

# The City of Children Shinsky Orphanage - 2021 Highlights

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**12<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** As we celebrate our 12th year, we recognize more than ever the value and impact our donors have had on the lives of our children and staff. This year has been very challenging in many ways including, protecting our children and staff from COVID, disrupted education, staff serving 24 hour shifts because children could not go to school or leave the property, financial cutbacks because of a reduction in donations, a need to purchase 30 chrome books and a stronger WIFI system so our children could have access to education, and our staff cuts 14 acres of lawn with a push mower because we cannot afford a riding lawnmower at this time. In spite of these challenges, our children and staff held strong to a resiliency that resulted in no COVID cases, ongoing education, and a loving and caring family atmosphere that provided hope, strength, and faith. As you will see from the pictures that follow, our children supported each other, our staff who are former orphans are phenomenal, and our community of supporters like you, have provided donations and support that gave all of us hope and strength each and every day. **We could not have progressed without you! You are our extended family that we love and appreciate more than ever. Thank you for all you do to support our children and staff, as we continue to have the faith and strength to survive these difficult times. With Deep Appreciation, John & Cindy Shinsky**

## Our 12th Anniversary Celebration



## Health & Safety Top Priorities



## Celebrating Our First 2 College Graduates



**Civil Engineering  
Noe**

For my future, I am not sure what is coming, because as my history has shown me there will always be better things to come, it is only necessary to be resilient and hold on to a final goal. Now it is up to me to help this organization that helped me so much, and who knows, maybe one day I will be able to establish a home to support others, as Father William B. Wasson said at some point: "Possibly for the world you are only one person, but for a child, you can be the whole world".



**Financial Administration  
Ricardo**

During this stage I suffered, laughed, learned, and had the best time. I met special people who were along the way and helped me through moments when I was thinking of giving up, I am grateful that I didn't.

I hope to be able to return in the not too distant future some of the support that I received for so many years so that this organization can help more children and young people who need adequate academic training, healthcare, protection, and above all love.

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## Various Experiences – Mass, Baptism, Christmas



## Dia de Muertos – The Day of the Dead



## All About Family

