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Bless the
lives of
children
today!

*This is the day
that the Lord
has made; let us
rejoice and be
glad in it.*

— PSALM 118:24



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Arms of Love Philippines was officially recognized by their government on January 16, 2001.

When our Filipino registration, license and accreditation was processed we began to welcome children who were at-risk, orphaned, abused, abandoned, exploited, neglected, disadvantaged and victims of violence. Over the last 18 years, we have cared for 81 children in our children's home through our residential protection program. By

God's grace we have celebrated 8 university graduates and 9 vocational/technical school graduates. Children have been given hope and another chance at life. Our Executive Director, Jess Mora, was making her annual visit during this special celebration. **We are thankful for the blessings, and we are eager to continue rescuing and raising children.**

In Their Own Words

“This ministry is a life-changer. My favorite memories are when children share the moment that they first experience having a relationship with God. I also love our big family outings and when children graduate. I believe in Arms of Love and am blessed to serve.

–Ines (house parent, accountant, and staff for 18 years)

“Arms of Love provided the motivation to always be at my best, taught me to be brave, and that even the biggest task can be accomplished one step at a time. My most unforgettable memories are still from our Friday nights when we’d gather to praise God.”

–Jonas (graduate, joined our family in 2001)



I am thankful to God, he used so many people to help children like me. –Rachel

Jonas, center, and Rachel, right, today showed me my value. I will never forget the hugs and care when I was sick or sad. I am so grateful.”
–Rachel (graduate, joined our family in 2000)

“I am thankful to God, he used so many people to help children like me. Arms of Love has a special place in my heart and I am super blessed that they loved me, taught me, guided me, understood me, and most of all,



Arms of Love Philippines family photo at our 18 year celebration.

Nicaragua Community Development Program

6 YEARS OF BLESSINGS



Six years ago we barely knew what we were getting ourselves into! We only knew there was great need in our neighborhood and that we were being asked to step up. The results of our community efforts have been nothing short of miraculous, and it's changing the lives of desperate children and families.

Let us introduce to Geovanny, an active participant of the program since it was founded on March 1st, 2013. He was a shy child and his face revealed deep sadness and disappointment. Geovanny wouldn't play with the other kids, he would only isolate. Like many of the kids in our residential care, he was abandoned by his parents. Geovanny has been raised by his grandparents, who are quite elderly and have struggled to care for him. His academics, hygiene and health showed the struggles

at home.

At Arms of Love, Geovanny was now receiving consistent meals and tutoring. His attitude began to change, suddenly he was becoming enthusiastic and outgoing. Additionally, part of the program was providing counseling and support for the grandparents to help improve Geovanny's home life. In 2017 they would complete an application for a housing remodel, which was granted and completed in collaboration with one of our service teams.

The results are clear. Geovanny is healthy, joyful, respectful, self-confident and studious. He has big dreams for the future and wants to help his family. **Stories like this can only happen with the generous support of donors and volunteers. Thank you for directly helping us change lives!**

*For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building. — 1 COR. 3:9*

CRITICAL NEED

The civil unrest in Nicaragua has caused far-reaching economic problems. Vulnerable families and children, many of our very neighbors, are being hit the hardest. In times like these families make desperate decisions. One of the top ways you can make a direct impact is to support our Community Development Program with generous one-time contributions or recurring monthly donations. **In the 6 years of the program, the greatest need is now.**

Community Development Program Results



Making a difference for children like Geovanny!

200,000
plates of food

4600
hours of reinforcement in
tutoring and schooling support

3400
devotionals

Thousands
of hours of English, computer,
and music classes

2190
days full of love and dedication to
the children and their families.

Families
have received new homes, latrines,
showers, house renovations, etc.

A Season of Change



Dave Brobeck

We give thanks for the service of outgoing volunteer board Chairman and President of nearly 5 years, Dr.

Steven D. Bagley We welcome our new leader, Dave Brobeck. Dave has been involved with Arms of Love since 2008. Dave, now retired, was a founding partner in the Santa Ana, California-based law firm of Brobeck, West, Borges, Rosa & Douville LLP. He has volunteered in many Christian ministries over the years, and has been an advisor to other NGO's. Dave and his wife Gaye reside in Dana Point, California, near their son David, daughter Holly, and four grandchildren. Arms of Love is very grateful for the Brobeck family's dedication and generosity.

In the Philippines we give thanks for Roger and Lovely Granada for their 5 1/2 years of service. Roger coordinated the Independent Living Program, coming alongside our young adults as they

ventured into higher education, independence, and entrepreneurial undertakings. As a pastor, he also served as a spiritual mentor. Lovely was our Social Worker, and also selflessly served as the Officer in Charge for 9 months following the passing of our Filipino Director, Randy Pepito. Lovely creatively engaged with children, staff, and families to develop comprehensive intervention plans to support our children's needs and healing.



Gaudie Micotuan

We now officially introduce our new Executive Director at Arms of Love Philippines, Gaudie Micotuan. Gaudie comes with miles of experience, including working for World Vision. After 15 years of service, Gaudie and her husband felt called to international missions, which was their life for 8 years until joining Arms of Love. We are excited to have her wisdom and heart for children at the helm of our Filipino family.


THANK YOU to everyone who helped us maximize our Christmas Catalog Matching Grant!

We are grateful for your continued backing as we look to make 2019 great. Your donations help us care for rescued children . . . from food and clothes, to healthcare and school tuition, we make the most of every dollar!

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 Learn about serving on our website or
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DETACH AND RETURN WITH YOUR GIFT

My gift to help bless the lives of children today!

Yes! I want to help protect, feed, educate, and empower children through the life-changing programs at Arms of Love.

- \$35 to support a child** in need of a sponsor for 1 month
- \$140 to care for 4 children** in need of food and education
- \$_____ Community Development & Sustainability Efforts
- \$_____ Crisis Response / Where Needed Most

- I would like to make a monthly commitment of \$_____ to sponsor a child.
- Nicaragua Philippines



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