



Friends of Fabretto 

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Be a Friend of Fabretto and Be Inspired to Change Lives in Nicaragua

Whether you are new to Fabretto or a returning friend, the experience of visiting Nicaragua will show you how very little can have a very big impact on a child's life.

You will witness poverty and need, but also the resilience, the promise, and the progress resulting from Fabretto's education and nutrition programs serving thousands of children. At our Educational Centers, you will share in the joy and hope for a better future.

We invite you to come with an open heart and mind, and see what your goodwill can do to change a child's life for the better. We hope that after you witness the reality of the children's lives, you will be inspired to become an Ambassador for our mission, share our story, and help us bring more support for children in Nicaragua.



Overview

Fabretto is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing critical services to more than **11,000 children** through education, nutrition, health, and community development programs. By empowering underserved children and their families, the organization continues the legacy of Father Rafael Fabretto, who began working in these communities more than 60 years ago,

We work in Nicaragua, a country that remains the second-poorest country in the Western Hemisphere despite possessing rich natural resources and beauty. The Nicaraguan people have struggled for decades to overcome economic, political and historical obstacles.

Many of the families in the communities in which we work lack access to medical care, education, and basic services such as water and electricity. In addition, children are often forced to drop out of school to help support their families, and young adults struggle to find gainful employment.

In response to the challenges of poverty, Fabretto has developed holistic, sustainable programs that give more than **80,000 community members** the tools they need to build stronger communities.

Fabretto achieves its mission through five program areas: early and primary education enrichment, rural secondary education, vocational and life skills, food security and nutrition, and community well-being and development. Through programs in 7 Fabretto Education Centers and partnerships with more than 100 local public schools, Fabretto implements a continuum-of-care model that supports children and their families through childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. Fabretto's programs provide students with practical skills and values that allow children to grow into responsible, productive members of their communities.

Thanks to contributions and support from people like you, Fabretto continues to work for a better future.



Mission Statement

Fabretto's mission is to empower underserved children and their families in Nicaragua to reach their full potential, improve their livelihoods, and take advantage of economic opportunity through education and nutrition.

Our Centers

The majority of Fabretto's Educational Centers were originally opened as Father Fabretto's "oratorios", or prayer halls, in Cusmapa, San Isidro, Somoto and Estelí. Currently, we operate from seven Centers that deliver our programs in rural, peri-urban, and urban areas. We use a holistic model that supports children throughout their growth and development and motivates them to become lifelong learners. While Fabretto's primary focus is children, our community-based approach ensures that parents, teachers, and community members also receive the training they need to create an environment in which children thrive.

Fabretto's seven Centers are located throughout Nicaragua, as shown on the map below:

Ocotal

Somoto

Las Sabanas
Quebrada Honda

Cusmapa

Esteli

San Isidro de Bolas

Acahualinca
San Francisco



Our Programs

Fabretto implements five core programs, which are designed to provide continuous care from early education through young adulthood. Fabretto's programs provide students with practical skills and values that will allow children to grow into responsible, productive members of their communities. Each Center responds to the unique needs of the community in which it is located. Rural Education Centers have implemented an innovative rural secondary education program for local high school students, while urban Education Centers focus on vocational training to help urban youth develop marketable skills.

Early & Primary Education Enrichment



Designed to provide students with enrichment activities that support their learning, and give teachers and parents the training they need to guide children in the early stages of life.

Rural Secondary Education



Offers underprivileged secondary school students with supplementary educational classes that enable them to pursue post-secondary education and/or gainful employment.

Vocational & Life Skills Education



Provides students with a vocational and occupational direction. Through practical activities and technical skills trainings, students prepare to work in Nicaragua's developing economy.

Food Security & Nutrition



Delivers nutritional services through action-oriented activities that include school lunches, garden initiatives, and agribusiness trainings.

Community Well-Being & Development



Provides public workshops on preventative healthcare, nutrition, and child development. The program also sponsors small infrastructure projects to improve community quality of life.



Excellent teachers nurture excellence in their students. That's why Fabretto trained over **1,800 teachers** last year. With Friends of Fabretto, you will see our dedicated teachers in action as they use their confidence and knowledge to inspire students to transform their lives.



View near Fabretto's Cusmapa Center

Nicaragua

This year, The New York Times ranked Nicaragua as number three on its list of “The 46 Places to Go in 2013.” The country’s image has been changing in recent years, and as the Times article says, “Nicaragua’s moment might finally have arrived.” Nicaragua offers diverse topography ideal for eco-tourism, rich cultural history, and a growing number of comfortable accommodations for those less inclined to “roughing it.” With Friends of Fabretto, you will be introduced to some of the highlights of the Land of Lakes and Volcanoes.

Colonial Cities

The two major colonial cities, Granada and Leon, provide ample opportunities to visit historical churches, stroll through cobblestone streets, and get a sense of what Nicaragua was like in the 17th century. Both cities have a bustling restaurant, bar and tourism scene, making them an enjoyable stop for visitors.

Volcanoes

Nicaragua is part of the Pacific’s “Ring of Fire” and boasts 25 volcanoes, many of which are active. The most easily visited is the Masaya volcano, which lies right off the highway that connects Managua and Granada. Still active, this caldera type volcano is continuously spurting steam. Standing on the edge of the crater is a truly memorable experience.

Lakes

Lake Nicaragua is the largest lake in all of Central America. It is home to 365 small islands, or isletas, which were formed by the eruption of adjacent volcano Mombacho, just outside of Granada. The natural scenery and resident birds make the Isletas a beautiful place for kayaking or a boat tour.

Coffee Country

The mountainous northern region produces the majority of the country’s coffee, Nicaragua’s main export. The provinces Matagalpa and Jinotega are home to lush forests and diverse flora and fauna. The region has a cool, fresh climate year round that some call “the eternal spring.” Eco-tourism is growing in the area, and visitors can enjoy the mountain scenery through a variety of hikes and excursions.



Sign up today for Friends of Fabretto, and join us in our mission to alleviate poverty through empowerment and education. Come see Fabretto in action and be changed forever.

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