

Pequeño Tour: Churches

Who is NPH USA?

Founded in 1965, NPH USA transforms the lives of abandoned and disadvantaged children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes, healthcare, and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). Together, we create families for life and teach children the values of unconditional love, shared responsibility, and helping others. Our donors help children overcome poverty and become leaders in their own communities.

Who are the Pequeños?

Since its founding in 1954, NPH has raised more than 18,000 children and is currently caring for more than 3,200 boys and girls. We lovingly refer to them as "pequeños" (Spanish for "little ones"). Many have suffered physical and other abuse, have been homeless, or have been shuffled from one family member to another. Like all children, they are seeking love, security, and a place they can call home.

What is the NPH USA Pequeño Tour?

This year, a group of *pequeños* from the NPH home in Mexico will be "on tour" in the Massachusetts area for a series of folkloric musical and dancing performances. These events are intended to help raise awareness and raise funds to support our work. From **October 24 – November 11, 2019**, the group will share their colorful and culturally enriching entertainment with audiences across New England.

Can my parish host the Pequeños?

Yes! Each parish that invites the *pequeños* to perform is asked to help defray their travel expenses and raise money for all of the NPH homes by conducting an event with them. These events typically happen at the parish and can vary in nature, but usually include the following activities:

- Pequeños providing a dance & music performance before/after/during Mass
- Pequeños performing the full liturgical music for Masses
- A pequeño giving a testimonial during Mass
- A second collection or other appeal, such as baskets in back of the church.
- Promotion of the NPH USA Child Sponsorship program with tables at the exits of the church.

Who do I contact for more information?

If you would like to invite the *pequeños* to perform at your parish, or have any questions regarding the *Pequeño* Tour, please contact Elizabeth Caletka at (617) 206-4942 or ecaletka@nphusa.org.

Bringing the Pequeño Tour to a parish brings the whole community together around a positive, impactful mission!



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