Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners of the Americas, Inc.


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Mission:
W/NP is a not-for-profit, non-political organization working to enhance quality of life in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua, by people-to-people programs promoting cultural awareness and sustainable community development.
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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?
W/NP’s goals are to: • promote mutual understanding and establish lasting relationships among citizens and institutions of Wisconsin and Nicaragua; • foster volunteerism and self-help attitudes through the implementation of economic and social development projects; • leverage development assistance funds.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?
Both in Wisconsin and Nicaragua, passion for volunteering is the common denominator that brings people together, breaking barriers of nationalism, race, gender, and political divisions. W/NP uses the established interactive network between Wisconsin and Nicaragua to carry out a diverse spectrum of programs. The organization as a whole fosters understanding and goodwill by involving people of all backgrounds and ages.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?
W/NP is a group of dedicated volunteers that have established strong connections with our Nicaraguan friends. The Wisconsin Chapter has volunteers with a variety of interests. One reason for the continued success of W/NP is the amount of volunteers who travel to Nicaragua on a regular basis and for the Nicaraguans who are able to visit Wisconsin. These exchanges keep the projects alive.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?
The strength of the Partnership is indicated by the quantity of involvement by members who willingly share their expertise and their networks. Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners is a people-to-people volunteer organization with a broad range of programs. We have an extremely small operating budget that facilitates nearly 100 active programs throughout the state of Wisconsin and the country of Nicaragua including empowerment, leadership, youth, sports, lending libraries, firefighters, agriculture, learning centers, health, cultural diversity, kitchen gardens, potable water, micro-lending, and humanitarian assistance. It is through this continuation of programs and volunteer involvement that the effectiveness is illustrated.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?
W/NP is one of the few organizations that has had a strong and continuous presence in Nicaragua over the last tumultuous decades; more than 49 years of people-to-people exchanges and institutional linkages which have successfully and continually carried out the primary mandate of promoting economic and social development through many projects. As a non-partisan organization, W/NP is well accepted throughout Nicaragua because it has no political agenda and is not affiliated with any political party.