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"It really is a **labor of love...**

There is nothing like making a positive impact on someone."

- Marc Anthony

About Maestro Cares Foundation

The Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2012 by international music icon Marc Anthony and entrepreneur Henry Cárdenas. The foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged children and communities in Latin America and the United States. MCF partners with local foundations and organizations to fund sustainable projects that create safe and healthy environments for children, supporting both their developmental and academic needs. To date, the Maestro Cares Foundation has funded 45 projects in 17 countries and territories, impacting the lives of thousands of children. Additionally, the foundation runs the Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Program, which provides educational opportunities for Latino students who excel academically, have financial need, and are committed to charitable work. To date, MCF has supported over 150 scholars in their graduate and post-graduate endeavors.

Mission

The Maestro Cares Foundation improves the quality of life of disadvantaged children and communities in Latin America and the United States. We do so by providing housing, educational programming and the essential resources to support their growth and development. Through our efforts, we're strengthening communities and helping children become tomorrow's leaders.

Vision

To help disadvantaged children and communities in Latin America and the United States by creating healthy and safe environments for them to live, learn, and play.

Goal

Our programs create tomorrow's leaders by instilling the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline necessary to become hardworking, socially conscious adults who make a positive impact on the world.

Maestro Cares Foundation has expanded its mission to **45 projects in 17 countries**



Argentina

- Buenos Aires (2)

Bolivia

- El Alto
- La Paz

Chile

- Santiago

Colombia

- Barranquilla
- Bogotá
- Cali (5)
- Medellín

Costa Rica

- Heredia
- San José

Dominican Republic

- La Romana

Ecuador

- Quito (2)

El Salvador

- San Salvador

Guatemala

- Jalapa
- Sacatepéquez

Honduras

- Tegucigalpa (2)

Mexico

- Guadalajara
- Mexico City (2)
- Toluca

Panama

- Panama City

Paraguay

- Asunción

Peru

- Cusco
- Lima (2)

Puerto Rico

- Bayamón
- Caguas
- Ponce
- San Juan (3)

United States

- Chicago, IL (2)
- Houston, TX
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ORFANATO NIÑOS DE CRISTO

La Romana, Dominican Republic

Completed on December 30, 2014

Partners: Central Romana, Fundación Tecnoglass & Goya Foods

Grantees: Fundación Niños de Cristo

About the project

Orfanato Niños de Cristo was Maestro Cares Foundation's (MCF) first project and remains the cornerstone of its mission. In 2012, MCF funded the construction of this boys' orphanage in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Orfanato Niños de Cristo consists of dormitories, classrooms, a health clinic, communal dining area, and spaces for recreational activities. They support up to 48 boys, infant to 18 years old, who have been victims of abuse, abandonment, and homelessness. In a country with 220,000 orphaned children (*Children of All Nations, 10-1-2019*), Orfanato Niños de Cristo provides young boys in need with a safe home, adequate nutrition, health services, and education, in order to help them become independent and productive members of their communities. Seeing the positive impact on the boys' lives inspired Maestro Cares Foundation's expansion across Latin America and the United States.



INTERNADO MONSEÑOR VICTOR TAMAYO

Barranquilla, Colombia

Completed on April 11, 2015.

Partners: Fundación Pacific, Fundación Tecnoglass, Goya Foods
& Alcaldía de Barranquilla

Grantees: Alcaldía de Barranquilla

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation partnered with Fundación Pacific and Fundación Tecnoglass to fund the construction of Internado Monseñor Víctor Tamayo, an orphanage focused on restoring the rights of and delivering comprehensive care to vulnerable children. The orphanage includes dormitories, a clinic, dining areas, indoor/outdoor recreational spaces, and classrooms for both the kids who live there and the local community. Internado Monseñor Víctor Tamayo can accommodate 96 children aged 7-18 and offers tutoring, therapy, occupational workshops, extracurricular activities including breakdancing and jewelry making, and a daycare program, among other resources. By fostering empowerment and confidence, these children are given the opportunity to further develop their skills and build resilience, equipping them to overcome challenges and create brighter futures.



PROJECTO MABA

Lima, Peru

Completed on April 13, 2016

Partners: Google, Harvard University, Hochschild Mining Group, M.I.T TecSup
Grantees: Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología (UTEC)

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation and several partners sponsored Project MABA at Fe y Alegría school #25 in Lima, Peru. The project served 354 students from 1st to 3rd grade. Project MABA is an initiative aimed at implementing early STEM education for children in underprivileged communities by investing in advanced technology and communications infrastructure. It supplies cutting-edge equipment and a research proven tech-based curriculum for both teachers and students. The program also includes professional development for educators to effectively implement this curriculum into their classrooms. In 2012, Peru ranked last out of 65 countries evaluated in the PISA international student assessments (UTEC), and Project MABA aims to combat these educational disparities, particularly in developing regions. Since 2017, governmental financial support has further bolstered Project MABA's expansion and impact, exemplifying a shared commitment to nurturing young minds and ensuring equitable access to quality education for all.



CASA HOGAR ALEGRÍA CACALOMACÁN

Toluca, Mexico

Completed on March 20, 2016

Partners: Fundación Telmex-Telcel, Fundación Tecnoglass & Goya Foods

Grantees: Casa Hogar Alegría

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with Fundación Telmex-Telcel, funded the construction of Casa Hogar Alegría's (CHA) Cacalomacán orphanage campus in Toluca, Mexico. This orphanage includes dormitories, a dining area, a kitchen, a chapel, a basketball court, outdoor recreational spaces, a multi-purpose room, and computer rooms for 72 girls, aged 2 to 15, who lack family care. A 39,500 sq. ft. expansion project is currently underway to add therapy spaces, a music room, storage areas, a nursing station, an expansion of the chapel, and an additional dormitory building, dining hall, kitchen, computer lab, and multi-purpose room. After the expansion, the capacity will increase to 240 girls. CHA is able to meet these girls' basic needs, while offering them a range of comprehensive workshops and engaging recreational activities, empowering them to become positive contributors to their communities and agents of change.



HOGAR SAN MIGUEL

Ponce, Puerto Rico

Completed on June 30, 2017

Partners: Comité Pro-Fondos, Goya Foods, MB Holdings, Fundación Tecnoglass, VIDAS Servicios Sociales Episcopales San Lucas

Grantees: Casa Hogar Alegría

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in collaboration with several partners, funded the construction of Hogar San Miguel, an orphanage in Ponce, Puerto Rico dedicated to serving disadvantaged boys with mild to moderate special needs, including HIV/AIDS and ADHD. The orphanage provides round-the-clock care and support from qualified professionals, including medical care, social work, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and audiology. Hogar San Miguel houses up to 20 boys, aged 8 to 18, who have been removed from their homes due to physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. The orphanage offers a comprehensive array of amenities including dormitories, a fully equipped kitchen, a library, therapy rooms, administrative offices, living and dining areas, a TV and playroom, and an outdoor play space, offering young boys a safe space that meets their needs.



