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LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM REPORT

August 25, 2018

On Saturday, August 25, 2018, volunteer leaders met at the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners office to hold the end of the month meeting, as always on the last Saturday. There were 45 participants; with 23 Learning Centers represented.

The activities begin with the prayer of the day. The women of the centers will be learning how to use patterns to make women's trousers, and also will make a craft item.



This type of class was developed to motivate the leaders to make changes in their teaching methods, and to have new and different things to teach. This led to the creation of a group of 10 people to take the class with Janina on Monday, September 9, starting at 9 am at the June Lemke Learning Center, located in the Managua office.

The instructors were very organized with their classes; the crafts very fast and beautiful.



Janina from the APAN (Asociacion Pro-Ayuda a la Ninez Nicaraguense) Learning Center in Diriamba, Carazo, taught the class to make women's trousers. All the women committed to bringing their finished garment to the next meeting, and we will give a prize for the first participant to bring their pants.



Vilma, supported by Flor de María, her daughter, taught how to make doll keychains using leftover fabric and trimmings, to recycle materials. It is a craft that can be sold easily to raise funds for your center.

Evaluations:

Marina – “The class was excellent and I liked it because the keychains will recycle little bits and pieces of fabric materials.” The women also asked to reactivate the pastry classes.

Eraida – She shared her experience, sleepless and tired, “I come because these training sessions are very important and then I can multiply and sell the items.”

Vilma – “It is satisfying to teach my crafts and have them reproduced in each center. The buttons are expensive, but everything works for us.”

Martha – “This will be shared with parents, and our colleagues, for the different times that we work with recycled materials.

Estela – Told us that we all need to come to these meetings to exchange knowledge and support. “We have 10 years of being together and we are grateful for everything that machines and materials allow us to create. At the beginning I came and went with the materials, to do the sewing class, and now I carry the beautiful handcrafts for my children. There is a fair in October and we are already doing many things to sell there. For our promotion I am making a brochure.”





Mrs. Amalia – “I come to the classes at this office because what I learn I can reproduce. In the bag class I took advantage of what they gave me, and my bags are very beautiful. I also made a tablecloth.”

Dora Maria – “We like it here to de-stress, and I like the Organization. And we can reproduce everything. The most beautiful thing is that we support ourselves in everything we learn. We are going to teach classes soon with rings, tapes with dolls, and recycled materials.”

Doña Leonor thanked the teachers. She asked the participants to be more humble when the instructors teach their classes so that no one feels bad and we all learn. Participants were given a box, for each Center, that contained update forms and agreements that specify that the sewing machines are owned by the Organization. When a Center cannot, or does not wish to, continue in the program, it must return the machines to the Organization to support another community.

Mirna gave some presents to participants such as paper for molds, sponges and other things.



Maria Elena and Marcia distributed the snack. It is worth mentioning that Betania from Chinandega brought Cosa de horno, and Karla brought puddings that were part of the snack. And since it was 1:30 in the afternoon, the meeting ended. Remember that September 29 is the next meeting at the end of the month.

