



Building Sustainable Futures

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

www.N3R.org



Our Education Program provides funding that enables 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 helps families with the unforeseen cost related to an illness or other medical need.

Learn more about us! Your donations make the difference – click on the DONATE tab

Program Summary



N3R’s 2025 Program Summary. This document provides an overview of N3R’s program plan for the 2025 calendar year.

≈215 Students will receive funding to help with education costs (110 Elementary School, 100 High School, and 5 Post-secondary).

≈50 Special Needs Children will receive funding to help with items such as extra medical costs and regular physical therapy.

Want more details? This PDF will give you program details, budget summary and more

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N3R is able to accept stock transfers via our WellsTrade account

We are Volunteers We cover our costs so 100% of what you give goes to the Kids!

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N3R - 2025 Program Summary

N3R is pleased to enter our 23rd year helping impoverished families in the rural subsistence villages near Nahuizalco, El Salvador build better futures. Students with financial needs are helped through our **Education Assistance Fund** and children with disabilities and others with medical needs receive assistance through our **Special Needs and Medical Emergencies Funds**.

Kids are back in school! El Salvador's recent anti-gang policies have reduced gang threats, the coyote's call for migration has somewhat subsided, and the Covid pandemic is behind us. For the first time in many years, our team was able to freely visit schools and homes in the villages we serve this past June 2024 ... no police security ... no army involvement ... just friends joining hands.

Sadly, economic scars remain. Our June-2024 village visits left us with a sense of economic stagnation, if not decline, from these years of gang upheaval. Family survival brings with it a 'work comes first' attitude where young students make the choice to drop out of school ... the poverty cycle continues.

Education continues to suffer the ripple effects of pandemic imposed automations. 2025 will continue to find teachers and students in mid-stride ... struggling with a more or less self-taught self-learned post-pandemic transition. Remote-learning methods and tools of the pandemic are now being adapted into 'classroom-automation', but unfortunately, many remote village schools still lack the necessary equipment and computer-based curriculums, and teachers still lack the needed level of training.

N3R's challenge! ... to use our funding to encourage students who possess a desire for progress, to achieve, and persevere. And, thereby, also to encourage all parents to support their children's goals.

Education

is our Commitment



Our Education Fund encourages the community to strive for year-on-year education through high school for all their children.

Health

is a Necessity

Our Medical Needs Fund promotes better learning by assisting with the extra costs of eye glasses, hearing aids, or simply medication for an illness.



Inclusion of All

is our Foundation



Our Special Needs Fund helps families with the extra costs of care and physical therapy for their children with disabilities.

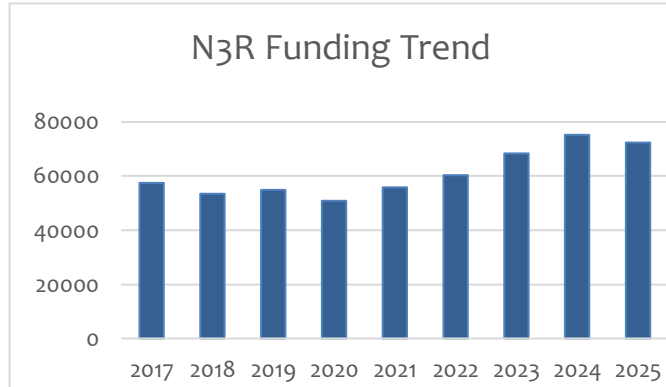
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About our Budget

N3R's primary focus is, in partnership with Una Vida Mejor (UVM), to assist 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 2024!

The N3R Board has set a budget goal of \$72,500 for our Education Assistance and Special/Medical Needs Assistance programs in 2025. Although slightly less than 2024, this budget enables UVM to continue its support of students and special needs children at the 2024 level.



Unfortunately, N3R has realized an almost \$40,000 short fall in expected giving in this post-pandemic period. The N3R Board has chosen to allocate its reserve funds to get the 2025 program year underway. While we proceed through 2025, we are working diligently to find new sources of funding to build a more secure future into 2026 and beyond.

Ways to Give

As a faith-based organization, we carefully ensure 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:

King County Home Depot Microsoft

On-line Donations

You can make a secure on-line donation to **N3R** by any one of the following links:

- www.N3R.org [Donate button]
- [Paypal.me/ninostresrios](https://www.paypal.com/microstresrios)
- Our [N3R Facebook page](#) [Learn More button]

Investment Fund Cash and Stock Transfers

Transfers from your investment account to N3R can offer significant tax advantages.

- IRA cash transfers may be made to N3R's account at Wells Fargo Bank or by check.
- Stock transfers may be made to N3R's WellsTrade Account.

N3R is a Federally recognized 501(c)3 non-profit. All of your donations are tax deductible.