CASA HOGAR ALEGRÍA GUADALAJARA

Guadalajara, Mexico

Completed on September 29, 2017

Partners: Fundación Telmex – Telcel & Fundación Tecnoglass

Grantees: Casa Hogar Alegría

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation partnered with Fundación Telmex-Telcel for a second project to fund the construction of Casa Hogar Alegría's (CHA) orphanage in Guadalajara. This state-of-the-art facility features dormitories, a kitchen, a chapel, dining rooms, multi-purpose rooms, computer labs, and recreational areas for up to 70 girls, ranging from infants to 15-year-olds. CHA meets their basic needs and offers a range of comprehensive workshops and engaging recreational activities in a secure haven. Children aged 1 to 5 years old represent 15.6% of youth who are victims of abandonment and neglect in Mexico, while children aged 6 to 11 represent 23.8% (CUPS Misson). By equipping these girls with essential resources and opportunities, CHA aims to empower them to become positive contributors to their communities and agents of change.



ONE FAMILY ILLINOIS: TIM McCORMICK COMMUNITY CENTER

Chicago, Illinois

Completed on October 1, 2020

Partners: Goya Foods, Bank of America & Dalton Family Foundation

Grantees: One Family Illinois

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation provided funding for the construction of the Tim McCormick Community Center in Chicago, IL—our first project in the United States. Designed to benefit the children in the foster care homes at the Roosevelt Square Village, this community center offers academic, therapeutic, social, and recreational services. It additionally serves as a hub for the surrounding community, supporting and connecting 5,000 people annually. Neighbors can gather, access public resources, and participate in community-building activities, creating a supportive environment for foster children to heal and achieve their permanency goals.



MAESTRO CARES FOUNDATION HOUSE & MARTA BEDOYA DE CLAURE HOUSE

El Alto, Bolivia

Completed on June 1, 2018

Partners: Marta Bedoya de Claire Foundation

Grantees: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Bolivia

About the project

In partnership with the Marta Bedoya de Claire Foundation, Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the construction of two foster care homes for Aldeas Infantiles SOS Bolivia in El Alto. Each foster care home houses 8 children under the guidance of a dedicated “SOS mother,” and the organization prioritizes keeping biological siblings together. This arrangement cultivates a supportive and stable environment that promotes the children's well-being and development, and the end goal is reintegration with biological parents or adoption. Each home has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room, a dining room, and a laundry room. Aldeas Infantiles SOS is the largest international organization for direct care of children, and MCF is proud to join their mission of providing children with safe homes.



CENTRO DE DESARROLLO INTEGRAL: ALDEAS INFANTILES SOS- MAESTRO CARES FOUNDATION

San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala

Completed on September 29, 2017

Partners: Fundación Tigo

Grantees: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Guatemala

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of the Aldeas Infantiles SOS Guatemala Community Center, Centro de Desarrollo Integral in San Juan Sacatepéquez. The center's services include educational development, nutritional guidance, and health support, including vaccinations. Grade school children have access to a technology center, provided by Fundación Tigo, while parents are enrolled in programs geared towards violence prevention and self-esteem development. The center currently supports 60 children, ranging from infants to 12-year-olds, along with 40 families. Aldeas Infantiles SOS is the largest international organization for direct care of children and is present in 135 countries today. By giving children the support they need, the Centro de Desarrollo Integral makes a real impact on the future of individuals and the country of Guatemala as a whole.



FUNDACIÓN ALALAY: CASA HOVDE: MARTA BEDOYA DE CLAURE

La Paz, Bolivia

Completed on February 22, 2019.

Partners: Marta Bedoya de Claire Foundation and Hovde Foundation

Grantees: Fundación Alalay

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in collaboration with the Marta Bedoya de Claire Foundation (MBDC) and the Hovde Foundation, funded the construction of a girls' home for Fundación Alalay. This home currently accommodates up to 30 girls aged 12 to 19 who have experienced severe street violence, trafficking, or sexual abuse. The home offers a secure and stable environment where the girls receive nutritious meals, educational support, counseling, and legal assistance, fostering their recovery and development. Fundación Alalay is dedicated to addressing poverty and supporting high-risk children, youth, and families through prevention and protection programs, with a mission to foster a culture of peace and uphold children's rights, according to the principles promoted by the United Nations Children's Rights Convention. Over the past 23 years, Fundación Alalay has helped more than 45,000 individuals. With the highest rate of sexual abuse in Latin America, 1 in 3 girls in Bolivia experience sexual violence before the age of 18 (*Equality Now*). Fundación Alalay's Casa Hovde: Marta Bedoya de Claire provides victims with the support they need to survive, heal, and grow.



ALDEAS INFANTILES SOS COLOMBIA: CENTRO DE DESARROLLO FAMILIAR

Cali, Colombia

Completed on September 8, 2018.

Partners: Fundación Tecnoglass

Grantees: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Colombia

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the construction of the Aldeas Infantiles SOS Colombia Community Center, the Centro de Desarrollo Familiar in Cali. This community center provides workshops, trainings, and activities that develop leadership, collaboration, creativity, and conflict-resolution skills, and it currently supports 44 families, including 120 kids aged 1-18. Since its inception, the center has supported 200 families, totaling 700 people. In addition to the construction of the community center, MCF repaired the 17 roofs of all current Aldeas Infantiles SOS village homes in Cali and built a kitchen that serves meals to the local community. This partnership underscores a strong commitment to empowering communities and enhancing the well-being of those they support.



LA CASA DE MI PADRE: CASA DE GOZO

Santo Tomas, El Salvador

Completed on September 4, 2019.

Partners: Sistema Fedecredito

Grantees: Fundación La Casa de Mi Padre

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with Sistema Fedecredito, funded the construction of Fundación La Casa de Mi Padre's 3rd foster care home, Casa de Gozo. This home accommodates up to 8 girls at a time and provides them with a dedicated foster family, including two foster parents and their children. The girls can stay with these families for as long as they need and will eventually reintegrate with their biological families, get adopted, or move to the next phase of support provided by La Casa de Mi Padre at the age of 18. They have access to private education, therapy, family-strengthening programs, spiritual workshops, recreational activities, health and nutrition initiatives. Fundación La Casa de Mi Padre is a Christian foundation that supports children who have been taken out of their families due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment through the court system. In total, Fundación La Casa De Mi Padre has 1 boys' home, 2 girls' homes, and 1 co-ed home for adolescents over 18 years old. In 2024, they have helped 24 kids directly through their 4 homes and 90 siblings who are counting on successful reintegration. The work of the Fundación La Casa de Mi Padre is essential, given that 66% of El Salvador's children face abandonment, as of 2010. (*Pulitzer Center*).



