





May Greetings from CREA

As spring flowers begin to bloom and the days grow longer, we are reminded of the impact CREA is having on all those who show up for programming: from babies in their mothers' arms to our university students. CREA's dedication to our participants continues to inspire thousands of rural Nicaraguans to learn, grow and succeed.

CREA is also incredibly excited to announce that the construction of our 6 new classrooms is well underway! We have been bursting at the seams for quite some time with too little learning space for the high demand. The additional classroom space will provide safe and effective learning areas protected from the elements of sun and wind.

The following anecdotes across our Programs are inspirational and give a glimpse into the positive impact that CREA is making in so many lives.

YOU, our committed supporters, are to THANK for CREA's successes!

Library Services

CREA begins to foster a love of reading with our youngest participants through weekly StoryTime. By engaging these young minds through animated storytelling, interactive activities, and even a bit of singing, these novice readers experience the fun that comes from books! As the kids get older, reading guidance becomes more personalized; small group instruction develops a lifelong passion both for reading and for learning in general.



Adam Mateo reads after school at the CREA Library + Learning Center.

Adam Mateo is a committed 3rd grader who loves to immerse himself in a good book. Once a struggling reader, Adam Mateo improved his reading fluency by nine levels in just one year! His accelerated advancement is due both to his deep desire to learn and his daily commitment to CREA programming. Adam Mateo is looking toward his future and has his sights set on becoming an engineer.

Academic Success

CREA offers children and youth individualized, educational support which is critical for success in their learning, their completion of high school, and for their preparation for higher education. CREA's impact extends beyond the walls of our Library + Learning Center; our dedicated outreach teams venture daily into multiple surrounding communities to teach hundreds of kids who are excited to learn.



Verónica Rubí practices her writing skills at one of CREA's outreach sites.

Verónica Rubí was 10 years old and in 5th grade when she joined CREA in 2020. Up until that time, she had faced great academic challenges in school. Four years later, she is now thriving in our Academic Success program. She loves the personalized learning structure and the fun activities that CREA offers. With determination and academic support, Verónica Rubí is overcoming her past challenges and is pursuing her dream of completing school and becoming a professional.

Youth Development

CREA supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of adolescents as they strive to reach their goals. Young adults come to CREA from miles away to take advantage of a variety of elective classes designed to spark their interests, passions, and talents. CREA's programs encourage a path of opportunity, growth, and sustainability.



Jocsan David is enthusiastic about CREA and his future.

Fifteen-year-old Jocsan David has been coming to CREA since it opened its doors in 2016. He has participated in all of CREA's programming over these past eight years. He absolutely loves CREAciones, a class that fosters artistic expression through engaging art activities. As he looks to his future, Jocsan David is excited to go to university knowing that his experiences at CREA are preparing him for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. He attributes his significant growth in both his academic and personal life to his time at CREA and says, "I have become a better student and a better person".

Scholarship Highlight



Mirian generously volunteers her time and expertise at CREA's health fairs.

Mirian has always dreamed of becoming a veterinarian and opening a clinic in her community. With CREA's guidance and incredible support from her parents, Mirian completed high school and earned a CREA scholarship to attend the College of Veterinary Medicine in Rivas. Having received her degree, Mirian is now providing essential animal care services in her community. She acknowledges the profound impact that CREA has had on her life and career path and says, "Without CREA, I would likely be at home, perhaps with children. It simply wouldn't be the same."

We've Broken Ground on our New Classrooms!



The walls are going up!

The CREA Library + Learning Center is brim full of enthusiastic kids eager to learn. Every available space is being utilized, from the library to the technology room, to the tents. The good news: construction on our six new classrooms is well underway, and everyone is excited for the expansion of our learning space!

Thank you for being an integral part of the CREA family. Together, we're not just changing lives we're building a brighter future for young people in Nicaragua.

***We wish you a very lovely spring.
We are very grateful for your partnership.***



***¡Muchas Gracias!
Michelle Chackerian, Executive Director,
Lilly Berrios, Deputy Executive Director,
and the entire staff and Board of Directors at CREA***



Elevating Nicaraguans and their communities through literacy and learning.

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