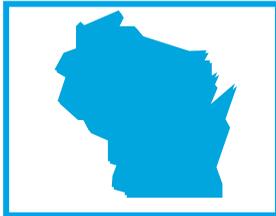


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hola W/NP Family,

Please allow me to introduce myself as your new President of W/NP. My name is Mike McCord and I have been a member of Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners for approximately 7 years. I was recruited by W/NP as a member of the CornerStone Project. My wife Kathy and I reside in Clintonville, WI where we both are employed, she as a teacher of Head Start children and I as the Director of Public Works for our city. We have two wonderful adult daughters who live in beautiful Wisconsin where we enjoy the many opportunities life has to offer.

As your president, elected in November 2007 for a two year term, I am honored to hold the position which has been so well served by my predecessors, Marty Havlovic and Lucy Harvey who were great mentors. Lucy's energy, creativity and ability to head this organization never surprised me but did often amaze me. Combined with Marty's wit and development skills, W/NP is on the threshold of even greater progress. With thanks to my mentors and the support of all members, I will endeavor to represent Partners with the same enthusiasm and leadership.

To all of our loyal members, we are grateful for your unconditional support. On behalf of Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners, I would like to thank each of you who so generously donated your time, expertise, supplies and money to W/NP for the past year. Because of the huge network of volunteer efforts, W/NP has a solid reputation in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua, we have well-organized offices and competent staff both here in Wisconsin and Nicaragua, we brought in more than \$1.5 M of in-kind and donated materials and volunteer support for 2007 and we look forward to an exciting year in 2008. I am proud to represent you and lead W/NP for the next two years.

With gratitude,



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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

W/NP is a bilateral partnership that promotes multicultural understanding, cultivates lasting friendships, sponsors community based training programs, provides people-to-people activities and maintains a non-partisan stance.



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Honey Production/Bee Keeping
Forest Fire Prevention
Well Drilling & Potable Water

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Fostering cross-cultural understanding is a principle goal of W/NP. As a charter member (1965) of Partners of the Americas, Inc. (POA) our primary focus is promoting international goodwill and understanding. Harnessing of volunteer power and serving as a bridge for technical and cultural exchange is one of the unique characteristics of W/NP. The people-to-people concept promotes sustainability as each side of the partnership must take responsibility, respect their counterpart and understand the task to be done in order to accomplish their goals. Through these efforts, people from both cultures build a better world for their children and future generations.

Travel: Sixty- nine people traveled under the Partnership umbrella during 2007 with the majority supporting self-funded travel. Wisconsin travelers found a rich culture and friendly people in their treks through Nicaragua. Since their return, many have vowed to travel to Nicaragua in the near future and to share the experience with others. Similarly, our Nicaraguan guests have vowed to tell their families, friends and neighbors about the special character of the people from Wisconsin, and the love expressed by people in the United States, especially those in Wisconsin.



Comment by a W/NP Tour participant

I've avoided "tours" most of my life but this was an exception... it sounded like a once in a lifetime experience. This trip, however, was above my expectations, way above. Yes the country of Nicaragua is totally amazing but it was the people that really touched me.



Loading our tour bus with a new sewing machine to be delivered during the Learning Center Trek

Students from the Ciudad Dario School for the Deaf perform a dance routine for the Health Tour.



A "gringa" and a "Nica" baking cookies in an outdoor bake oven

YOUTH

Youth Ambassadors

Fifteen Nicaraguan youth ambassadors between the ages of 14 and 18 were selected from 100 applicants across Nicaragua to visit the United States. This program is funded by a grant from the U.S. State Department and is administered by the Partners of the Americas. They attended cultural activities in Washington D.C., lived with Wisconsin families and participated in high school activities in Stevens Point, Wausau, Appleton, Milwaukee and Edgerton. The youths attended classes with the children in their host families. This was a unique experience for the students, many of whom had never traveled outside their hometown. Requirements for participants were that they come from disadvantaged backgrounds, are in good academic standing and can speak and write English.