FUNDACIÓN JEISON ARISTIZÁBAL ASODISVALLE CENTRO DE REHABILITACIÓN

Cali, Colombia

Completed on August 15, 2019

Partners: El Arte de los Sueños & Fundación Tecnoglass

Grantees: Fundación Jeison Aristizabal-Asodisvalle

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with music icon Maluma and his foundation, El Arte de los Sueños, have spearheaded a transformative initiative by funding the construction of Fundación Jeison Aristizabal-Asodisvalle's Centro de Rehabilitación. This new facility has supported over 1,000 economically disadvantaged children with physical or cognitive disabilities by providing specialized treatment for free. In addition to funding the construction of the Centro de Rehabilitación, the project also renovated the third floor of the existing educational building. The upgrades featured new physiotherapy spaces, classrooms, a computer lab, a recreational area, modernized kitchen facilities, and new equipment. Fundación Jeison Aristizabal-Asodisvalle is a nonprofit organization that helps young people with disabilities in the Aguablanca District in Cali, providing special education, rehabilitation, food and transportation services, free of charge. In Colombia, 12.5% of the population has a disability (*The Borgen Project*), and this collaboration demonstrates how impactful partnerships can drive significant change and empower all children to reach their full potential.



CASITA DE BELÉN

Cali, Colombia

Completed on November 17, 2023.

Partners: Grupo Trusot, SLOAN & Fundación Tecnoglass

Grantees: Casita de Belén

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation and Grupo Trusot have jointly funded a comprehensive four-phase renovation project at Casita de Belén orphanage, aimed at improving living conditions for children, ranging from infants to 8-year-olds, who face partial abandonment, physical vulnerability, and psychosocial distress. Phase 1 included the construction of new dormitories, modern bathrooms, an interactive gymnasium, a well-equipped library, and a synthetic soccer field. Phase 2 added more classrooms, therapy rooms, and outdoor recreational areas. Phase 3 focused on bolstering educational infrastructure with 7 new classrooms, an expanded dining area, and enhanced accessibility features. Phase 4 will include a new kitchen, dining area, laundry facilities, intervention rooms, storage areas, employee dining section, and medical and dental offices. The second floor will be renovated to include gardens, which will serve as a space for educational and recreational activities. Collectively, these upgrades greatly increased the orphanage's capacity, starting with 42 children and ending with over 125. Casita de Belén's care is comprehensive and includes health, nutrition, psychosocial, pedagogical, recreational, cultural, and sports-oriented support, developed by a diverse team of directors, coordinators, doctors, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, gardeners, and educators.



ESCUELA PALO VERDE

Jalapa, Guatemala

Completed on September 5, 2019.

Partners: Fundación Tigo

Grantees: Escuela Palo Verde

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with Fundación Tigo, funded a transformative initiative to remodel and reconstruct three schools in Palo Verde, Jalapa, Guatemala, a community grappling with poverty and water scarcity. This partnership focused on enhancing educational facilities for pre-K, primary, and middle school students; the 3 schools combined serve over 700 students annually. The upgrades included improved learning environments, a state-of-the-art computer lab, and enhanced internet access, all designed to increase school attendance and elevate educational outcomes. Guatemalan child Valentina, age 17, states, "...many children in Guatemala are unable to go to school because they simply can't afford it. Many families are forced to choose which, if any, of their children can go to school...children want to go to school. I would like to go to school, but my parents do not have the money to buy supplies, uniform and do homework." Valentina cannot read or write. (*AMEDICAUSA*) This partnership underscores the commitment of both organizations to advancing education and enriching the lives of children in underserved communities.



CORPORACIÓN RENAL INFANTIL MATER: CASA DE ACOGIDA

Santiago, Chile

Completed on August 31, 2022.

Partners: Bizarro Live Entertainment, DG Medios, & J Balvin: Vibra En Alta Foundation

Grantees: Alcaldía de Barranquilla

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) and Bizarro Live Entertainment collaborated to fund the purchase of two homes to transform and connect them into a temporary pediatric home named Casa de Acogida for Corporación Renal Infantil MATER. This upgraded facility provides comfort and care for children with kidney or urological diseases and their guardian, serving as a nurturing home-away-from-home during treatment. Casa de Acogida features 10 bedrooms with private bathrooms, wheelchair accessibility, 2 communal living areas, a playroom, dining facilities, a fully functional kitchen, a chapel, and an outdoor space. Up to 10 families can stay here at a time. Regardless of the families' social status, Corporación Renal Infantil MATER provides high-quality medical care, conducting over 14,000 exams and 300 surgeries annually nationwide. Currently, MCF is partnering with DG Medios to fund upgrades for the Corporación MATER Phase II Project, which involves modernizing radiological medicine equipment and refurbishing the examination room in the diagnostic center. The center currently has a single-head gamma camera purchased 17 years ago, which frequently malfunctions and requires costly maintenance every 6 weeks. The new Symbia EVO dual-head camera by Siemens will significantly benefit patients by cutting bone scintigraphy time in half.



PLAY BALL AGAIN

Six (6) locations in Puerto Rico

Completed on December 14, 2019.

Partners: Bad Bunny: Good Bunny Foundation, Cubs Charities & UNICEF USA

Grantees: Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with music icon Bad Bunny and his foundation, The Good Bunny Foundation, and UNICEF USA, funded the restoration of 6 Little League baseball fields in Puerto Rico and facilitated local programming for 17,500 youth, in an effort deemed Play Ball Again. Located in Vega Baja, Loiza, Isla Verde, Yabucoa, and 2 in Yauco. These 6 fields hold significance beyond sports, serving as vital spaces for fostering youth leadership and providing secure, structured leisure activities for children. Led by the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), this effort was part of a broader initiative to rebuild 25 baseball fields across the island that were devastated by hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. This partnership has created a nurturing environment where baseball acts as a catalyst for positive change, supporting athletic development and enhancing community well-being.



PROYECTO MABA

Cusco, Peru

Completed on August 15, 2019.

