an overview of N3R's program plan for the 2024 calendar year.

**229 Students will be receiving assistants grants;** 100 Elementary School, 99 High School, and 10 Post-secondary.

**57 Special Needs Children** having physical and mental impairments will be receiving assistance grants.

**Program Summary**

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# N3R - 2024 Program Summary

N3R is pleased to enter our 22nd year offering programs assisting with financial needs of students through our **Education Assistance Fund** and children with disabilities and others with medical needs through our **Special Needs Fund**. We currently serve 14 indigenous subsistence villages near Nahuizalco, El Salvador.

Poverty remains an open door for gang involvement and the coyote's call for migration. One feeds the other. Both are life-threatening for those that heed the call. Too often, the result is a fractured family unit that is further strained by an economic burden that feeds the next cycle. A child's commitment to education strengthens their ability to resist the debilitating life choices. When they set their focus on a complete education, siblings become equally committed; the family unit is strengthened and better able to withstand the economic storms. N3R's Education Assistance Fund enables students to place education-first as their life choice.

In 2024, we continue to be challenged as we try to overcome the post pandemic trend of children choosing to work rather than setting a goal to complete high school. N3R 2024 education program plan continues a focus on bringing a renewed commitment high school education.

## N3R Education Assistance Program

provides monetary assistance for **229** students to attend school  
Including **10** post-secondary students and **20** Special Needs students



**N3R encourages a  
Year-on-Year Complete Education**

**N3R supports Inclusive  
Education at all Skill Levels**

## N3R Special Needs Program

provides monetary assistance for children's health needs  
Including **57** children with physical and mental impairments



**N3R Care assists with  
Children's Health Needs**

**N3R Care is Inclusive of  
Children with Disabilities**

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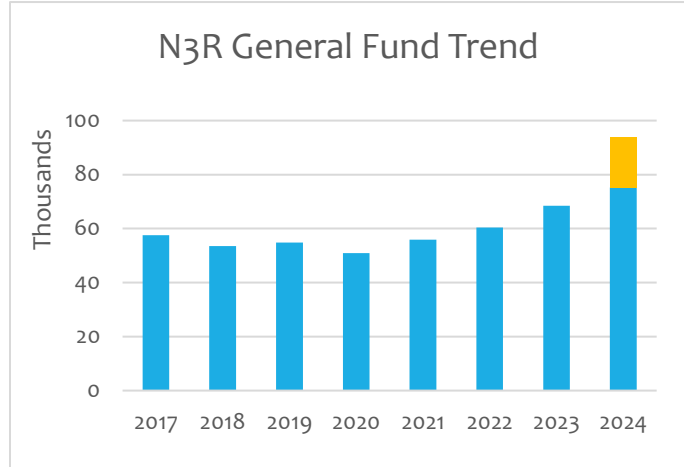
## About our Budget

N3R's primary focus is in partnership with Una Vida Mejor (UVM) on assisting children in El Salvador with education and medical needs. Our Education and Medical Needs Programs are funded through our General Fund.

Thanks to your generosity we completed all of our funding needs in 2023!

N3R has set a budget goal of \$75,260 for our Education Assistance and Medical Needs Assistance programs in 2024.

In order to ensure yearly program objectives are met, the N3R Board decided in 2023 to maintain a reserve fund equal to one quarter of the education and medical needs budget. A reserve of \$18,815 will be set aside for 2024.



## Ways to Give

As a faith based organization, we carefully insure that your donation information is well protected and efficiently utilized to provide education and medical assistance. Please continue supporting us.

### Check Donations

Please make checks payable to **N3R**. Checks may be mailed to the following address:

N3R  
c/o Kelsey Creek Church  
1221 148th Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 98007

### Employee Giving and Matching Gift Programs

We encourage you to check with your Human Resources department to see if your company matches charitable contributions or volunteer hours. Employees are already giving to N3R through established employee matching programs at:

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- [Paypal.me/ninostresrios](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&from=seller=&source=merchot)
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- Stock transfers may be made to N3R's WellsTrade Account.

