



2022 Annual Report Epilogos Charities, Inc.  
for St. Joseph Church

2022 was a very successful year for Epilogos Charities. This year marked a return to normal operations for the organization. We were able to resume all of our programs that were paused during the pandemic.

Thank you to YOU, our donors, who make this work possible.



**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

Epilogos Executive Director Graciela Martinez and Administrative Assistant Keily Guzman traveled to Concord, NH in July to meet with the Board of Directors to update our Strategic Plan. Sue Haas has been our guide through the process of the initial development of the plan and subsequent updates. We have a solid plan in place for the next three years. We will be focusing on expanding and enhancing existing programs in San José Villanueva.

We were thrilled to welcome Graciela and Keily back to New Hampshire where they spoke at Christ the King church and met with many Epilogos supporters.



**EDUCATION**

Education continues to be a primary focus for Epilogos. We know that education provides hope for the future for students and their families.

With the generous support of Epilogos donors and our partners at St. Joseph's Church in Ohio in 2022 we provided scholarships to:

- 50 High School Students
- 61 Grade 2-9 Students
- 9 Students with Special needs
- 4 College Students
- 5 Classrooms were adopted - providing teachers and students supplies for their classrooms
- Funding for Teacher for Special Needs students and an Administrative Assistant

Once again, the St. Joseph community provided generous support for our education program. Thank you to Shelley Mack for leading the fund drive.

Donations in 2022 totaled almost \$12,000 and since 2007 almost \$195,000 has been raised for education. This support provides an invaluable opportunity for the students and their families.

Epilogos also provides scholarships for four college students who are getting degrees in law, teaching and engineering.





## VISIT TO ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

In October Brooke Finnell, US Executive Director of Epilogos paid a visit to St. Joe's to express appreciation for the long-term support of the parishioners and clergy.

Brooke spoke at all the masses and met with the El Salvador committee to share the good work Epilogos is doing.

We are truly honored to have such a long-term partnership with your church.



## EPILOGOS STAFF

In 2022 we were fortunate to add permanent staff in San José Villanueva to continue to grow the organization and provide help for all of our local projects. Joining Graciela and Keily, are Ruben Guzman, Miguel Flores, and Kervin Sanchez. They have all been affiliated with Epilogos for many years, but now they are full-time members of the team.

## BUILDING CASA DIGNAS

Epilogos volunteers and community members built 5 **casa dignas** in 2022! It all started with a very ambitious February trip when 3 homes were built.

We had generous donors provide the funding for the houses and a hard-working group of 25 volunteers working alongside many locals to provide the labor.

## BIG FRIEND/LITTLE FRIEND

This program pairs elementary school students with high school mentors and they participate in activities to promote confidence and self-esteem.



In October and November 2 more *casa dignas* were built with all local Salvadoran labor. The funds for one home were provided by a March Madness basketball fundraiser facilitated by John Novak.

**THANK YOU to ALL volunteers and donors FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF EPILOGOS CHARITIES, INC.**

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