Partners: Banco Crédito del Perú & Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología (UTEC)

Grantees: Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) partnered with the Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología (UTEC) to bring higher-quality education to low-income communities and children in Peru through Project MABA at Kari Grande School in the San Sebastián community of Cusco, Peru. MCF funded the hardware, software, and evaluation of the MABA program at this school. Project MABA, an initiative aimed at implementing early STEM education for children in underprivileged communities, invests in advanced technology and communications infrastructure by supplying cutting-edge equipment and a research proven tech-based curriculum for both teachers and students. The program also includes professional development for educators to effectively implement this curriculum into their classrooms. In 2012, Peru ranked last out of 65 countries evaluated in the PISA international student assessments (UTEC), and Project MABA aims to combat these educational disparities, particularly in developing regions. MCF committed to continue funding for 3 years, but the program was suspended in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19.



ALDEAS INFANTILES SOS ECUADOR: CASA EN COMUNIDAD

Quito, Ecuador

Completed on April 30, 2020

Grantees: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Ecuador

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the construction of the Casa en Comunidad for Aldeas Infantiles SOS Ecuador in Quito, an interim home designed to support abused, abandoned, and neglected children, marking MCF's first project in Ecuador. Serving as a temporary refuge across an acre of land, Casa en Comunidad accommodates 6-8 children at a time, with children typically spending 6 to 24 months living there. In total, Aldeas Infantiles SOS Ecuador has 5 houses, each with an 8-child capacity; on average, each house hosts 12 kids per year. By the end of 2024, the houses will have hosted 60 children total. Child maltreatment affects 69.6% of Ecuadoran youth (*ScienceDirect*), and the Maestro Cares Foundation is committed to creating a lasting impact by fostering secure and nurturing environments for children to heal, develop, and reintegrate into their families and communities.



FACE OF JUSTICE: HOVDE- MAESTRO CARES FREEDOM HOUSE

Heredia, Costa Rica

Completed on April 8, 2025

Partners: Hovde Foundation, Dalton Family Foundation & Goya Foods

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation, in collaboration with the Hovde Foundation and Goya Cares, partnered with the Face of Justice to build a new, safe home for girl survivors of human trafficking and abuse. The new home provides a safe space with ten bedrooms, recreation areas, space for holistic care services, and a full kitchen. The prior home was located in downtown San Jose and increased the risk of re-victimization; the new home, outside the city, provides modern facilities and open-air space for healing. The home serves up to 20 girls from Costa Rica and surrounding countries between 12 - 18 years old. The Face of Justice is a faith-based organization.



ALBERGUE INSPIRA

Lima, Peru

Completed on April 18, 2023.

Grantees: Fundación Inspira

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of Albergue Inspira, a five-story facility in Lima, Peru, designed to temporarily house families with children undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses. The home provides free accommodation for families from low-income backgrounds, who often travel from rural areas of Peru where specialized children's hospitals are scarce. Albergue Inspira is composed of 11 bedrooms with bathrooms, a parking lot, garden, dining hall, kitchen, and rehab therapy room and can accommodate up to 60 children and their mothers, with a total capacity of 120 people. In 12 years, they have served over 900 families by addressing the challenge of finding affordable housing while receiving medical care.

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CASA DE NIÑOS EMANUEL- FUNDACIÓN MIR

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Completed on August 28, 2022.

Grantees: Fundación MIR

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the construction of the Jardín de Niños La Mascota, a children's daycare center located in the La Mascota neighborhood of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Utilizing the Montessori Curriculum which offers children five key areas of study, including practical life, sensorial, mathematics, language, and culture. The center is designed to accommodate up to 80 children aged 2 to 5. This play-based learning center features 5 divided spaces for the different teaching principles, 2 bathrooms, a spacious lobby for parents to gather, a beautiful surrounding porch with a small garden view, and a kitchen. The daycare center was created by Fundación MIR, a non-profit organization designed to meet the urgent needs of children who are underserved and experiencing high levels of poverty in La Mascota, and MCF joined in the mission to promote equitable access to quality education. As of 2017, nearly 20% of Argentinian children do not attend school (*Humanium*). Following the collapse of the economy nearly 20 years ago, educational funding was heavily reduced, and children living in poverty were the first to be affected, as they had to work to provide for their families. MCF's support is instrumental in providing these young children with a nurturing environment that fosters growth, development, and educational readiness, ensuring they receive a solid foundation in their formative years.



LOWER EASTSIDE GIRLS CLUB CENTER FOR WELLBEING AND HAPPINESS

New York, New York

Completed on October 14, 2022.

Grantees: Lower Eastside Girls Club

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) collaborated with the Lower Eastside Girls Club in New York City to fund the construction of their Center for Wellbeing and Happiness, which provides free, comprehensive wellness services to local families, including year-round programs and mentoring. With the mission of creating a dynamic wellness hub that transforms self-care into community care, the center envisions a reality where everyone's full humanity is valued. Grounded in healing justice, local practitioners and organizers can convene to address harm at its root cause and heal together. The Lower Eastside Girls Club now annually serves over 1,000 youth aged 10-23, and their Center for Wellbeing and Happiness represents MCF's second project in the United States.



FUNDACIÓN JEISON ARISTIZÁBAL

ASODISVALLE UNIVERSIDAD

Cali, Colombia

Completed on November 17, 2023.

Partners: Fundación Telmex-Telcel, Fundación Tecnoglass, SLOAN & Goya Foods

Grantees: Casa Hogar Alegría

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation partnered with Maluma and his foundation, El Arte de Los Sueños, to fund the construction of Institución Universitaria Jeison Aristizabal, a university that caters to individuals aged 18 to 35 with physical or cognitive disabilities by offering specialized technical training services. As the first university in Latin America for people with disabilities, Institución Universitaria Jeison Aristizabal aims to facilitate labor inclusion and foster entrepreneurship among a segment of the population that often faces employment barriers. Currently, the university is training over 300 young people with disabilities. In Colombia, 12.5% of the population has a disability, and 39% of the disabled population lives in poverty (The Borgen Project). Maestro Cares Foundation aims to enhance the quality of life of these individuals, while helping them use their unique skills to find their purpose and make a difference in the world.



CORPORACIÓN HOGAR: CENTRO DE SERVICIOS INTEGRALES: UN LUGAR PARA CUMPLIR SUEÑOS

Medellin, Colombia

Completed on November 15, 2023.

Partners: J Balvin: Vibra En Alta Foundation, Ana Gabriel & Fundación Tecnoglass

Grantees: Corporación Hogar

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF), in partnership with J Balvin and his foundation, Vibra En Alta, funded the construction of the five-story Centro de Servicios Integrales for Corporación Hogar. This visionary community center offers a diverse array of essential services, including educational and music programs, crucial mental health support, trauma assistance, engaging recreational workshops, and comprehensive job placement trainings. The center aims to serve over 500 vulnerable and abused children and adolescents, as well as the local community. MCF additionally collaborated with the acclaimed Mexican singer and songwriter, Ana Gabriel, to fund the expansion of this project, as they recently purchased the neighboring land to transform it into a vibrant green space for sports and recreational activities. Maestro Cares Foundation is committed to serving the most vulnerable populations by providing spaces to learn, connect, and thrive.