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**Remember ... we are all volunteers .... 100% of what we receive from you goes to the causes.**

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## About our 2024 Education Program

Your early giving is important! The 2024 school year in El Salvador begins in late January.

Poverty is widespread in the 14 villages we serve. Understandably, the need is well beyond the funds we have available to us. As such, we use a community-driven need-based student selection model that brings the student's family into our program family. N3R's budget planning seeks to remain alongside each student year on year, continuing their scholarships as they progress from K through 12. These scholarships encourage a stronger family commitment toward education and, we feel, have proven effective over the years in creating a wider commitment toward education within the village.

We have perhaps turned the corner on post-pandemic dropout rates! During 2023, we experience 1 dropout from elementary school, 4 dropouts from high school, and zero dropouts in post-secondary. The 10% increase in our 2024 general fund will be assisting 229 students!

- 100 elementary school
- 99 high school
- 10 post-secondary, of which 2 are attending university and 8 in trade school programs.

A child focused on education in the K-4 years is more likely to avoid gang involvement ... consider that to be a life saved! A student making it through the first year of high school, will most likely commit to graduate ... a first step in exiting poverty's cycle.

## About our 2024 Medical Needs Program

Where the family need exists, N3R's Medical Needs Program will provide assistance to help the family with the extra costs of medicines and medical care. This may be a student simply needing eye glasses or a disabled child needing regular medical attention.

Village families make every effort to care for disabled children within the home. Unfortunately, poverty sometimes makes it difficult for the family to ensure the child gets the regular medical attention they need. N3R's Medical Needs Fund enables the child to get the medical care they need and, when appropriate, N3R's Education Fund enables them to attend regular school or special education.

Our 2024 program will be providing assistance for 57 disabled children, of which 20 will also be receiving assistance to attend a their local school or special education program.

## Other Activities

The following are some examples of how N3R seeks to improve the lives of children in El Salvador through Special Projects.

**N3R Food Events;** Providing a each family with 2 week supply of food during holiday times.

**N3R's Bibles Project;** Placing Bibles and New Testaments in the hands of young people.

**Hope Medical Clinic:** A day where doctors, dentist and medical students join with UVM in providing free exams open to all.

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## How N3R's Assistance Programs Operate

N3R partners with Una Vida Mejor (UVM) to manage our programs in El Salvador. UVM is a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) located in San Salvador. UVM mirrors N3R's 'all-volunteer' framework with emphasis on 'enabling local people that have a heart to serve'.

El Salvador has nationalized education and medical systems. Those systems have limited resources that too often do not reach families in the rural subsistence villages we serve. Our UVM partners in El Salvador make their best efforts to connect villagers into available national resources. Even so, poverty often prevents the family from paying even the minimal costs that might be involved. N3R funds assist with those expenses.

We have set a budget goal of just over \$94,000 for 2024, a 10% increase from 2023. Roughly \$18,815 per quarter and another \$18,815 in reserve. Based on historical giving, this will be a challenge for us, so we would love your ideas and fund raising skills in helping us reach that goal ... and beyond!

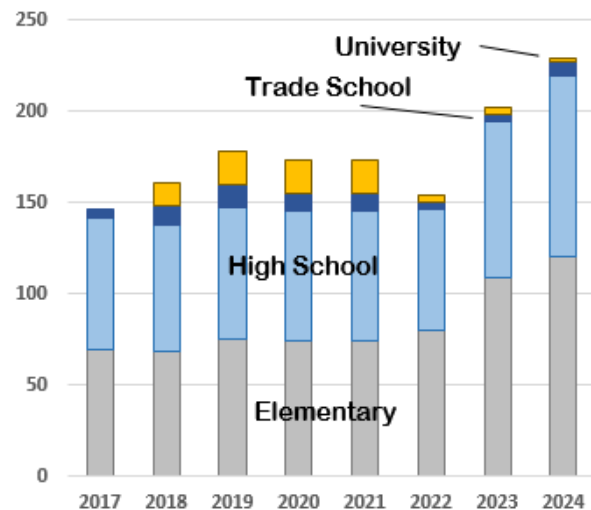
## N3R Education Assistance Program

N3R Education Program funding primarily enables K-12 students in poverty to attend school. Assistance is also available to students attending post-secondary (P-S) training and university.

