



# WISCONSIN / NICARAGUA PARTNERS *of the* AMERICAS

## W/NP Open House December 13



Our history.....

**1955** President Eisenhower explores developing closer ties between the Central and South American countries and the United States.

**1962** President John F. Kennedy launches the **Alliance for Progress** (governmental cooperation program in the Western Hemisphere)

**1964** **Partners of the Americas** was founded as the *people-to-people* component of the Alliance for Progress.

**1965** The Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partnership is incorporated and receives the 501(c) status as a **non-profit, non-governmental agency**

**1990** Formal signing of the **Stevens Point/ Esteli Partner City** with Stevens Point Mayor Scott Schultz, Alfredo Rodriguez, Esteli, Sherin Bowen and Alan Haney, Stevens Point



### *Holiday Open House*

*Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Office*

*Thursday, December 13, 2018 9 AM TO 5 PM  
1209 Fremont Street Room 129 Nelson Hall, UWSP  
(on the corner of Main and Fremont, across from Old Main)*

- Enjoy snacks and Nicaraguan coffee
- Take a break from your day and mingle with friends
- Holiday shopping, beautiful hand crafted items from Nicaragua and delicious hand picked coffee
- Learn more about the Stevens Point/Esteli Partner City projects, including the Cultural Commons Park



The Cultural Commons  
for Wisconsin Youth and Education

"Sherin" and "Polish II"



35 styles of **Chica Nica** dresses (including 10 Ethnic) to fit an 18" doll, hand crafted by women in Nicaragua



## THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

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If you have ever thought of coming to a W/NP gathering, **this is the one** as we have 3 amazing Nicaraguan women who will be sharing their stories and providing exciting updates

on a variety of projects taking place between the people of Wisconsin and Nicaragua. PLUS....through a **Thrivent Action Team**, there will be no cost for first time attendees! Bring a friend!

RSVP to [wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-4702

[CLICK HERE](#) for more meeting information

*W/NP Annual Meeting*  
**Saturday December 15th, 2018**  
*RSVP by December 10 please*

Nelson Hall Lounge, UWSP  
1209 Fremont Street  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin



*Please join us in giving a warm welcome to special guests from Nicaragua as we share experiences, celebrate the holidays and learn about the many activities taking place between the people of Wisconsin and Nicaragua!*



- 9:30 Board of Directors Meet
- 10:30 Meet 'n' Greet with delicious Nicaraguan Coffee
- 11:00 Volunteer Meeting begins
- 12:00 Social Hour \*
- 1:00 Volunteer Meeting resumes
- 2:30 Wrap up and farewell

*Following the meeting, all are welcome to a Holiday Gathering at the home of Joanie Hanson for additional time to socialize and visit with our special guests*

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RESERVATION FORM- PLEASE RSVP



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**Learning Center Program**  
[CLICK HERE](#) for  
report where 63 people  
participated, representing 29  
Learning Centers

(Special thanks to Leonor and Sharon for preparing this!)



**Evaluations...**

***"Everyone was happy with the activities...participants felt engaged in art experience because they have reductions in stress, anxiety and increases their positives emotions. It is such a great opportunity to share with others new knowledge and help their communities back home, especially teaching to children so they can have fun and they can create the sense of achievement and happiness."***

***Elizabeth says, "That through these meetings has been rehabilitated as she has a stroke. She believes besides learning, she feels much better. It has been a difficult stage since some people made fun of her because of the way of speaking, however today she feels happy to be here being supported by everyone in the NGO."***

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**End of year Library Activity in Buenos Aires**



# WRAP UP

Bike Hike + Youth Project+ Farewell for libraries.

[CLICK HERE](#) for amazing report put together by Sharon



**Comments from the parents,** *"As Dennis' mother, I am very happy because my child was rewarded for reading, which motivates him to continue reading more books and other children to worry and encourage them to read more so that they can be awarded equally. I thank Mayra Mendoza who has the love and vocation to serve the children of the community to whom she dedicates time, work and love in teaching, by transmitting her knowledge to each one."*

We thank everyone who made this event possible in Wisconsin and Nicaragua. Thanks to your support, W/NP is able to continue the lending library program. We are hopeful next year we can reach and motivate more children in more communities.

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## Water Filter Project

Special thanks to WAHCE (Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education) and Portesi Pizza, for their support to provide 40 families in Nicaragua with water filters.

[CLICK HERE](#) for report and [CLICK HERE](#) for more photos







## Annual Fund Drive

2018 brought many unexpected challenges. We witnessed the strength and tenacity of the Nicaraguan people banding together and making the best of difficult situations. Please join us as we enter our 54th year of working together, your support is important, please consider the following ways that will greatly help W/NP to continue important, life changing programs:

- A year end financial donation
- A monthly recurring donation
- Including W/NP in your estate planning
- Financial gifts in the form of stocks, bonds, or negotiable securities
- Designating W/NP as the beneficiary of IRA distributions *(In addition to designating W/NP as the beneficiary recipient of current IRA distributions, a QCD - Qualified Charitable Distribution, is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity and excludes the amount donated from your taxable income)*



Thank you for your support and best wishes for the New Year,

Linda A. Weber, W/NP President

[CLICK HERE](#) for Annual Fund Drive letter [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online

