

GUIDE FOR HELPING PROGRAMS IN NICARAGUA

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Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas (W/NP) has been actively implementing programs in Nicaragua for over 50 years. W/NP brings together volunteers – citizens of both countries getting to know each other, working to find solutions to common problems, leveraging international and local resources, and providing technical training.

Your kind and thoughtful help is appreciated. As you come across items from the lists below, preferably new or good quality clean used, please know our counterparts in Nicaragua will put the items to good use. A financial donation to help with shipping costs is appreciated.



What might you find that could be useful?

- Carpentry tools
- Gardening tools
- Backpacks
- Sewing supplies (fabric, scissors, needles, yarn)
- Fold up or stackable tables/chairs
- School supplies (pencils, paper, scissors, backpacks)
- Cooking supplies (mixers, blenders, bowls, utensils)
- Beauty Class supplies (clippers, hot irons, capes)

(NO medical or electronics)

Will my donations get there? Absolutely, every box is labeled and has a specific destination. Our dedicated staff members in Managua provide regular shipping reports and comments from recipients such as the one below:



Example:

“Sonia is the leader of the Learning Center (LC) Saint Vincent de Paul from Managua. She received sewing supplies and a table. With the materials she is making shorts, blouses and bags. These products are sold in her neighborhood and the funds raised are to be invested in the purchase of new materials and supplies for the LC so they can continue working and being sustainable.”

“The reason she joined the LC was to learn different skills and multiply them in her community to help other women. She has had the opportunity to receive three different courses and feels so happy of the fact she is 61 and continues to learn. Thanks to WNP for the supplies donated, greatly appreciate it!”

- Mirna, W/NP Administrator at the Managua Office, Nicaragua



In-kind and financial donations from Wisconsin support a broad range of project activity:



CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- Arts & Crafts Sales
- Cultural Festivals
- Coffee Sales
- Partner City Activity

HEALTH

- Eye Glass Distributions
- Stove Pipe Project
- Community Water Projects

AGRICULTURE/ NATURAL RESOURCES

- Gardening
- Honey Production
- Bee Keeping
- Farming

YOUTH

- Scholarships
- Backpack Project
- Junior Partnerships

WOMEN & FAMILIES

- Learning Centers
- Chica Nica Doll Dresses
- Vocational Training
- Community Education
- Lending Libraries
- Opening doors lending Project

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Disaster relief
- Ambulance (26 to date) and Fire Truck Shipments (38 to date)