Our 2023 results and 2024 enrollments indicate that the post-pandemic days are behind us. High school aged students are recommitting themselves to education being their path forward!

The student mix is roughly 50% female and male. Students may attend the school of their choosing.

Our program is generally structured to follow a student from their earliest years until at least graduation from high school. UVM manages the education program in a manner that establishes a partnering relationship with each student and with their family. As the student matures, that relationship becomes an anchor of support that encourages the student to make life choices toward a better future for them and their families.



**Elementary:** Students begin their bond with the program during these formative years making them more likely to remain close to the family, avoid gang involvement and continue to high school.

**High School:** Students that complete their first year of high school are most likely to make the commitment to graduate, enabling them to find better work opportunities in nearby cities.

**Post-Secondary and University:** For a community to progress beyond subsistence, it needs to nurture good leaders for the future. For those students that excel in the high school years, we encourage continued education through post-secondary technical schools or university.

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## N3R Medical and Special Needs Program

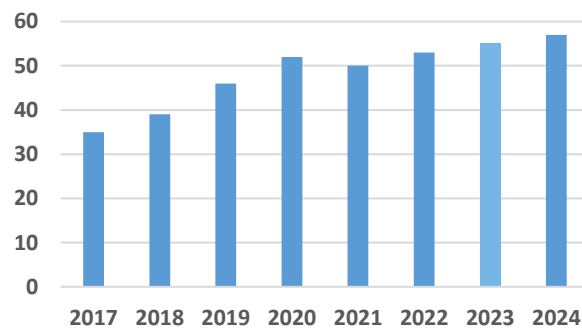
A combination of poverty, narrow diet, genetics and perhaps agricultural pesticides bring a variety of physical and mental impairments. Poverty makes it often difficult for the family to ensure the child gets the regular medical exams and attention they need.

By assisting the family with their extra costs of caring for the child, the child has a better opportunity to reach his/her highest potential, and experience life as an engaged and productive member of the community.

N3R funding provides medical and educational assistance to children with physical and mental impairments. N3R also supports an emergency medical needs fund that assists students and special needs children with unforeseen medical expenses.

- We enter 2024 with the 57 special needs children that will be receiving regular assistance. The assistance funds are typically used for medicine and physical therapy. Several of these children have multiple and complex medical and developmental issues.
- 20 special needs children will also be receiving N3R's assistance to attend their local school programs or special education programs in nearby Sonsonate.

Special Needs Cases



Several of the children we serve have multiple and complex medical and developmental issues.

Asthma	Cerebral Palsy	Down's Syndrome
Epilepsy	Eyesight & Blindness	Hearing & Deafness
Heart Disease	Hydrocephalia	Intestinal Disorders
Muscular Disorders	Psychomotor Disorders	Spina Bifida

Our year-on-year assistance seeks to nurture and aid a special needs child through 3 phases.

**Phase 1** includes children ages 0 to 5 years, and generally takes the form of medical needs assistance. We emphasize regular physical therapy as a way to help children with physical impairments better resist illnesses as well as overcoming some level of impairment.

**Phase 2** includes children ages 6 to 18 years. This age group receives both medical and educational assistance. During Phase 2, school is promoted when possible, and the focus is on preparing children for life.

**Phase 3** includes the post-schooling years and supports those who have been in the program and who continue to have ongoing or emergent medical needs of a serious nature.

Our partners at UVM are in a unique position to join with each family in bridging the additional costs that might arise while ensuring the special needs of their child are being met. Medicines, prosthetic devices and special exams, for example, are not typically covered under the national system. When necessary, UVM assists the family in arranging treatment at the children's hospital in San Salvador.