



Fabretto enables impoverished Nicaraguan children and their families in underserved communities to break the cycle of poverty and reach their full potential through programs promoting education, nutrition and health, and community development.

Fabretto is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting approximately 10,000 children in more than 50 underprivileged rural and urban schools in Nicaragua. Father Rafael Maria Fabretto started working in these communities approximately 50 years ago, and the foundation continues to help impoverished Nicaraguan children and their families break the cycle of poverty.

The cycle of extreme poverty is systemic and long term. Therefore, Fabretto provides services over an extended period through a continuum-of-care model. The organization's programs serve youth during their entire childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood. Once a child enrolls with Fabretto, the hope is that the student will continue through secondary school, and one day even complete vocational training or university schooling.

Fabretto works with the Ministry of Education, local schools, and community organizations in extremely impoverished regions where children are at high risk of dropping out because of families needing them to work and support the income. To help alleviate some of the financial pressure, Fabretto provides the teachers and schools with basic school supplies for the children. Occasionally thanks to donor, shoes and school uniforms also are provided. Fabretto additionally offers a daily balanced lunch to encourage parents to keep their children in school since in most cases it is the only meal many will receive each day. Every afternoon Fabretto programs engage the students in tutoring, and development activities so that children can use their creativity and leadership skills to continue to succeed in school.

Fabretto enrichment programs teach and encourage personal responsibility and accountability. They instill entrepreneurial skills and spirit, encourage students to study hard and do their best, and teach youth to give back to their community. In this way, students develop the ability, mindset, and courage to create their own opportunities and pull themselves, their communities, and their country out of poverty.

Fabretto carries out the following programs and activities in the performance of its purpose:

- Tutoring for preschool, primary, and secondary students;
- Rural secondary education called SAT (sistema de aprendizaje tutorial);
- Nutrition programming (the meal served to the children is typically their only nutritious meal of the day);
- Parent education;
- Teacher training;
- Youth development activities such as music, arts and crafts, sports activities as well as school garden projects;
- Community development (water projects, building of schools, recycling projects, etc.)
- IT education with hands-on use of computers and technology;
- ESL studies where available;
- Some health and hygiene education;
- Some food production and sustainable forestry education;
- Some natural resources management;
- Entrepreneurial development education and some vocational training through the rural secondary education program;
- Some scholarships for university studies.



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