

Growing Forward

A Bold New Plan *for* A Bold New Hope



“I don’t think that I would have had these opportunities without New Hope Academy.”

That’s what Andrea Lopez said when we asked her about the impact that New Hope has had on her life. Andrea is currently a second-year medical student at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine with the hopes of one day becoming a surgeon. But 20 years ago, this kind of future was far from certain, and the community of New Hope Academy had a vital role to play in the story that God is telling in her life.



How It Started



How It’s Going

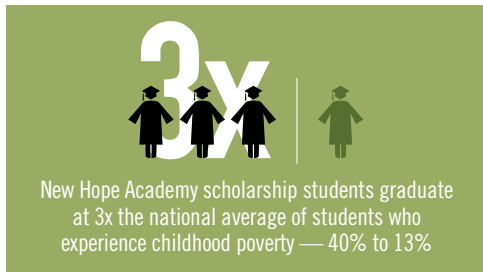
Andrea’s mother, Alejandra, says that from the time Andrea could talk, she knew that she wanted to be a doctor. But in the late 90s, living in Honduras held very little promise for a bright young girl like Andrea. So when Andrea was four years old, the family left everything behind in Honduras to move to Nashville. Andrea started kindergarten in Williamson County Schools, but when the family went for a routine physical at Mercy Community Healthcare before the school year, God had an unexpected blessing in store for them.

Their nurse that day happened to be a New Hope parent of four, Veronica Cropper. Veronica suggested that Alejandra look into New Hope Academy for Andrea. Alejandra’s first thought was, “That’s not for me. I have no idea how I could do that.” But Veronica insisted, saying, “New Hope is for everybody.” After this chance meeting, Andrea started at New Hope in first grade the next year.

Andrea graduated from New Hope in 2009 and gained admission to Brentwood Academy where her love of science and medicine only increased. Her studies there were so strong that she earned a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee where she studied biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology. Then, even

though only 6.1% of applicants are accepted, Andrea not only gained admission to the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine--she earned a full scholarship.

Now in her second year of medical school at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Andrea plans to become a surgeon. But she's not just achieving these things for herself. Because of her own life experiences, she is acutely aware that the Hispanic community does not always have access to quality healthcare, and she hopes to address that in her life and career. She and her family have also started an organization called Grains of Love (Instagram: @grains.of.love_) that collects food and clothing items to send back to Honduras.



What role did New Hope play in all of this? “New Hope is the best school that I’ve ever been to,” says Andrea. “It’s an absolutely amazing education. They supported my family and supported me as a whole person. I can’t even express how grateful we are for New Hope.”

As we celebrate New Hope’s 25th anniversary, it struck us that Andrea is approximately as old as New Hope. Twenty-five years ago, a little girl was born into the Body of Christ in Honduras and she would eventually receive a transformative, Christ-centered education that would help her earn two full scholarships and pay it forward by founding a nonprofit to support her younger brothers and sisters in Christ who are struggling in Honduras.

This is the work that you are supporting when you support New Hope Academy. These are the kind of Kingdom returns on your investment. And right now there are about 100 scholarship students at New Hope who are in line to be the next Andrea Lopez. **Will you invest in the future of God’s Kingdom with a gift that will help us raise the \$1.35 million needed to provide the kind of education that will enable these students to flourish?**

Thank you for considering making a financial sacrifice for the sake of these students. God has provided through thousands of donors like you for the last 25 years so that students like Andrea might flourish. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for the next 25 years at New Hope Academy!

You can help us by making a gift of any amount, but here is some guidance as you consider the impact you could make:

\$75

Sponsors a child for one day

\$350

Sponsors a child for one week

\$1,300

Sponsors a child for one month

\$5,000

Covers all of New Hope’s scholarship needs for one day

\$6,500

Sponsors a child for one semester

\$13,000

Sponsors a child to attend New Hope for an entire year

\$26,000

Sponsors two children to attend New Hope for an entire year



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