Junior Partnerships

The multiplier effect has come into existence once again, through the Youth Ambassador program. Young people from across the state are beginning to form Junior Partnerships with plans in the works for travel to Nicaragua. With the use of electronic messaging, students from Wisconsin and Nicaragua are remaining in contact and adding a new dimension to our 43 year Partnership. Keep up the good work!!

Sports Initiative

The people in Wisconsin and Nicaragua are teaming up to share ideas as we develop networks linking youth sports. This past year, two YMCA staffers presented four youth sports development workshops in the cities of Tipitapa, Ciudad Dario, Esteli & Jinotepe. Professional baseball player Sandy Moreno shared his baseball expertise and experiences at the workshops. The 2007 Youth Ambassadors helped coordinate and translate during the workshops. Participants of all ages shared experiences both in the classroom and on the baseball field.

No matter where you are in the world, parents share a common desire to improve opportunities for their children.



Involvement in youth sports significantly impacts a child's development.

WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Collaboration and support by the Wisconsin Assoc. for Home and Community Education, UW-Extension, Altrusa, the Racine Dominicans, and the American Association of University Women have provided invaluable support for the W/NP Women and Family activities.

LEARNING CENTERS

With a shared vision, volunteers from Wisconsin and Nicaragua have developed and coordinate a network of 96 Learning Centers (LC). The LCs grew out of what was formerly known as the highly popular W/NP Sewing Center network. The first sewing centers were established in 1982, and eventually transitioned into LCs as changes in technology, life-style and the role of women and men brought about needs for new program initiatives.

The Learning Centers are located primarily in rural areas where access to education and opportunity is limited. The typical participant is one who is concerned with issues which affect home and families in their respective communities. The project goal is to provide opportunities for participants to acquire vocational skills that allow them to remain in their communities, rather than migrate to the urban area to work in sweat shops or as maids. This is being done in the belief that having “mom in the home” is critical to the security and training of young children, especially young girls.



Computer Training

Microlending -Opening Doors with Opportunities

Once the skills and training are at a level whereby a woman is equipped to develop her own small business. She has access to a micro-lending program providing opportunities for acquisition of equipment and supplies, that will allow her to develop her chosen business and to work within her home. This program is supported collaboratively with Wisconsin and Nicaraguan Rotary Clubs and the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ, Madison.

Today, each LC is autonomous, organized and managed by the women of their respective communities. Class subjects are in response to requests from the respective community. All classes are designed to include skill building, self sufficiency, and dignity with a focus on employment to rural women. The program is focused on care about families and communities, encourages members to assume leadership responsibilities and strives for international understanding and friendship. Today’s training still includes the traditional sewing skills while adding classes in small business management, computer training, cosmetology, bakery and cake decorating and a myriad of classes as determined by needs of the respective Learning Center.



Business Training Program

WOMEN AND FAMILIES

VOICE

A new program, VOICE (Validating Our Initiatives and Creating Equality) was begun in the fall of 2007 as a result of requests for more leadership training by the women of the Learning Centers. Following stiff eligibility criteria, thirty one Nicaraguan women were selected to begin this exciting new one year Leadership Training Program. The goal of the VOICE project is to empower economically disadvantaged women in Nicaragua and to help them develop leadership skills, initiative, and to gain self-sufficiency. Working on the premise that as women gain self-esteem and new leadership skills, they will learn to stand up for their beliefs and their rights. Through leadership, women gain “voice.”



Using a workshop style of facilitation, skilled professionals from both countries take the lead in activities designed for leadership development and self expression. Workshops are held bi-monthly with the participants eventually holding workshops in their respective communities as well as neighboring communities. This project is funded by grants and in-kind support from the Racine Dominican Mission Fund, Partners of the Americas, UWEX and private donations.

