

## School, Office, and Assorted Furniture from Columbia University Tijerino School , Nicaragua

The Alberto Cabrales School in Nicaragua provides 727 children with their education, most of them living in poverty. It was founded in 1872 and gives two sessions a day. IRN partnered with Columbia University and the American Nicaraguan Foundation (ANF) to provide this learning center with the essential tools towards a better education.

Most of these classrooms were previously equipped with desks and chairs that were broken, or simply non-existent. IRN, Columbia University and the American Nicaraguan Foundation were able to connect previously unneeded equipment to the school – all at the simple cost of not putting these items into the landfill.

**Does reuse make a difference? You bet it does. In the words of ANF:**



*"I am very happy with my new chair. We always had to work on a broken chair or a chair without a writing board which made the work harder. This is a gift from God, because we have never received such an important support as this". These are the words of **Milagros Cristina Orozco**, 8 years old, student of third grade at Efrain Tijerino School (Left).*

***Erickson Tomas Romero** (Right) shared his sadness of not having a good chair in school. He told us that some other children's parents gave their children their own chair to bring to school. His economical situation, however, is harder than that of his classmates, because his parents don't have a stable job. This is why he couldn't have a chair of his own. But now thanks to Columbia's generosity and IRN's support he does. He feels happy and grateful for this great deed, since the school is big and needed a big support.*

