

ABOUT NPH

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) means "Our Little Brothers and Sisters" in Spanish. Founded in 1954 by Father William Wasson, NPH has transformed the lives of tens of thousands of the most vulnerable children and young adults, providing a nurturing family environment, education, health care, and vocational and life skills training. NPH USA helps children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru achieve their full potential, becoming productive, caring leaders in their communities and breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. NPH also fills a vital, lifesaving role with its operation of St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, the only hospital wholly dedicated to pediatric and high-risk maternity care in Haiti, and the only Haitian hospital equipped to provide pediatric oncology care.

We support NPH through fundraising and volunteer programs. In addition to our national office, we have three fundraising areas (South and West, Midwest, East Coast) and the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Fund each working in tandem to build support for our mission.

WHAT IS THE FOOTBALL LEGENDS CLASSIC?

In 1971, Michigan State University football teammates John Shinsky (pictured below with wife Cindy and grandson) and Joe DeLamielleure (Hall of Fame '03) discussed their dreams for the future. It was at that time that John told Joe that one day he was going to build a home for orphaned and abandoned children. That dream became a reality with the building of the Shinsky Orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico. In 2009, John partnered with NPH and its fundraising arm, NPH USA, to combine their unique resources and strengths for the shared mission of transforming the lives of children in need.

Twelve years ago, John Shinsky and Joe DeLamielleure teamed up with NPH USA to create a unique and high quality annual golf outing to benefit the children of NPH. Each foursome is turned into a fivesome by adding former professional football players, most of whom are Hall of Famers or former Chicago Bears. In 2024, this event raised over \$352,000 to support the mission of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos!

The Football Legends Classic includes:

- Sunday Night Welcome Dinner for participating legends
- Golf Scramble
- Games on the course like Beat the Pro, Golf Ball Launcher, & Longest Drive
- Cocktail Hour
- Silent Auction
- Helicopter Ball Drop
- Dinner Reception
- Keynote Speaker
- Live Auction

