

# Urgent Foster Care Request

**Name:** MIRIAM BEJARANO PALACIOS

**Age:** 2 Years, 3 Months

**Gender:** Female

**Health:**

- Blindness/Visual Impairment
- Severe Malnutrition in recovery.
- Centrotemporal epilepsy (in treatment).
- Chronic lung disease in infants.
- Mild Pulmonary Hypertension (no hemodynamic repercussions).
- Gastroesophageal Reflux.
- Microcytic anemia, Hypochromia heterogeneous.



She has been brought to “CRI” to have appointments with specialists in the areas of physical therapy, psychiatry, and neurology, where they recommended a brain CAT scan, which was done on June 22 of this year. The CAT scan revealed a possible **brain atrophy**, which will be confirmed on November 14 of this year, in her next appointment with neurology. She has been having **epileptic seizures** and respiratory illnesses, accordingly to the reports of Divino Niño (Where she is currently housed).

Miriam is a joyful little girl who was born with moderate to severe sensory and physical disabilities. With the appropriate therapies and loving care, she has the ability to rehabilitate some of her disabilities and have a functional, yet limited childhood and beyond. She desperately needs a loving home with parents who are willing to give her the constant care she needs. The orphanage where she currently resides is Divino Niño - Ofrese Un Hogar, which is located in the neighborhood of Los Rios and they unfortunately do not have the resources, or appropriately trained staff to care for Miriam given the individual care required by her condition.

**Legal:**

SENNIAF, the Government Institution in charge of handling adoption and protection issues requested in September Miriam’s **declaration of adoptability** to the Judge of Children and Adolescents matters in Chiriqui. However, those petitions in Chiriqui usually take one year to be solved. Therefore, the Coordinator of the Department of Protection of the Right to Live with a Family is working with Hearts Cry Children’s Ministry to locate and train a suitable, *national* family who would like to foster Miriam until the Declaration of Adoptability is received from Chiriqui. Once the Declaration of Adoptability is issued from Judge in Chiriquí, and received by the Adoptions Department in SENNAF, if there is no suitable Prospective Adoptive Parent in the database who wants that profile, then the Foster Parents will have adoption priority.

**\*The Foster Family must be Panamanian or Permanent Residents in the Republic of Panama (proved with the permanent resident carnet).**

**PLEASE CONTACT HEART’S CRY CHILDREN’S MINISTRY FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO VISIT MIRIAM.**

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