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The Little Hands, Big Hearts Foundation



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In this issue of “Happenings in Honduras”, we have some big staffing updates to share from Trujillo:

It is with bittersweet emotions that I announce that Co-Director, Norbentina de Garmon, has decided to embark upon a new adventure separate from Little Hands, Big Hearts with her husband Lars. Needless to say, we are really going to miss her contributions to the children, her outreach to the community, her bright smile friendly outlook, and her love of the Lord. We are fortunate that she has graciously agreed to continue in her role through the end of their school year, providing plenty of time for a smooth and successful leadership transition.

In appreciation of Norbentina’s many years of hard work and dedication, I’d like to take a moment to recap her time with us:



- Norbentina first came to LHBH in 2012 through her friend and former teacher, Roxanna Bados. She first started as a volunteer and exhibited such exemplary skills, compassion, and patience that she was soon hired as a teacher.
- In 2014, in recognition of her potential as a leader, she attended The Leadership Center, and upon graduation, she returned to LHBH, excited to share all that she had learned (including an excellent command of the English language)!
- On the heels of that, an opening for co-director became available in 2016, and Norbentina was a natural fit. In that roll, she has excelled in promoting LHBH awareness throughout their community, with merchants and governmental leaders, as well as providing direction to visiting mission groups.

Although she will be incredibly missed, we know that Norbentina will continue to be a huge blessing and inspiration wherever she goes.

On the flip side, we are excited to announce that Erica Garcia has accepted the promotion from head teacher to co-director, and that Delia Martínez Velasquez has accepted the promotion to head teacher. Both of these outstanding women have been such a significant part of the LHBH story that it gives us great joy to recognize them in this way! It is my prayer that God will bless all three ladies abundantly in their new endeavors and guide them along their journey.

Finally, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or comments about this staffing change. You can always reach us at LHBHFoundation@gmail.com.

Blessings, ~Ken Vielmette, Chairman of the LHBH Board of Directors

Director's Report

Norbentina Alvarez

Isaiah 41: 9-10 "I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said 'you are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". God's divine plans for our lives are truly impeccable, and I consider it an immense privilege to have dedicated my time to serving at LHBH, since my first visit back in 2011. Throughout my journey of volunteering and working here, I have been abundantly grateful for the incredible opportunities that have come my way.

My time at LHBH has been a source of immense joy, filled with countless special moments. I deeply appreciate all the experiences that have contributed to my personal growth, self-discovery, service and love others. Witnessing the greatness of our Creator through these experiences has been truly inspiring.



One of the most rewarding aspects of my service has been the opportunity to touch the lives of the children and be a part of their journeys. It's challenging to put into words the indescribable feeling of having served each and every child we've had the privilege to care for during these years. In all honesty, I feel that I have received more from the children and their families than I have been able to give. Every moment spent with them, their families, my dedicated coworkers, and teams has become a cherished memory that I will carry with me always.

LHBH has been an incredible blessing in my life, offering opportunities for personal growth, connecting with remarkable individuals, and forming lasting friendships that I will treasure forever. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who placed their trust in me to help lead this remarkable Ministry during this time. Your guidance, words of encouragement, and prayers have meant the world to me and been a tremendous source of strength.

As I look toward the future, I am hopeful to continue serving in different ways I can. May the Lord's blessings continue to shower upon LHBH and all those who are, and will be, part of this wonderful Ministry in the years to come.

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Norbentina Alvarez



Welcome From Erika!

Erika

I am Erika Garcia I have a Bachelor Degree in Pedagogy. I am Married to Jimmy Rodriguez, and we have two kids, Joe who is 15 years and Elly who is 7 years old.

I met Mark, and Brenda when I was 12 years old, and they helped me with my studies. Thanks to their support, and my Husband's help I was able to finish my college degree.

I volunteered at LHBH for 4 years prior to my official hiring as an employee, and I started working as a teacher in the pre-school area in 2012.

I am currently serving as the director of the Pre-school area coordinating the activities and as a teacher of Special Education, Bible Class, and assistant of Physical Therapy.

What encouraged me to choose the teaching profession was the volunteering experience I had serving at LHBH. For me it was a very unique, and different involvement that I had. It was different from what I could observe within my career.

I have always considered myself to be a person who likes to grow personally, and professionally projecting new goals, and it was this that lead me to continue striving to acquired more knowledge and experience. I feel very happy, and nervous with this new job opportunity, it is a very big challenge for my personal and professional life. Even though this opportunity was not in my plans, I want to do my best, and try hard to do my job in the best way I can. I plan to continue taking different courses to gain more knowledge that will allow me to do my work in a better way, and continue supporting the children we serve.



From the Founders

Mark and Brenda Young

We have been blessed to have Norbentina serve at Little Hands, Big Hearts in several capacities over the years. She has always gone above and beyond our expectations. We will miss her loving spirit and her commitment to the children and families at LHBH. We wish her and her new husband, Lars, all of the best in their future endeavors, wherever they may take them. LHBH has been blessed to have Norbentina, and now she goes out into the world to bless others with her faithful spirit of service and love.



In the love of Jesus,
Mark and Brenda Young
Founders and Friends of Norbentina



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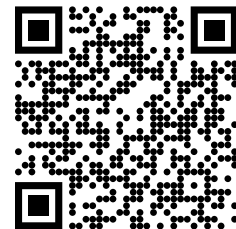
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