ALDEAS INFANTILES SOS ECUADOR: CENTRO DE DESARROLLO FAMILIAR Y COMUNITARIO

Quito, Ecuador

Completed on May 14, 2024.

Grantees: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Ecuador

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of the Centro de Desarrollo Familiar y Comunitario, a family and community center, for Aldeas Infantiles SOS Ecuador in Quito. This center is designed to strengthen family bonds and prevent the loss of parental care, while also serving as a unifying force for local communities and aldeas (villages). It offers a broad array of essential services and workshops that are instrumental in addressing and breaking cycles of violence and poverty. The center currently serves 29 families, 2 communities, 50 children from the surrounding area, and 33 children from SOS homes in the village. Aldeas Infantiles SOS is the largest international organization for direct care of children and is present in 135 countries today. Maestro Cares Foundation is dedicated to the work Aldeas Infantiles SOS does for children struggling with familial and parental support.



SALA ANA FRANK

Cali, Colombia

Completed on May 25, 2023.

Partners: Grupo Trusot, MedPlus Coliseum & Taquilla Live
Grantees: Agrupacion de Damas Hebreas Capitulo Cali 1098

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) and Grupo Trusot partnered to fund the remodeling and expansion of the pediatric ward at Sala Ana Frank within Hospital Universitario del Valle Evaristo Garcia, the only public hospital in southwestern Colombia. In Phase 1 of the upgrade, they introduced advanced ICU technology and new surgical and diagnostic equipment, including 12 monitors and 3 ventilators. 18 pre/post-surgical hospital beds for children and 8 dedicated respiratory care beds, along with upgraded meeting rooms, doctors' offices, intervention areas, and restrooms were also added. These expansions will directly impact the lives of 2,000 children annually. Phase 2 will encompass a larger Intensive Care Unit, the creation of a new Intermediate Care Service area, and the establishment of a diagnostic and procedural unit and will benefit more than 2,500 young patients annually. Colombia has some of the best healthcare across Latin America for those who can afford it. However, inequality in Colombia is also among the highest in Latin America, and a significant proportion of the population lacks access to even basic healthcare services (*Save the Children*). MCF remains committed to addressing these disparities by investing in high-quality healthcare for the people who need it most.



YMCA-JAIME LUIS GONZÁLEZ INCLÁN SPORTS CENTER

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Completed on September 23, 2023

Partners: Daddy Yankee

Grantees: YMCA of Puerto Rico

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation partnered with music legend Daddy Yankee to fund the remodeling of the YMCA Jaime Luis González Inclán Sports Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This newly revitalized facility offers a place where vulnerable youth can engage in various sports, including basketball, tennis, and soccer and participate in community events. The sports center also serves as a hurricane resiliency hub, providing crucial support to a community still recovering from hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, which caused billions of dollars in damage to Puerto Rico's infrastructure, housing, and economy (GAO). This project has not only revitalized a physical space but has also created an environment of empowerment, resilience, and community strength.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PUERTO RICO KITCHEN

Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Completed on August 21, 2023.

Grantees: Boys & Girls Club of Puerto Rico

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of a new, modern kitchen at the Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico in Bayamón to address increased food needs following Hurricane Maria. Originally, the site only had a small kitchenette and storage room, which limited its ability to provide meals to the community. The new kitchen now serves 150-200 meals daily, supporting the club's Food Program and meeting the growing need for nutritious meals among local youth. 9 out of 10 participants live in poverty, and 81% of participant families have annual incomes of less than \$15,000 (*BGCPR*). The Boys and Girls Club offers children and families a safe, nurturing space where they can receive the sustenance they need.