Shawls of Love

Handcrafters continue to exchange beautiful shawls as a symbol of caring and sharing. The project started in Wisconsin and now includes our Nicaraguan sisters who have picked up the idea resulting in a meaningful exchange as well as serving as fund raisers.



CHICA NICA

Currently there are 30 women who have produced almost 3,000 dresses, each fashioned perfectly to fit an 18” doll. The dresses must follow a design approved by the Chica Nica Committee,

made up of W/NP and CN/W members. This project enforces strict quality control. The dresses are marketed in a variety of ways, including on the W/NP website. The project has made a dramatic impact beyond allowing the women to stay in their homes and to earn family income. Examples are remodeling their homes, installing new kitchens, one woman says she now has food every day for her children. Many little girls in Wisconsin are proud owners of these very special dresses.



HEALTH

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

The Project “Families United for Health” known as FamiSalud, funded by USAID/NicaSalud its being implemented in Jinotega, Yalí, San Rafael and La Concordia. The main focus of the project is Preventive Health working toward reducing maternal death and prevention of diseases and death in children under five years old caused mainly by pneumonia and diarrhea. Information is presented to groups of men and women of fertile age on prevention of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS.



Johana and her team training community volunteers

Children under 2 yrs	Children 2 -5 yrs	Women in Fertile age	Pregnant women	Men 15 - 49 yrs	Families	Indirect Beneficiaries
1,357	1,689	5,229	726	2,366	3,426	21,781



In each one of the schools, students from third to six grades are trained so they can implement SODIS in their schools and homes.

Acute and chronic diarrhea have been some of the main causes of morbidity and mortality in the world, mostly in children under 5 years old. This age group represents one of the most vulnerable population sectors in developing countries such as Nicaragua.

SODIS (Purificación del agua a través de la energía solar)

Johana Rivas, W/NP Health Coordinator has introduced the SODIS method of water treatment that eliminates the germs that produce illnesses transmitted by water. This method offers an opportunity to families who don't have access to safe water since it is a perfect method for disinfecting small quantities of water used for human consumption.

The SODIS technology begins with the necessity of reducing the cases of diarrhea and ends with providing a simple and inexpensive water disinfection method to the population. Since it is a process that totally depends on solar energy and clear plastic bottles of 1 and 2 liters it is a good alternative for water treatment for families at home. With this technology it is intended to promote three changes of behaviour in the population: hand washing, proper disposal of feces, and use of safe water to decrease the diarrhea.

NEONATAL RESUSCITATION PROGRAM

The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), brought to W/NP by Dr. Joanne Selkurt, is a “train the trainer” program that teaches basic life saving skills that can be applied after the birth of any infant. NRP is



collaborating with the MINSA, NicaSalud, the Nicaraguan Pediatric Society, and the WI Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. This project trains a pediatrician plus a nurse from each of the 17 district main hospitals. Then with MINSA’s help, training takes place at the health centers in the smaller cities. From there the training goes to the health posts in the bigger villages and eventually to the midwives in the small villages.

NRP is an accredited program that all providers of care in US delivery rooms are urged to have. The neonatal (up to 28 days) mortality rate in Nicaragua is 17 per 1000 live births the rate in the youngest (<7days) is 90per 1000 live births and the infant (up to 1 year old) is 21. The plan is structured similar to the programs previously undertaken by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) who had received funding principally from a pharmaceutical company. In Latin America, the AAP has been into El Salvador and Haiti, but funding ran out before they were given the go ahead from the Pan American Organization to go into Nicaragua.

VITAMIN A

Thanks to an excellent collaboration with the Wisconsin Lions, this project begun in 1997 has provided 7,833,100 Vitamin A capsules to the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health with a total value of \$185,178. Because of the diligent work of Bill Davidson Past District Governor of Dist #27 E2 & C2, the Lions clubs throughout Wisconsin have contributed to this much needed project that assists in reducing infant mortality prevention.