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

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About our 2025 Education Program

Your early giving is important! The 2025 school year in El Salvador began 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.

In spite of the poor economic situation, post-pandemic dropout rates have remained low! During 2024, we experienced only 3 dropouts at the middle school level; 2 for economic reasons and 1 for health reasons. Although our 2025 budget reflects a roughly 4% drop from 2024, our objective is to keep student enrollment near the 2024 year-end levels!

- 110 elementary school
- 100 high school
- 5 post-secondary, of which 2 are attending university and 3 in trade school programs

A child focused on education in the K-4 years is more likely to avoid gang involvement or dropping out in the 4-9 years 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 2025 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 child needing 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 Special Needs Fund enables the child to get the medical care and regular physical therapy they need to lead fuller happier lives and, when appropriate, N3R's Education Fund enables them to attend regular school or special education.

Our 2025 program will be providing assistance for 50 disabled children, of which 16 will also be receiving assistance to attend their local school or special education program.

Other Activities

The following are a few examples of N3R Special Projects that seek to improve community lives.

Hope Medical Clinic: A full-day event where doctors, dentist and medical students join with our partners at UVM in providing free exams open to all.

N3R Food Events: Hunger is real, but an occasional food distribution can brighten lives.

USA Student Teams: The reduction in gang violence allows us to resume bringing student teams from the USA to have a personal experience of life with the people we serve in El Salvador.

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How N3R's Assistance Programs Operate

N3R partners with Asociación Una Vida Mejor (UVM) to manage our programs in El Salvador. UVM is a women-led Asociación, having a management team in San Salvador and women-led groups in each of the 14 villages we serve. 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 system's limited resources often do not reach the rural subsistence villages we serve. Our UVM partners make their best efforts to help families access national resources when they are available. Even so, poverty often prevents paying even the minimal costs that might be involved. N3R funds assist with those expenses.

N3R has set a budget goal of just over \$72,500 for 2025, a roughly 4% decrease from 2024. However, due to a substantial fall-off in giving during 2024, we were forced to use our reserves to launch 2025. Even so, based on the post-pandemic giving trend, this budget will be a challenge for us. We are actively seeking new sources of funding and would love your ideas, your fund-raising skills, and perhaps your company or foundation networking connections in helping us sustain our programs!

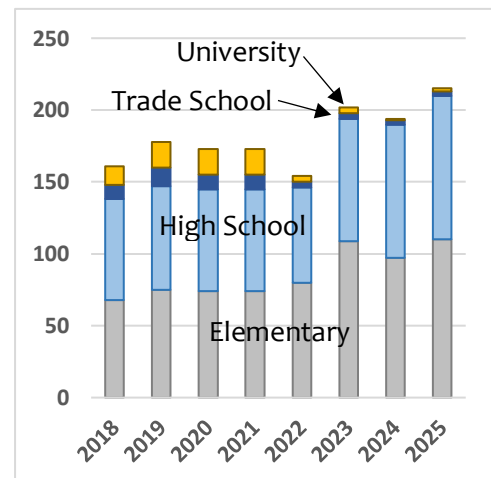
N3R Education Assistance Program

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

Our 2023 results and 2024 enrollments indicate that high school aged students are committed to education as their path forward! The low number of dropouts in middle school is also positive. We hope to see those trends continue in 2025.

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

Our program is structured to follow each student from their earliest years until at least graduation from high school. That year-over-year partnering relationship between the UVM team, the student and the family acts as an anchor of support that encourages students to make life choices toward a better future for themselves 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.

Trade-School 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 trade schools or university.

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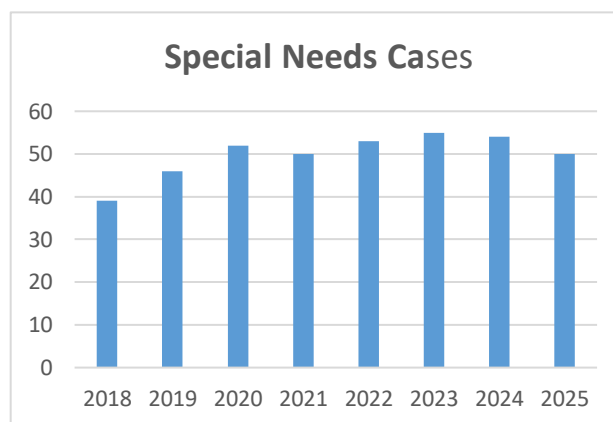
N3R Medical and Special Needs Program

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 families to ensure their children get the regular medical exams and attention they need.

By assisting the family with extra costs related to caring for a disabled 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 2025 with 50 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.
- 16 special needs children will also be receiving N3R's assistance to attend their local school programs or special education programs in nearby Sonsonate.



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.