



Second Annual Workshop - Learning and Sharing with Partners

We recently held our second annual workshop with our community partners. At the first workshop, a few partners already knew each other from similar events held previously, while others who were relatively new to Casa – Pueblito did not. Given the conflict in 2018 and its aftermath, as well as COVID-19 preventative measures, everyone has been thrilled to come together.

At each workshop, partners have done a small presentation on the project they implemented that year and their plans for their year ahead. We have also held plenary and small group discussions on different topics, such as their approaches to education, gardening, or challenging social norms regarding machismo.

The workshops are dynamic events that provide a wonderful opportunity to facilitate sharing among the partners and also strengthen Casa – Pueblito. Following the workshops, some partners have established bilateral exchanges.



Members of our Community Partners, hotel in Managua

Danny Dearing Project for 2022

For 2022, the Danny Dearing funding was provided to an artesian well project for the rural community of Paso Hondo located in the municipality of Santo Tomás del Norte, close to the Honduras border.

The community contains eleven homes, and many of the families are related. Since this community is located far away from the head of the municipality, it was not included in other water projects in this area, but now this remote community benefits from these same services providing crucial and safe life-giving water

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Country Director

Paso Hondo, Santo Tomas del Norte





CANADIANS IN SOLIDARITY FOR COMPASSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACROSS BORDERS

COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2023

HUELLAS DE PAZ, Acahualinca (Managua)

Promoting gender equality through art (theatre, murals, painting, dance), involving vulnerable groups as seniors, women and youth at risk.

THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF MOSONTE (Mosonte)

Chorotega people of Mosonte implement, strengthen, and articulate their community institutions for a territorial governance with identity. Community shelters provide refuge for community members and women victims of gender-based violence.

DAUKAIA PROJECT

Improved physical, social, emotional and psychological development of children in vulnerable situations in Ocotal through structures that contribute to generating more meaningful learning, acquiring healthy habits and establishing friendly relationships.



ORGANIZED COMMUNITY OF JIÑOCUAO

To improve the studying-teaching environment, this project will refurbish the classrooms after years of use. After Casa-Pueblito participated in the building of the high school, the Ministry of Education has now assigned 16 teachers, some of whom are community members.

GLORIA QUINTANILLA COOPERATIVE, Santa Julia (El Cruce-ro)

Providing support to local farmers in the implementation of organic food production methods and the sale of their produce at environmental fairs.

THE CHRISTINE KING COOPERATIVE (Estelí)

Local socio-economic factors are particularly relevant, including economic migration, unemployment, alcoholism, drug addiction, domestic violence, and child sexual abuse necessitating programs aimed at building self-esteem and personal development using art and education to help make a safer and healthier community.

HOGAR LUCEROS DEL AMANECER (Camoapa)

Hogar serves children living in extreme poverty whose parents cannot afford to send them to school. Students lack access to food, health care services as well as the conditions necessary to learn, develop, and have greater opportunities for a better future.



MOES (Estelí)

Teaching women to make decorations and practical household items from materials they recover at the municipal dump. By establishing a sustainable business model, the project will enhance the skills, abilities, and values of low-income women and single mothers. The development of these skills and knowledge would not only improve the economic conditions of women and their families but also contribute to the growth and development of the community.



CASA – PUEBLITO’S FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS

The five pillars of Casa – Pueblito’s programming emerged from the directives and priorities made by our community partners themselves, as well as the experience of Casa – Pueblito’s board of directors, staff and volunteers. Our partners work with those who most need support. Almost all of them are from the same communities and have been organizing for many years. The projects we support are successful because the community members and leaders have chosen them collectively and they organize to complete them, including by donating volunteer labour. The projects complement existing public programmes by ensuring that people who are most marginalized are reached.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- * Formal Education
- * Academic Support
- * Computer Training
- * Online Learning
- * Social Media
- * Indigenous Fairs, Governance and Culture
- * Arts and Culture Education
- * Non-Violence Workshops
- * Sports Activities