Vit. A visit by mom and child

Eyeglass Missions



Good vision is a health benefit often taken for granted in the developed world, but for those in need with no means for correction, this deficiency is critically necessary. Each year, an Eyeglass Mission of 16-20 people travel to Nicaragua. In

2007 they were in Ticuentepe where they worked with several thousand people. Eyeglass mission volunteers report that the most difficult part of this rewarding experience is that at days end, scores of people are still waiting , hoping for assistance. W/NP thanks the Rosholt Lion’s Camp for their generous donation of thousands of eyeglasses.

2007 Ticuentepe EyeGlass Mission



Waiting for eyeglasses

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

QUALITY MILK & CHEESE PRODUCTION

This is an excellent example of a project that has continued in spite of loss of federal funding. Volunteers from Wisconsin and Nicaragua continue training in processing quality milk and cheese. Trainers from UWEX and CONAGON, a dairy cooperative work collaboratively with UNA, the National Agricultural University to provide training in approved milk cooling and storing methods. And a bonus, we have found a home for those small bulk milk cooling tanks that are no longer used in Wisconsin, but desperately needed by rural Nicaraguan farmers.

Martha Justina González , Jinotega and Howard Suárez , Camoapa traveled to the Fox River valley area to observe the cheese making process at the Union Star Cheese Factory, a small family owned business as well as at large automated factories. Information was shared about new technologies in cheese making, including combining cheeses with special ingredients like herbs, vegetables, bacon and nuts and the use of whey as a by product. As with all Partnership exchanges they did some “Experience Wisconsin” traveling absorbing the culture of the area as well as exploring Madison.



KITCHEN GARDENING

Young people are joining in the gardening efforts in Wisconsin that provides resources for families in Nicaragua. Arlen Albrecht, UWEX staff recruited students from the Medford Alternative High School to sort and label garden seeds being sent to Nicaragua. The square meter gardening concept continues to grow as members of the Learning Centers are trained in composting, irrigation and nutrition.



Wisconsin high school student sorting donated seeds from Olds Seeds.



Results!!!

This photo was sent to WI as an example of the fruits of one of the gardens



Results!!

A Nicaraguan family working in their prolific garden.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

POULTRY

A Wisconsinite who purchases a flock of chickens as a meaningful birthday gift in the name of a friend or family member means that life for a family in Nicaragua will be greatly improved. The “Flocks of Love” project brings results that include improving the nutrition in the home, bringing money into the family and within a year another flock for another family.

Wisconsin volunteers continue to donate money to purchase small flocks of chickens that are given to families who have been working within our Learning Center network. Basic poultry training is provided within the LC. The receiving family is charged with passing on that gift within a year, as they give another family a start in poultry raising.



Gathering eggs from the flock of the Arana Family

SCHOOL MILK PROJECT (SMP)

Several summers ago, students from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) spent time in Juigalpa, assessing child health conditions. They quickly realized that the majority of children had no access to milk in their diet. A project started then, continues as medical students from MCW contract with a local farmer in Juigalpa who daily delivers milk to the school. SMP pays a double dividend; the kids have milk in their diet and the farmer receives income. W/NP wires SMP funds and thanks to our Managua office staff, assuring accountability of all funds sent.

COMPOSTING & IRRIGATION

If you want to see beautiful rich homemade compost and lovely vegetables, visit the farm of Mayra Mendoza in the remote Comarca of Buenas Aires. It is a bit of a trip leaving the main road, eventually going through a river and traveling through the large sugar cane fields to reach her home. The area around Buenas Aires is subject to hot dry winds, making food production difficult. Through the LC training by UWEX staff from WI, the Mendoza family has overcome these problems by using soil enrichment techniques and proper irrigation methods. And, a big thanks to a group of people in Medford, WI, who gathered funds to purchase an irrigation pump and needed piping. Mayra and her family have taken these gifts as well as knowledge and hard work and developed an excellent small family business that provides high quality vegetables for sale.



