

Steph Bowman – Honduras

Steph was awarded a Walker Fellowship to pursue her research project on the system of institutions for homeless children in Honduras in January 2007. Steph's field research enabled her to complete her honors thesis on the workings of an NGO, Hogar de Niños Emanuel (San Pedro de Sula), and its effectiveness in meeting the children's short and long term needs. She conducted staff interviews, had conversations with the children and collected budget and logistical data. Steph was able to gain perspective on the day-to-day operations of the NGO and compared her findings to other analogous organizations in Honduras. Steph researched effective methods and presented solutions for the NGO regarding best practices and problem solving.