GENDER EQUALITY

- * Womens Empowerment
- * Gender Equality Initiatives
- * Technical Training to Women
- * Agricultural Production Techniques
- * Climate Smart Agriculture
- * Small Scale Women Farmers
- * Domestic Violence Shelters
- * High School Education
- * Understanding Shifting Gender Beliefs

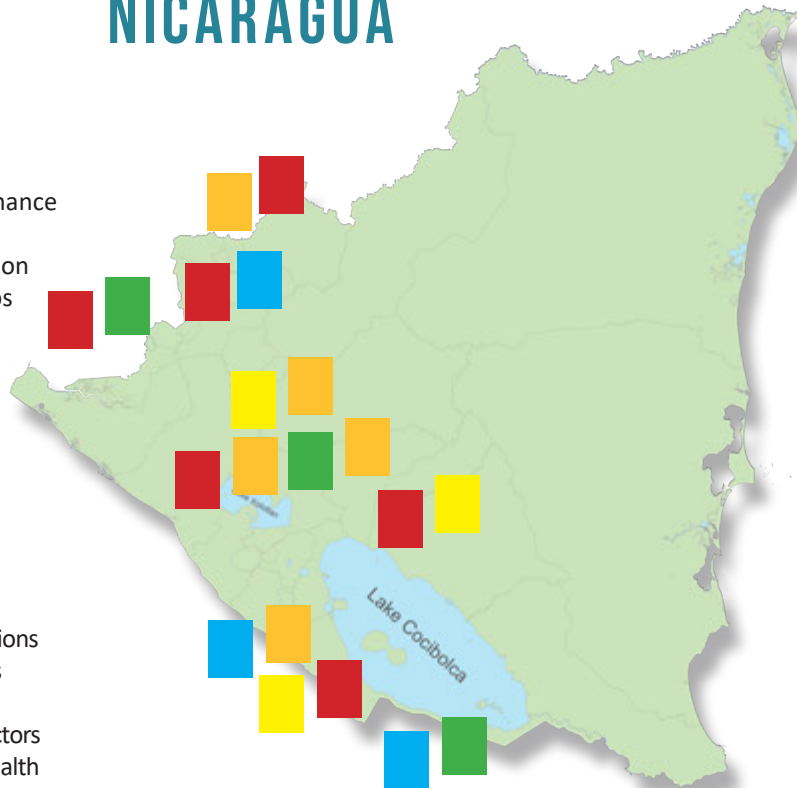
HEALTH AND SANITATION

- * Partnering with Organizations to Provide Health Services
- * Regular Check-Ups
- * Volunteer Nurses and Doctors
- * Better Access to Public Health Services
- * Free Medicines
- * Construction of Latrines
- * Psychological Counselling

