

## 12th Annual All God's Children golf outing September 23

For Your Consideration

Please save the date *Friday September 23, 2016* and consider sponsoring, donating prizes or auction items and/or participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual All God's Children, Ltd. golf outing to be held at Pine Meadow Golf Club located at:

1 Pine Meadow Lane  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
Phone: 847.566.4653

To register your foursome(s) for the event, please click on the link below.

<http://www.planmygolfevent.com/29591-12thAnnualAGCOpen>

Driving range opens at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided to all participants & volunteers.

*Golf begins promptly at Noon.*

Immediately following golf, team & individual awards.

To be a sponsor or a volunteer, please contact either:

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# News of the Niños

Summer 2016

Comayagua, Honduras

Dear sponsors, friends and members of the board.

Respectfully receive greetings from Nazareth, our desire that God bless you abundantly.

All children and young people are doing well.

Last week the children and young people had school break for a week and during this time each project performs different recreational activities, sports and educational talks.

Girls Bilingual School Maranatha are on vacation, Maria Esther graduated from kindergarten in August will attend first grade. Emily and Magaly were in pre-kindergarten and despite all the bad reports that Magaly had (biting other children, fighting and taking snacks from children) she finished her school year with excellent academic results.

Esteisy, Keyla, Pamela, Sandra, Yensy, Gabriela & Miguel also finished their school year with academic excellence.

Randy & Mercedes Wittig have been working hard together with the guys fixing up the farm land, planting plants and cleaning ceilings in the girls' home. Randy & Mercedes continue doing a good job, we are very happy to have them.

The boys and girls of the university have been in trouble because the university has been overtaken (students do not attend classes) for nonconformity of students with some new decisions taken by the highest authority of the university. And because of the long time that students were not in class; the authorities decided to cancel the academic year and not return back to classes until October.

The children have recently enjoyed two groups that have visited. First we had a youth group from Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. It was hard for the children to say goodbye to new friends their same age. Next we had a large group of families, Buen Pastor had a spa night, all the children engaged in a Hogar Olympics and we dedicated the re-opening of the Futbolito. Thank you for the visits, God Bless you all for the attention you give the children.

Good Shepherd has a new girl named Cynthia and Misericordia has a new girl named Dilia.

Thank you for all your support. God bless you.

Carmen & the children

***"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." Mark 9:37***

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Vasny was born on September 18, 1991. He and his siblings spent some time living on the streets of Tegucigalpa before being placed in Hogar de Ninos. He understands hardship and rejection better than we do. Vasny was a behind the scenes kind of guy, never wanted to be at the center of attention. As his picture below as a young boy indicates he is a joyful, kind, compassionate young man. Vasny was chosen to study English in the U.S. because of his success in University in Honduras. He has completed his ESL classes and is now enrolled at Elmhurst College with a multi-language major. He currently speaks Portuguese, French, Italian, Spanish, Mandarin and English.



In Downtown Chicago, although it's a beautiful city, most people have not seen what life is like on Lower Wacker Drive. Upper Wacker Drive is where businesses are located. Lower Wacker is a street below the city where deliveries are made, garbage is collected and it's also where the homeless live. I have been going to Lower Wacker Drive to feed the homeless every Thursday. From this experience, other than praising God with my actions, I have developed empathy, compassion and solidarity toward the needy and also maybe improved my own health.

After we get to Lower Wacker, a small group of us starts setting up tables, preparing food and handing out clothes. We talk to the people and interact with them and get to know each other. Some people desperately need food and some others just want to talk and need someone to listen to them.

The reason I developed empathy, compassion and solidarity with these people is because I have gone hungry. I have been lonely and I have suffered in many ways. So when I see these people, they remind me of my past. I just remember all those people God had sent to help me when I was younger. Thanks to God for their help, I am totally different and I would like to see the homeless also have a better life.

I noticed health benefits myself and research shows that helping others improves your health. It is a good way to relieve stress. I don't think that's the most appropriate reason to help others. Many people need a helping hand.

In my research in *Psychology Today*, a professor conducted a study of college students attending a spring break trip where they worked with those who were poor and marginalized. These students traveled within the US and internationally. The professor measured factors such as compassion, stress and empathy before the trip, when they returned and several months later. The professor found that students who went on the community service learning experiences managed stress better than those who didn't attend these trips. The conclusion of the professor was that these trips helped the students have a better perspective on life when they saw how much of the world lives in poverty. They learned how to handle the hassles and challenges of their lives. Additionally, like me, these students experienced empathy, compassion and solidarity toward others.

Furthermore, those who helped others tend to be less depressed, find it easier to make friends and have better brain functions. All of these benefits are due to increased interaction with people in need.

My message to you is that for many years I have been helped by others. This has led me to take the homeless into consideration and help them. I would encourage all of you to step out of your comfort zone and help someone that might be in need. Some day you could be in a difficult position needing a helping hand.

**“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”**  
**– John Holmes**

## Partnering through Sponsorship

All God's Children has been working in Honduras since 1988, helping orphans and abandoned children who come into one of the ministries – Hogar de Ninos Nazareth, CasAyuda, Casa Esperanza, Granja, Misericordia, Casa Buen Pastor, Hogar de Amor.

Sponsorship is one of the key means by which we fund the needs of the children. By sponsoring a child, you are helping to provide nourishing food, clean water, education, clothing, shelter, medical care, as well as opportunities to play and develop. It costs about \$150/month to provide for each child's needs.

Sponsors can send notes to their child and will receive a picture annually as well as quarterly newsletters. Many AGC sponsors have been able to take a trip down to visit their sponsored child. This is a highlight for the children and the sponsor, building up the relationship between them.

Currently we have 328 sponsors from 30 states and Canada and we are extremely grateful for each of them and their faithful gifts on behalf of the kids. The majority of the children have sponsors, but there are some children who are still in need of a sponsor.

Are you interested in sponsorship or do you know of someone who might be willing to help in this way? Sponsoring can be done on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Gifts can be given in any dollar amount. PayPal is available on our website and can be used for sponsorship gifts. All God's Children has a consistent 4-star rating on Charity Navigator. All donations are fully tax deductible and 100% of your donation goes to the children.

Maybe you are not in a position to commit to sponsorship, but would be willing to give a one-time gift to partner with us. Consider making a donation to one of the following:

**Education Fund** – Help with the cost of providing the children with a good education so that they will be able to make their way as adults in the workplace

**General Fund** – Help with the day-to-day operations of all the ministry sites (i.e. electricity, vehicles, staff)

**Specific Ministry Needs Gift** – Help with specific needs which arise at the ministry sites that require additional funds (i.e. replacing a copy machine, a lift chair for CasAyuda, repairing a wall)

If you are interested in sponsoring, you can sign up by visiting the All God's Children website ([agcltd.org](http://agcltd.org)) and clicking the How to Help tab, or simply e-mail us at [agcltd@comcast.net](mailto:agcltd@comcast.net). If you would like to make a one-time gift, please mail your check to All God's Children or use the Donate button on the website.

God bless you for your loving support of the beautiful children in Honduras. Please continue to lift their health, studies, well-being and spiritual growth up to the Lord in your daily prayers.

