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The Roberto Clemente Health Clinic
Padrino Program: Children in need of a Sponsor

Name: Tiffany

Age: 12 years old

Diagnosis: myelomeningocele (malformation in the spine)

Tiffany was born with a malformation in the spine. She is not able to walk, run or act like a “normal” teenager. But this condition has not stopped her dreams, she would like to become a doctor/surgeon. Currently, she is in high school, and was recognized as the best student in 6th grade. She is now doing great in 7th grade. Her parents struggle getting the medications Tiffany needs. She has medical appointments in Managua once a month.

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Name: Yanely

Age: 5 years old

Diagnosis: Epilepsy

Yaneli is a very kind girl who has many dreams. Last month Yaneli spent 2 weeks in the hospital in the intensive care area. Fortunately, she’s doing better now and has returned home. Currently, she’s in 1st grade. Her mom takes care of her and her sister who also suffers from epilepsy. Buying medicines and paying for medical attention in the hospital in Managua is a constant struggle for her mom. Yanely says when she grows up she wants to be a professional dancer and teacher.

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Name: Yarelis

Age: 7 years old

Yarelis is 7 years old and is currently in first grade. Her dad works in the fields and earns approximately 3,000 córdobas (\$ 90) which makes it very difficult to cover the



costs of education and medicines for Yarelis. Yarelis would like to become a nurse when she grows up and work for the communities. She admires our Clinic nurses. She also wants to make money to help her parents.

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Name: Engel

Age: 12 years old

Engel is a very active child who is always in a good mood despite the traumas he has gone through in his life. His father abandoned him and his mother when he was only 1 year old. Later in his life, his mother found it very difficult to support him due to the extreme poverty in which they lived and decided to move to Costa Rica looking for a job. Engel's grandmother took care of the child during the following years. His mom never returned from Costa Rica. His grandmother is 75 years old and it is impossible for her to work and support the child. For this reason, she came to the Clinic desperately asking for help to cover some of Engel's needs such as education, health and nutrition. She also suffers from various chronic diseases. Engel would like to be a doctor when he grows up and be able to take care of his grandmother.

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Name: Alba

Age: 13 years old

Alba's family has suffered many difficulties in recent years. Last year, they were left homeless after hurricanes ETA and IOTA. They were sleeping in a church and were being fed by some good-hearted families. Alba's dad was recently diagnosed with appendicitis and had to undergo an emergency surgery. Her dad is the main provider for a family of six. Her mom remembers having to feed her children rotten fish with bananas in order to calm their hunger. Alba Rosa is a girl with many dreams. Unfortunately, these hard times have been stones in her path and they have not allowed her to continue with her education.

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Name: Dennis

Age: 11 years old

Diagnosis: Anxiety

Dennis is an 11-year-old boy who has been raised by his mother. Dennis's father passed away when he was one month old in a car accident. Since then, his family sank into poverty due to constant needs and few opportunities for advancement in the area. When his mother managed to find a small job, the pandemic hit and she lost it. Dennis has had anxiety problems since childhood due to the lack of a father figure. He is a very intelligent boy who wants to be an Industrial Engineer.

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Name: Eitan

Age: 11 years old

Eitan is a kind boy who resides in the community of Las Mercedes. He lives with his mother, father and 3 brothers. His family lives in severe poverty. His father works in the fields and earns little money which makes it almost impossible for him to support his family. Eitan mentions that it makes him sad to see his mother crying when she cannot find food for his younger siblings. That's why when he grows up he wants to work hard to support his brothers and help his parents.