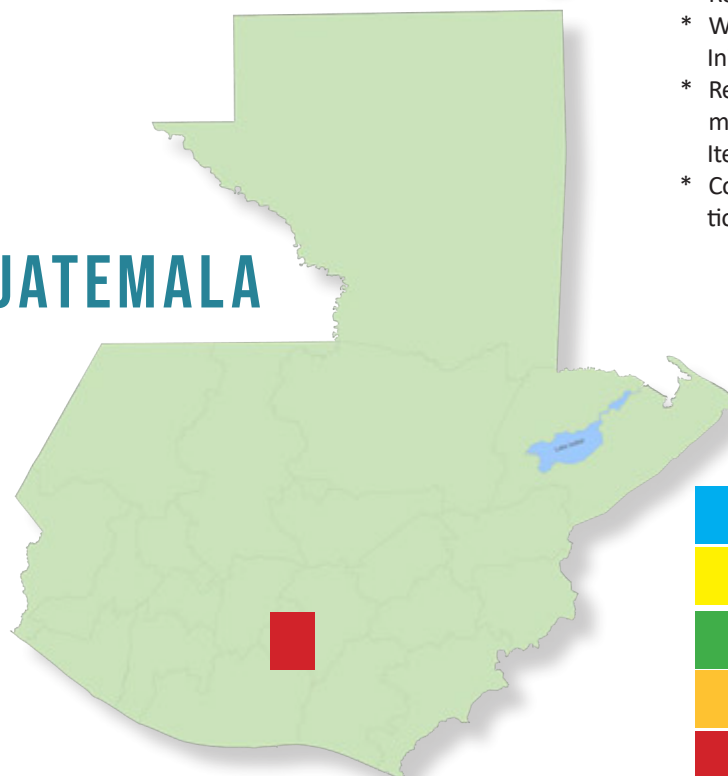
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- * Cheap, Healthy and Accessible Agroecological Technologies
- * Community Seed Banks
- * Greenhouses, Community Gardens
- * Reforestation and Tree Planting
- * Women Led Garbage Reclamation Initiatives
- * Reusing and Repurposing Solid Waste materials as Jewelry and Household Items
- * Community Education and Sensitization initiatives on Environmental Issues

NICARAGUA



GUATEMALA



FOOD AND WATER SECURITY

- * Artesian Well and Pipes
- * Access to Potable Water
- * Personal Hygiene and Washing
- * Increased Food Production for Personal Consumption
- * Increased Sales at Local and National Markets
- * Academic Programs Providing Meals and Snacks



EL TRIUNFO EDUCATION PROJECT, GUATEMALA

Since 2008 under the direction and leadership of Ken McGuffin, Pueblito Canada and now Casa – Pueblito have partnered to deliver educational programming and materials to the Mayan community of El Triunfo. In these years the community has seen upwards of 250 graduates. Ken provides a recent update here below:



Teachers Ken McGuffin centre, and staff on location.

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, daily activity was back to normal at the “instituto basico” (middle school) in the small community of El Triunfo in the department of Sololá in Guatemala.

The school, a community initiative supported by Ken McGuffin, a board member of Casa Pueblito, and also by your donations to the project, had in-person classes restricted for the past three years by government regulations. The teachers adjusted and worked with students on assignment and home work with phone calls and through WhatsApp chats.

This year around fifty students started classes in mid-January and are looking forward to the return of special events such as the activities for the anniversary of the school, a Mother’s Day dinner, and sports tournaments.

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A full house gathered
in November at the

“LEGION BY THE LAKE”
in Toronto
for a LUNCH & AUCTION

catered by
Donnie Blais and Rancho Relaxo.

*President Carl Melvin, Administrative and
Donor Relations Nuria Jimenez, Board
Member Kathleen Ware and Auctioneer
Bill Heffernan can be seen in this photo.*



CASA – PUEBLITO – WORLD REFUGEE DAY DINNER

Casa – Pueblito is partnering with Bella Managua Restaurant - Authentic Nicaraguan Cuisine and chef Jesus Morales for a traditional 4 course meal and fundraiser on World Refugee Day

Tuesday, June 20th in Toronto.

The evening will focus on FOOD & FRIENDS and CAMAREDERIE & SOLIDARITY with a brief update on our community partnerships in Nicaragua and Guatemala. And just for “old times” sake we will have a small Silent Auction, a Raffle Draw for 4 Blue Jay Tickets, one ‘BIG TICKET’ Live Auction item, and of course Flor de Cana Rum!

Tickets are \$60 each which includes a \$30 tax receipt back to the purchaser
(a pretty darn good deal!)

Meal choices will include a vegetarian option, a fish option, and a beef option.
There are only 50 spaces available at this one of a kind restaurant at Bloor, and Ossington.
Once inside you’ll swear that you were in Managua, Nicaragua.

Buy tickets your through CANADA HELPS

Receive your \$30 tax receipt as soon as the event ticket is purchased.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/casa-pueblito/events/world-refugee-day-dinner>

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