



MAY GREETINGS FROM CREA

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a season of germination—not only in our gardens, but at CREA's Library + Learning Center and in the communities where CREA works. We are celebrating the growth we're seeing in our students as they gain confidence, strengthen their skills, and take meaningful steps toward brighter futures. Thanks to your continued support, learning is taking root and flourishing across rural Nicaragua.

Thank you for being part of this journey—your support makes it all possible!

LIBRARY SERVICES

Provides young learners and their families access to books and programming designed to teach discrete literacy skills, promote reading proficiency, and inspire critical thinking.



Kemberling enjoys checking out books from CREA's Library + Learning Center.

Kemberling, eight years old, has been with CREA since first grade. Although she's initially quiet, Kemberling opens up when surrounded by her closest friends. Now in third grade, her teachers have noticed significant improvement in her reading skills, thanks to CREA. She shares that reading aloud from the board helps boost her confidence. Her love for books fuels her desire to learn, improving her reading abilities with each session at CREA.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Provides children and youth with critical, supplemental learning support to finish primary and secondary school.



Anderson travels 30 minutes by horse to come to CREA's outreach site.

Every morning, thirteen-year-old Anderson prepares to gallop nearly 30 minutes on horseback to one of CREA's outreach sites. His mother learned about CREA from a family member and asked Anderson if he wanted to attend. Without hesitation, he agreed and began attending this year. He enjoys coming to CREA because it helps him learn more, especially in math. Anderson feels he's improving every day, thanks to the support of CREA's dedicated facilitators. Despite the long ride, he is determined—riding his horse to class is a small sacrifice for the progress he's making.

Youth Development

Supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of adolescents as they strive to reach their goals and create positive change in their communities.



Anahomy makes the most of her time at CREA and enjoys all subjects.

Anahomy, a sociable 15-year-old, joined CREA in fifth grade after hearing about it through her friend Esther, who was receiving academic support at CREA. Intrigued by the opportunity, she asked her mother to enroll her. She once struggled with math, but after working one-on-one with CREA facilitators, she is now excelling in the subject in school. Now in ninth grade, Anahomy must travel to and from CREA by bus, but her commitment remains unwavering. She loves reading and thrives in math and language arts. Anahomy values the support and the safe, fun space CREA provides for students to learn, interact, and grow.

Scholarship Highlight



Denesis is studying to become a doctor at UNAN in Managua.

Denesis, a second-year medical student at UNAN in Managua, credits CREA for helping her achieve her dream. After hearing about CREA's academic support from friends, she joined in February 2023, receiving help in subjects like math and language arts, along with participating in workshops like Manos Verdes (gardening) and Creaciones (art). Thanks to her dedication, Denesis earned a scholarship and is now pursuing medicine. She describes CREA as not just an educational resource, but a second family that supported her growth academically and personally. Denesis says, "CREA has helped me get ahead in my studies and reach my dreams." Her story highlights the transformative power of education and community support.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, partners, and community members. Your continued involvement and generosity make it possible for CREA to create lasting change in the lives of so many Nicaraguan children and their families. Together, we are building brighter futures and stronger communities.

Warm wishes from the CREA team!



¡Muchas Gracias!

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Elevating Nicaraguans and their communities through literacy and learning.

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