

Ninos Tres Rios – 2022 Program Summary

Ninos Tres Rios (N3R) is pleased to enter our 20th year continuing the Education and Special Needs Assistance programs for children of 14 indigenous subsistence villages near Nahuizalco, El Salvador.

More than ever, the children in El Salvador’s subsistence villages need your support. Poverty remains an open door for gang involvement and, too often, life-threatening for students that refuse them and place education-first as their life choice. In this age of growing reliance on on-line video learning tools, students in remote villages must rely on costly and marginal cell phone service as their only means of connection. On-line video learning is fully out of reach. During much of 2020 and 2021, schools were closed ... the essential connections between learning and teaching were nearly at full stop. The 2022 school year will be essential in closing that learning gap! Thankfully, students are back in school and, for the most part, the villagers have been able to isolate themselves from the brunt of the virus. N3R looks forward to a great 2022 school year helping students re-engage in their learning process and close that gap!

Ninos Tres Rios (N3R) Education Assistance Program provides monetary assistance for 175 students to attend school



Ninos Tres Rios (N3R) Special Needs Program provides monetary assistance for children’s health needs Including 60 children with physical and mental impairments



Learn more about **Ninos Tres Rios** at www.N3R.org

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About our 2022 Budget

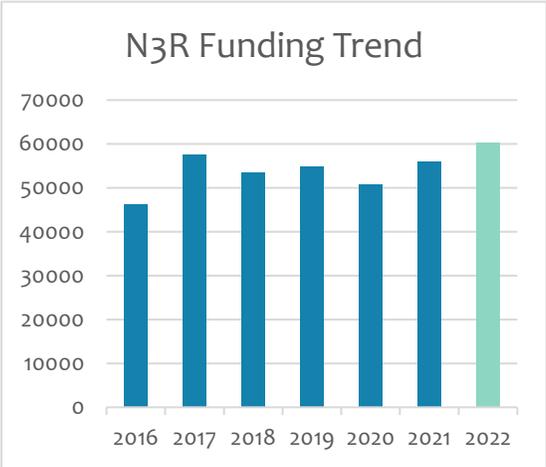
The 2022 school year in El Salvador begins in late January.

Thanks to your generosity we are entering our 20th year! There are many students and children with disabilities that need help, so please continue supporting us.

N3R has set a budget goal of \$61,000 for 2022.

The roughly 8% increase will enable us to reach our education assistance goals and improve the lives of a growing number of children with special needs.

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



Ways to Give

We are a faith based organization responding to many emergency situations beyond our planned budget. N3R faithfully relies on your donations to meet these planned and unforeseen challenges.

Check Donations

Please make checks payable to *Ninos Tres Rios*
Checks may be mailed to the following address:

Ninos Tres Rios
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.

On-line Donations

You can make a secure on-line donation to Ninos Tres Rios (N3R) by any one of the following links:

- www.N3R.org [Donate button]
- [Paypal/Ninos Tres Rios](#)
- [Paypal.me/NinosTresRios](https://www.paypal.com/US/mcharity/NinosTresRios)
- Our 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.

Ninos Tres Rios (N3R) is a Federally recognized 501(c)3 non-profit. All donations are tax deductible.

If you like what you see and have a heart for raising awareness through a personal fundraising project, we look forward to hearing from you. Just email us a note at N3RforKids@comcast.net and a member of our board will gladly follow up!

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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, that mirrors our ‘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 partners in El Salvador make their best effort to connect the people into available national resources. Even so, poverty prevents the families from paying even the minimal costs that might be involved. N3R funds assist with those expenses.

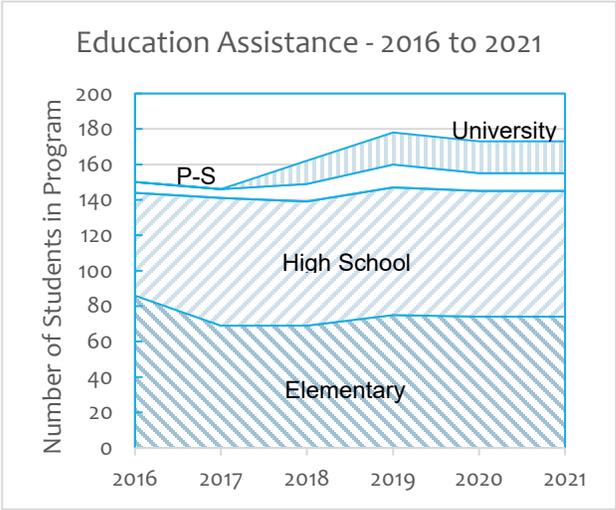
Our donor network has historically enabled an assistance fund of just over \$50,000 per year, which is shared between student education and special needs of children with disabilities. We hope to reach donations of \$60,000 for 2022 and would love your ideas and fund raising skills in helping us reach that goal ... and beyond!

- **N3R Education Assistance Program**

N3R 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.

During the 2022 school year, our partners at UVM expect to be providing monetary assistance to 175 students across the 14 villages we serve. 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 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 that begin their bond with the program during these formative years are 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 Special Needs Program**

A combination of poverty, narrow diet, genetics and perhaps agricultural pesticides bring a variety of physical and mental impairments.

The typical village family at large makes every effort to attend to the daily needs of affected children, however poverty makes it often difficult for the family to ensure the child gets the regular medical exams and attention they need.

Our partners at UVM expect to be serving around 60 special needs cases during 2022. Several of these children have multiple and complex medical and developmental issues.

N3R funding provides medical and educational assistance to children with physical and mental impairments. Our goal is to meet each child's needs - allowing each child to reach his/her highest potential and experience life as an engaged and productive member of the community. In this effort, we nurture and aid children through 3 phases.

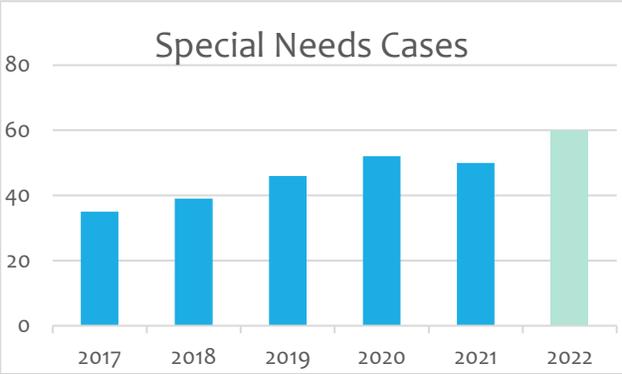
Phase 1 includes children ages 0 to 5 years and generally takes the form of medical needs assistance. We also emphasize regular physical therapy for children with physical impairments.

Phase 2 includes children ages 6 to 18 years who receive 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.

UVM is in a unique position to partner with each family in bridging the additional costs that might arise while ensuring the special needs of their child are being met. Examples would typically be costs of medicines, prosthetic devices and special exams which are not typically covered under the national system. When necessary, UVM assists with transportation costs to San Salvador. The program also encourages regular physical therapy for the severely disabled children as a means of keeping them healthy and involved. Whenever possible we encourage they attend school.

UVM also maintains an emergency reserves to help with unplanned medical needs of our students, such as eye exams and glasses and occasional medical issues. When necessary, they step in to help with surgeries and other unplanned medical situations of children inside and outside the program. UVM periodically organizes free clinic days where volunteer doctors and medical/dental students join to provide basic medical exams for young and old.



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 Bifeda