FUNDACIÓN PÉREZ SCREMINI

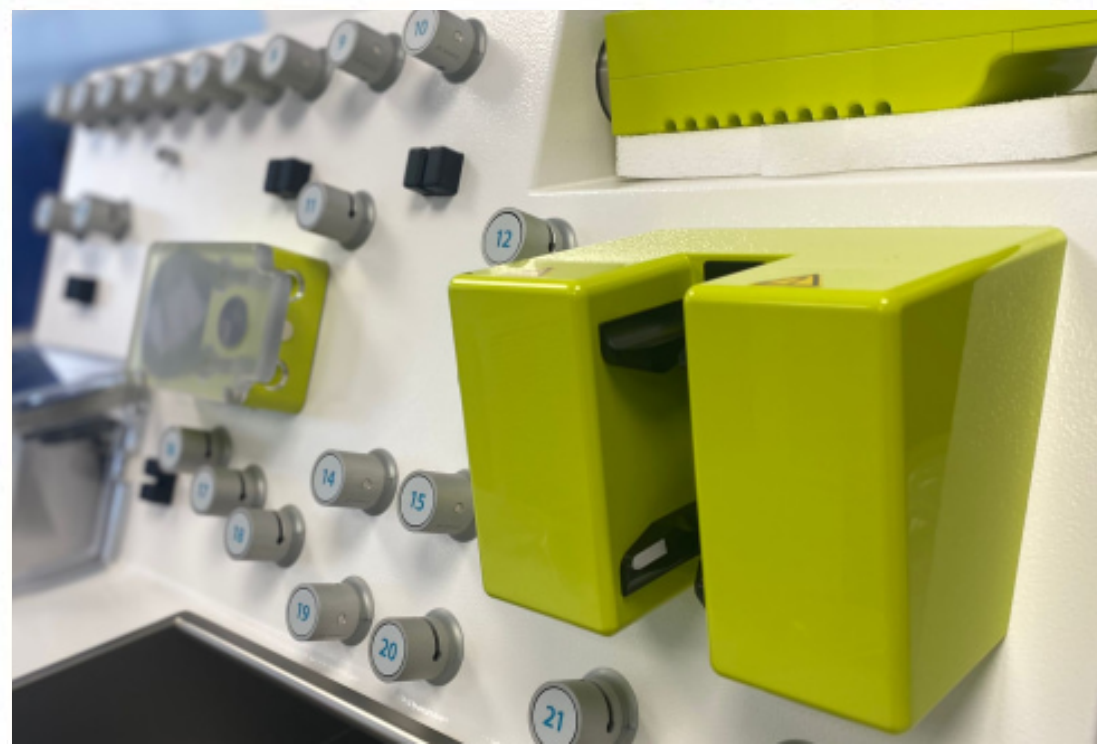
Montevideo, Uruguay

Completed on April 13, 2023

Grantees: Fundación Perez Scremini

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the acquisition of crucial **CAR-T equipment** in a collaborative effort with Fundación Pérez Scremini, a member of the St. Jude Global Alliance, underscoring its commitment to advancing medical innovation and offering renewed hope to countless lives in the region. Dedicated to combating cancer in children and adolescents in Uruguay, Fundación Pérez Scremini stands as a beacon of hope for its patients by providing comprehensive and high-quality health services. Their commitment includes medical and psychological support for patients and families, ensuring they receive necessary care without financial strain. Services encompass medical consultations, treatments, medications, hospital stays, psychological aid, research initiatives, sustenance, and transportation. A significant milestone for Fundación Pérez Scremini is the establishment of the CAR-T Therapy Department at Hospital de Día in Montevideo, which specializes in treating blood cell lymphomas by genetically modifying T-cells to target and eradicate cancer cells. This department represents the first CAR-T Therapy Center in all Latin America and expands the center's capacity to support over 2,000 young patients annually. Uruguay has the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates in Latin America (*National Library of Medicine*), and the Fundación Pérez Scremini now helps 70% of kids diagnosed with cancer in Uruguay (*St. Jude's*).



ALDEAS INFANTILES SOS HONDURAS: CENTRO DE DESARROLLO INFANTIL, JUVENIL, FAMILIAR

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Completed on December 6, 2024

Grantee: Aldeas Infantiles SOS Honduras

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of a community center within the SOS Village in Tegucigalpa that focuses on uplifting at-risk families in Honduras. This center serves as a catalyst for strengthening family bonds, thereby mitigating risk and loss of parental care. The center includes a computer room to support children with their homework and professional development, as well as spaces for musical development, theater, and reading. Both local and SOS village communities can access these free services strategically designed to break cycles of violence and poverty. This community center directly benefits 175 children and adolescents.



SMALL STEPS NURTURING CENTER

Houston, Texas

Completed on September 26, 2024.

Grantees: Small Steps Nurturing Center

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation (MCF) funded the expansion of an existing preschool center that has had a significant impact on the educational landscape of the Fifth Ward neighborhood in Houston, Texas. This center serves as a beacon of hope, offering free early childhood education to at-risk Latino and Afro-American children and their families. Currently supporting 190 children aged 2 to 6, this expansion will allow an additional 60 children to benefit from its services. The project includes diverse enhancements such as land acquisition, 4 new classrooms, 2 therapy rooms, a modern vehicle drop-off and waiting area, 8 additional parking spots, and a spacious multi-purpose zone. Notably, this marks MCF's third project in the United States and its first in the vibrant city of Houston. This initiative exemplifies MCF's ongoing commitment to fostering accessible and high-quality education for underserved communities, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of young learners and their families.



CENTRO DE BIENESTAR DE NIÑOS CON CANCER RENACI- MAESTRO CARES FOUNDATION

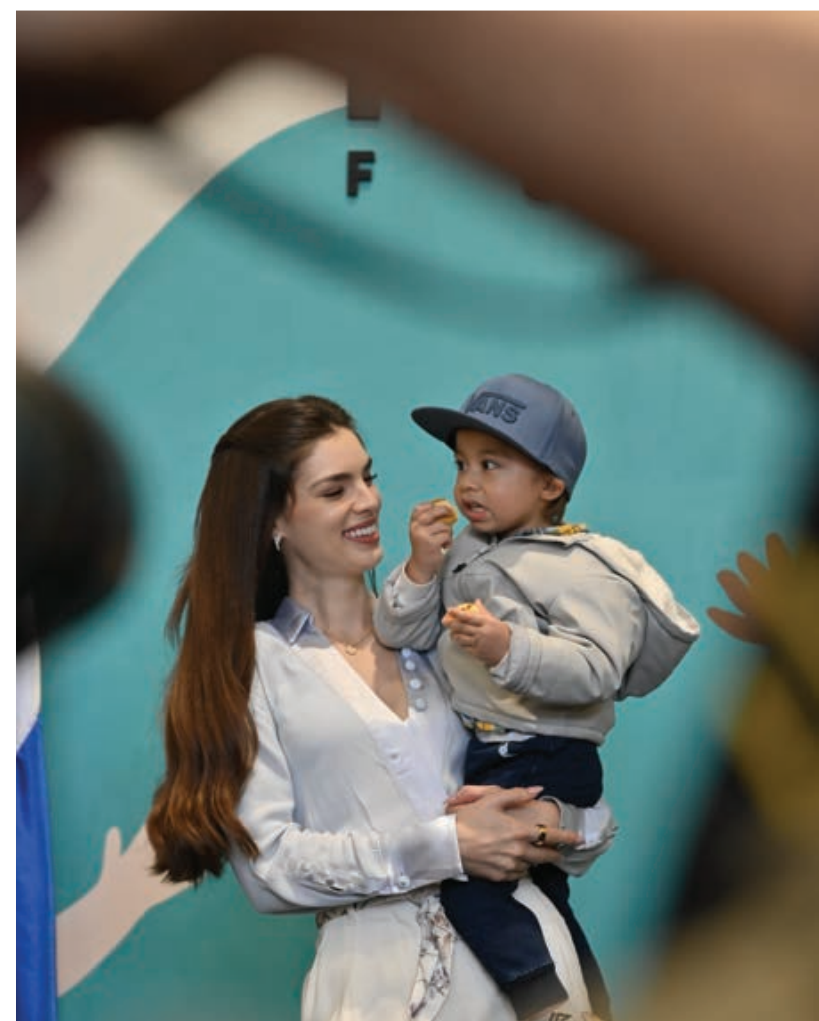
Asunción, Paraguay

Completed on June 30, 2025

Grantee: Fundación ReNACI HOPE Department (Hemato-Oncología PEdiátrica)
at the Hospital de Clínicas

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation funded the construction of a comprehensive wellness center dedicated to supporting children battling cancer in Paraguay. The facility includes oncology services, a specialized diagnostic laboratory, doctors' offices, and a psychological support office. Patients also benefit from rehabilitation spaces, multi-purpose rooms, recreational areas, a waiting room, and a communal kitchen. This center provides inclusive care for approximately 1,800 patients between 0 – 18 years old annually.



CASA ALIANZA HONDURAS: HOGAR QUERUBINES

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Completed on November 30, 2024

Grantee: Covenant House

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation, in partnership with Covenant House, funded the purchase of a spacious house to expand the capacity of Hogar Querubines, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping girls and adolescents who have experienced trafficking and sexual violence. The new home includes bedrooms in addition to recreational areas, workshop rooms, administrative offices, and green spaces. It accommodates up to 30 girls aged 12 to 18 years old.



