



## **FEBRUARY GREETINGS FROM CREA**

With the start of the school year, our Library + Learning Center is once again filled with the energy of children eager to read, explore, and discover. From our youngest StoryTime participants, to kids receiving personalized support in reading and math, we're excited to continue fostering the love of learning in every child we support.

Thank you for being part of this journey—your support makes it all possible!

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

Provides young learners and their families access to books and programming designed to teach discrete literacy skills, promote reading proficiency, and inspire critical thinking.



Isaac practices recognizing letters through images at one of CREA's outreach sites.

Isaac is a determined 9-year-old with an incredible passion for learning. Now in third grade, he has been attending CREA since first grade. When he first started at CREA, reading felt out of reach. The personalized support that Isaac is receiving at CREA allowed him to overcome his learning challenges. And today, Isaac not only can read, but he loves it!

#### **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Provides children and youth with critical, supplemental learning support to finish primary and secondary school.



Aisha enjoys improving her math skills.

Aisha is an industrious student who diligently completes her homework. Introduced to CREA in second grade, Aisha began receiving additional tutoring and reading support. Initially struggling academically, her attentiveness and commitment to her studies has led to significant improvement over time. Aisha made notable strides in both reading comprehension and mathematics, standing out among her peers for achieving top academic performance within her class.

### **Youth Development**

Supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of adolescents as they strive to reach their goals and create positive change in their communities.



Freddy working on digital literacy at the CREA Library + Learning Center.

Freddy joined CREA in his first year of secondary school after his family moved to a nearby community. Enrolled in the youth development program, his steadfast participation over the past four years has shaped his academic excellence. Math, language, and literature tutoring have been instrumental in his success, while elective classes like "Creations" (art) and "Green Hands" (gardening) have fostered his creativity, social skills, and appreciation for nature.

### **Scholarship Highlight**



Helen making her dream of becoming an entrepreneur a reality.

Helen has been participating in CREA's Youth Development program for six years. Her dedication and involvement have earned her a well-deserved university scholarship to pursue a degree in business administration, with a focus on entrepreneurship. Now in her first year, Helen dreams of starting her own business. Known for her humor, energy, and commitment, Helen embodies the spirit of resilience that CREA nurtures in all its students. As a testament to CREA's efforts to help young people achieve their dreams and goals, Helen proudly states that "Giving up is not an option!"

# **2024 Annual Report**



CREA's Annual Report is now available. It was another incredible year. Read about the impact we had in 2024.

Read CREA's 2024 Annual Report

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, partners, and community members. Your continued involvement and generosity make it possible for CREA to create lasting change in the lives of so many Nicaraguan children and their families. Together, we are building brighter futures and stronger communities.

Warm wishes from the CREA team!



¡Muchas Gracias!

Michelle Chackerian, Executive Director

Lilly Berrios, Deputy Executive Director

and the entire staff and Board of Directors at CREA



Elevating Nicaraguans and their communities through literacy and learning.

# **Coming in March: WIN-A-CASA!!**

WIN a luxurious week's stay in a beach front villa in Rancho Santana, a world-class resort on Nicaragua's Emerald Coast!



Don't miss out! WIN-A-CASA kicks off on March 4th.