



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.



Fabretto is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing critical services to more than **20,000 children** through education, nutrition, health, and community development programs. The organization continues the legacy of Father Rafael Fabretto, who began working in these communities more than 60 years ago, by empowering underserved children and their families.

We work in Nicaragua, a country that remains the second-poorest country in the Western Hemisphere despite possessing rich natural resources and the lowest crime rate in the region. 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 work, 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 education, and community well-being and development. Through programs in 9 community centers and partnerships with more than 440 local public schools, Fabretto implements a continuum-of-care model that support children and their families through childhood, adolescence, and 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.

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

Mission



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

We operate nine 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.

Fabrettos nine centers are located throughout Nicaragua, as shown on the map below.



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LAS SABANAS
(QUEBRADA HONDA)

CUSMAPA

ESTELÍ

SAN ISIDRO DE BOLAS

ACAHUALINCA
(SAN FRANCISCO)

MASAYA
(SAN JUAN DE ORIENTE)

GRANADA

Our Programs

Fabretto offers an integral, quality education to more than 20,000 children and youth in Nicaragua, promoting the participation of parents, teachers, and community leaders, who collaborate towards creating environments in which children can thrive.

In order to embrace three main stages of life in human development (infancy, childhood, adolescence), Fabretto implements three strategic educational programs: Early Education, Primary Education, and Technical Vocational Education. These programs have been recognized internationally by entities like Lego Foundation, Ashoka, and World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE). In addition, Fabretto implements cross-cutting initiatives focused on health and food security, gender equality, violence prevention, community development, conservation of the environment, as well as universal and Christian values.



Early Education Program

Early education aims to develop the potential for the integral development of children from 0 to 6 years of age and focuses on achieving significant learning for their stage of development, for the next steps of training, and for life. Through the program, children from 0 to 6 years of age develop skills in areas of personal and social formation in order to gradually build awareness of their existence as independent persons belonging to a family, a community, and to one world. Communication is also developed to exchange ideas, feelings, and emotions with others and to encourage the development of cognitive processes that favor learning. Fabretto aims to promote the transition to the next educational stages for children in vulnerable situations, highlighting the educational role of the family, the community, and the team of teachers who guarantee quality education by participating in extensive trainings and workshops



Primary Education

Primary education is a fundamental human right, contributing to the mitigation of child labor, as well as allowing individuals to play an active role in society. The goal of the Program is to help primary students from underserved communities develop their full potential through personalized, age-appropriate teaching methodologies. It aims to contribute to the reduction of educational gaps by promoting the development of life skills such as literacy, logical-mathematical reasoning, as well as critical and creative thinking. Through play-based methodologies, Fabretto teachers stimulate the learning process for successfully achieving the next stage of education.



Technical Vocational Education

Fabretto recognizes the need to connect secondary education to the world of work, technological progress, and the community at large. For this reason, through the Technical Vocational Education Program, Fabretto enables young people and their families with the necessary skills to develop and sustain their livelihoods that allow them to break the cycle of poverty. In order to better realize its potential, vocational technical training at Fabretto is closely linked to the study of technologies as well as the acquisition of practical, theoretical and skills related to economic and social trends, recognizing work experience as a part of learning same.

Excellent teachers nurture excellent students. That's why Fabretto trained over **720 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.





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 more than 360 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.



Join us in our mission to alleviate poverty through empowerment with Friends of Fabretto this November. Come see change in action, and be changed forever.

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