LA CASA DE LA MADRE Y EL NIÑO

Bogotá, Colombia

Completed on October 11, 2024

Grantees: La Casa de La Madre y El Niño

About the project

Maestro Cares Foundation funded much-needed renovations to expand La Casa de La Madre y El Niño's facility, the first adoption agency in Bogotá. The newly renovated space has increased their capacity to reach more children by creating a playroom, an inviting family visit room, a tranquil study area to enhance the learning environment, space for psychosocial interventions, modern bathrooms, and a pergola that adorns the green space and shelters the children's bikes. These changes will ensure that children have access to welcoming and private spaces for individual interventions. La Casa de La Madre y El Niño (La Casa) is a non-profit organization founded in 1942 in Bogotá, Colombia. They have assisted over 20,000 children, including 2,500 with special needs, in finding their forever home, through their adoption program. La Casa also provides care to children temporarily separated from their biological families through reunification programs aimed at enhancing parenting and problem-solving skills and has supported more than 3,000 mothers facing challenging pregnancies.



NUESTRA ESCUELA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Caguas, Puerto Rico

Completed on December 16, 2024

Partner: Bad Bunny: Good Bunny Foundation
Grantee: Nuestra Escuela

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation, with the Good Bunny Foundation, funded the rehabilitation of three multipurpose spaces and six bathrooms across three floors in partnership with Nuestra Escuela. By equipping youth with essential skills to succeed in competitive job markets, the goal is to improve employment prospects and break the cycle of poverty in this community. The renovated building directly benefits 250 youth and over 300 families.



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES- LURIE KITCHEN

Chicago, IL

Completed on May 28, 2025

Grantee: Ronald McDonald House Charities

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation has partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities for the Lurie Kitchen Transformation project. This initiative increases the capacity and efficiency of meal preparation for families whose children are hospitalized. The redesign of the kitchen area includes a commercial kitchen led by professional chefs, as well as kitchen spaces for families to cook and enjoy meals together. The renovation will provide over 450 meals per day to more than 200 families with hospitalized children.



POSTA SANITARIA LAS LILAS

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Completed on July 18, 2025

Grantee: Universidad Austral

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation is funding the expansion of the Posta Sanitaria Las Lilas to enhance healthcare quality and access for disadvantaged families. Expansion plans for Las Lilas healthcare involve adding five consultation rooms, four bathrooms, circulation areas, and a multi-purpose hall equipped with facilities for psychological services. This initiative provides health screenings for visual problems, malnutrition, growth issues, and mental health, while also addressing family and social concerns. Extensive community outreach includes home visits, educational programs, sports activities, and free medications. The facility benefits over 3,000 families and reaches more than 8,000 individuals each year.



DEPARTAMENTO DE HEMOCOMPONENTES DEL HOSPITAL NACIONAL DE NIÑOS

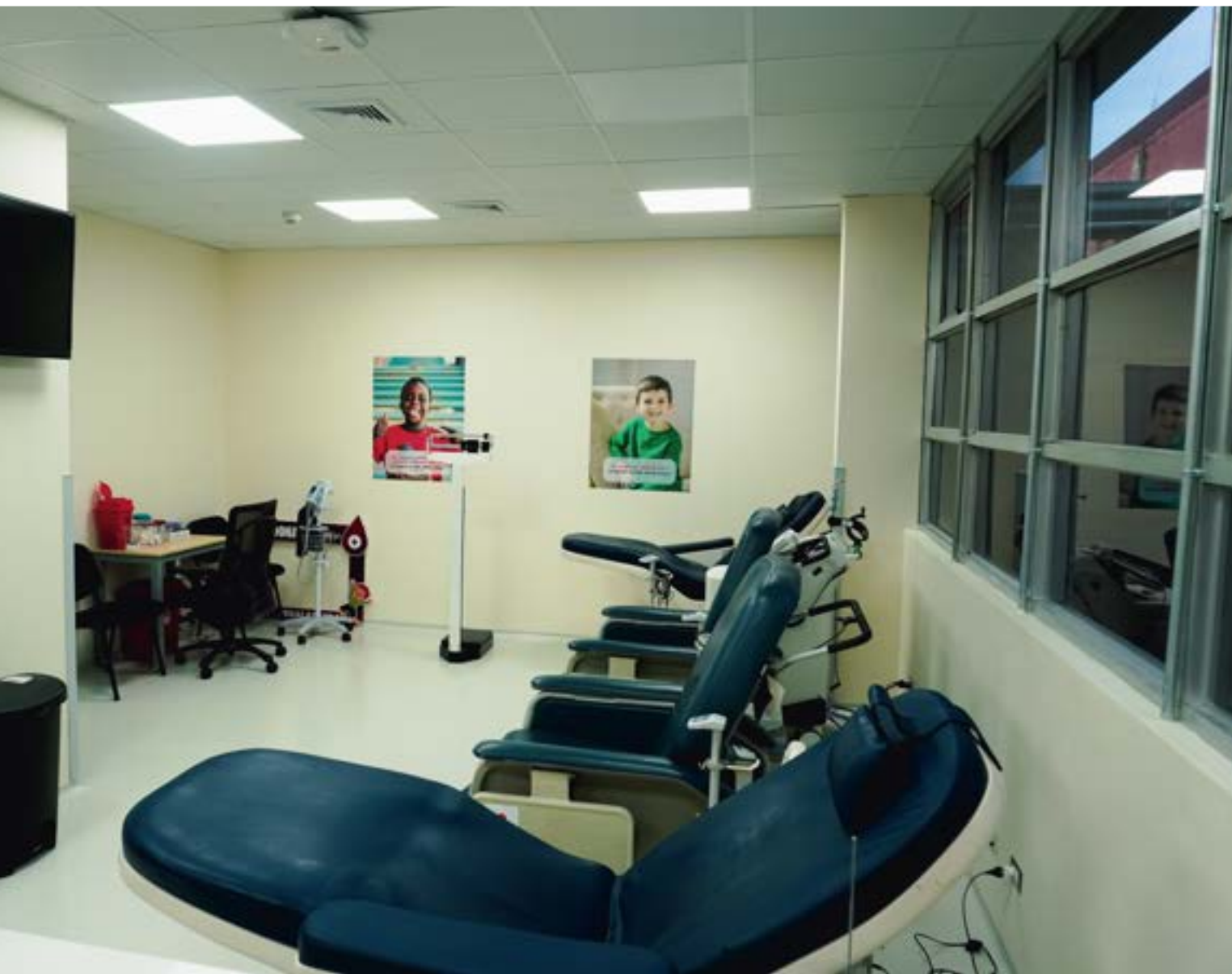
San José, Costa Rica

Completed on August 28, 2025

Partner: Fundación para el Desarrollo del Hospital Nacional de Niños
Grantee: Hospital Nacional de Niños

About the project

The Maestro Cares Foundation has partnered with the Fundación para el Desarrollo del Hospital Nacional de Niños to renovate the Hemocomponent Laboratory and Blood Bank. The renovations will enhance areas for blood donation, processing, and transfusions that support emergency supplies and regular treatments for pediatric patients. Updates to the reception, waiting, testing, donation, and recovery spaces in Costa Rica's primary pediatric hospital will ensure high-quality conditions for donors and medical staff. Approximately 3,900 blood donors, impacting 1,875 children aged infant to 15 years old, will benefit from these renovations annually.



