

Casa Alianza Honduras (CAH) opened in 1987 and was our second center in Latin America.

Located in the capital of Tegucigalpa, CAH has two residential centers and several programs that offer assistance to homeless children and teenagers in need of aid.



José Guadalupe Ruelas García has been the national director of Casa Alianza Honduras since January 2013. Ruelas García has become one of the leading national and international advocates for at-risk, trafficked and migrant youth. In December of 2019 Guadalupe was honored at the Voices of Solidarity event held by Vital Voices Global Partnership for his courage and conviction in advocating on behalf of women and girls in Honduras.

Covenant House is called "La Alianza" in Guatemala, and in 1981 was the first Covenant House site to be established in Latin America. We originally opened our doors to respond to the need for housing and protection for the thousands of Guatemalan children left homeless and abandoned during the years of repression, war and civil strife that marked that dark phase of Guatemalan history. Today, we respond to the needs of young girls and their babies at high risk.



Carolina Escobar Sarti has been the national director of La Alianza since 2010. Escobar Sarti is one of Guatemala's most recognized poets, authors and national newspaper columnists, who writes regularly on issues concerning human rights. She was named Ambassador for Peace by the Guatemalan president in 2011 and the Weaver of Peace by the Demos Institute in 2016. In October of 2019, she received the Olof Palme Medallion from the Olof Palme International Foundation in Barcelona recognizing her work in the defense of human rights, commitment to peace, resolution of conflicts, and sustainable development.

Margaret A. Healy, SVP, International Programs



Peggy Healy began her career as a Maryknoll Sister Pediatric Nurse Practitioner living and working for over a decade as a front line health care worker and human rights advocate in Central America and Washington, DC. After her return to the United States, Peggy worked as a clinician in the Montefiore Medical Center Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the South Bronx. In 1996, she received her law degree from Fordham University where she became the Program Director for the Crowley Program in International Human Rights and taught for almost a decade as an Adjunct Professor of Law. Ms. Healy worked as a Senior Consultant both at the Global Diversity Practice at Towers Perrin and at the Future Work Institute. She has extensive experience as a human rights consultant to multiple non-profit and non-governmental organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America promoting advocacy strategies designed to involve citizens, particularly young people and vulnerable sectors of the population, in social change.