CONFIRMED PROJECTS



**Together California:
Community Resource Center**

Palmdale, California

Groundbreaking: February 2024
Grand Opening: Summer 2026



**Casa Hogar Alegría - Cacalomacán
Phase II**

Toluca, Mexico

Groundbreaking: August 2023
Grand Opening: April 2027



**Casita de Belén
Phase IV**

Cali, Colombia

Groundbreaking: December 2024
Grand Opening: August 2026



**La Casa de la Madre y El Niño
Phase II**

Bogotá, Colombia

Grand Opening: Winter 2025

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YMCA Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center

San Juan, Puerto Rico
Groundbreaking: April 22, 2025
Grand Opening: December 5, 2025



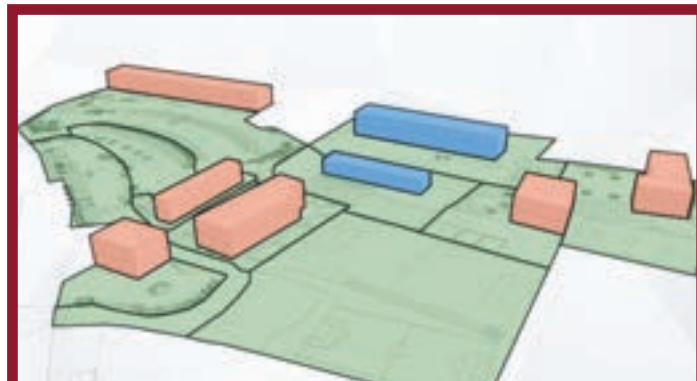
**La Sala Familiar
Ronald McDonald Panama**

Panama City, Panama
Groundbreaking: December 2025
Grand Opening: December 2027



**Ronald McDonald House
Charities of South Florida**

Miami, Florida
Groundbreaking: September 2025
Grand Opening: September 2027



Christel House School

Mexico City, Mexico
Groundbreaking: October 2025
Grand Opening: Summer 2026



Casa de la Amistad

Mexico City, Mexico
Groundbreaking: TBD

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING DREAMS GALA

The Maestro Cares Foundation's Annual Changing Lives, Building Dreams Gala is a distinguished fundraising event that gathers philanthropists, celebrities, and leaders from various sectors to celebrate and support our mission. The gala serves as a night of inspiration and generosity, where guests enjoy an elegant evening filled with a live and silent auction, powerful stories of impact, and a special performance by our co-founder, Marc Anthony. Funds raised during the gala go directly towards initiatives that enhance the lives of disadvantaged children and communities across Latin America and the United States, making it a cornerstone event in the foundation's yearly calendar.



2014 HONOREES

Carlos Slim Domit
Jorge Perez
Bob Unanue



2015 HONOREES

Chi Chi Rodriguez
Meera T. Ghandi
Marcelo Claire



2016 HONOREES

President Bill Clinton
F.J. Pollak
Juan Luis Guerra (not pictured)



2017 HONOREES

Angelica Fuentes
Albert Pujols
Miriam Colon - In Memoriam,
Award accepted by Rosal Colon



2018 HONOREES

Narciso Rodriguez
Deepak Chopra M.D.
Luis Alberto Moreno



2019 HONOREES

Rita Moreno
Lin Manuel Miranda
President Vicente Fox
Vin Diesel

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING DREAMS GALA



2020 HONOREES

David Beckham
Jada Pinkett Smith
José Andrés & World Central Kitchen
Mario López Estrada
Gala was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic



2021 HONOREES

Dr. Ramon Tallaj &
SOMOS Community Care
Will Ferrell
David "Big Papi" Ortiz
Michael Fux



2022 HONOREES

Grupo Trusot - Eduardo Trujillo
Emilio and Gloria Estefan
Jeff Hoffman
Mariano Rivera



2023 HONOREES

Sam Nazarian
Eugenio Derbez
Queen Latifah



2024 HONOREES

Carlos & Daniella Correa
Rosie Perez
Oscar Munoz

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables, FL

The Maestro Cares Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament is a premier fundraising event that brings together philanthropists, celebrities, and influential figures to raise funds to support the foundation's mission. This event is a key initiative in continuing our efforts to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and communities across Latin America and the United States.



Maestro Cares Foundation 1st Celebrity Golf Tournament

April 5, 2022

Hosts: Enrique Santos, Tony Dandrades, Ana Jurka and Laura Posada

Special Guests: Henry Cárdenas, Marc Anthony, Chayanne, Nicky Jam, Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, Mariano Rivera, Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez, Carlos Ponce, Karina Banda, DJ Xtreme, Nat Moore, Mark "Super" Duper, John Offerdahl, Guaynaa, Romero Britto, Adrián Fernández, Jordan Belfort and Kyle Roig.



Maestro Cares Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

May 9, 2023

Host: Enrique Santos
Special Guests: Henry Cárdenas, Marc Anthony, Chayanne, Luis Fonsi, Carlos Ponce, Amaury Nolasco, Jean Rodriguez, Ana Navarro, Rico Leon, Matt James, Tammie Green, DJ Xtreme, Angelo Pagán and JJ. Barea.



Maestro Cares Foundation 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

May 14, 2024

Host: Lili Estefan
Special Guests: Marc Anthony, Henry Cárdenas, Chayanne, Luis Fonsi, Robbie Hummel, Beatriz Recari, Maffio, Pedro Tovar Jr, Rico León, Jorge Posada, Kyle Roig, DJ Xtreme, Jean Rodriguez, Pedro Tovar Sr, Harold Rubio, Felix Hernandez Jason Cabinda and Motiff.



Your generosity, perseverance, and dedication has helped build this **Labor of Love**. Each project provides a loving, nurturing home and access to education. Together, we will continue to help children throughout Latin America and the United States, affording them safety, good health, better opportunities, and many reasons to smile.

Gracias!



"Education is the greatest tool we can give our children."
- Henry Cárdenas

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