Mayra and her family hauling their irrigation pipes to use in her very successful gardening project.

LITERACY

Our Partner country, Nicaragua is listed as the poorest Latin American country and the second poorest country in the western hemisphere (*UNESCO Institute for Statistics*). Over 13 percent of Nicaraguans have never had any schooling. Forty-five percent of children drop out of school before the fifth grade. Volunteers in both Wisconsin and Nicaragua realized the seriousness of this situation and began activities that provide incentives for keeping children in school - be it at college, high school or primary school levels .

SCHOLARSHIPS:

W/NP donors are sponsoring students to attend secondary school and universities. This includes Partner City (PC) activities as well as individual donors. Most scholarships are the result of personal experiences between the donor and the recipient. The Fort Atkinson/Puerto Cabezas PC began a secondary school scholarship program on the Atlantic Coast. The Appleton/Chinandega PC is in its 5th year of their scholarship program in the community of Las Lagunas. In 2007, they funded 25 secondary school scholarships, a student in nursing school and another in Ag school and had five young women enrolled in the INATEC classes in Boaco. Several college scholarship recipients, funded by individual donors are in their final year at their respective universities. We ask that all *becados* (scholarship recipients) do a community service activity requirement as part of their scholarship program.

“Without your help I would not be able to better myself. My economic situation has not been easy because I have not had parental support. My mother left me with my grandmother when I was small. Now I am taking advantage of the secondary opportunity and the monthly (financial) help to study.” *Ana Yolexis Rizo*



“My (high School) graduation was last December 3. I was thinking of you and wishing you were here to share in my happiness. I thank you for supporting me during my studies in secondary school. Now I am one more graduate in Nicaragua.” *José Luis Amador Sánchez*



BACKPACKS

Can't afford a scholarship? How about packing a backpack. Anyone can be involved and make impact by sharing their efforts and resources with a child in Nicaragua. Pack a backpack filled with school supplies and a small toy and W/NP will send them on to children in Nicaragua. Our thanks to all who helped send the many hundreds of filled backpacks as well as the many school supplies to Nicaragua in the past year.

LITERACY



Literacy skills and Lending Libraries... What do they have in common?

- Literacy research shows the importance of introducing and exposing reading materials to children at a young age
- Access to reading materials is an enormous challenge for many children in Nicaragua

LENDING LIBRARIES

The lending library project began when W/NP collaborated with Peace Corp receiving 6,000 books from the Saber Foundation. From this important donation, the project has multiplied into *six lending libraries* and more on the way for 2008. Many people are not aware that it is not a common practice to take a book from any library in Central America. The W/NP Lending Libraries began in response to requests from Nicaraguan parents asking for help to meet the challenges of providing literacy opportunities for their children. Our thanks to Jane Mirandette and the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca Móvil for sharing their successful model.

How can you help children with a Lending Library in Nicaragua ?

- **Collect books in Spanish to start a Lending Library**
- **Fundraise at your school, community, church or individually to purchase books for the children of Nicaragua**
- **Don't know where to get books? Contact our office. We have sources.**



To those who doubt that it can work, we have had a 100% return rate and many, many requests from all ages for more books.



Rosa's library celebrating their first anniversary and where now, more than 150 children gather every Saturday

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

With approximately 70 percent of Nicaraguans living in extreme poverty (less than US\$2/day) and unemployment hovering around 60-75% much of W/NPs program activity focuses on education and leadership training; providing skill building opportunities to improve vocational skills, community focused leadership training for firefighters, or when a natural disaster, much needed humanitarian assistance. W/NP's policy is that we do not ship clothing, rather we ship sewing machines and supplies to teach how to make clothing. Our shipping program provides the needed resources to keep all the projects active and credible.

SHIPPING

The W/NP Shipping program is a very vital part of the organization with a history that dates back to the 1980s. Our shipping policy is updated periodically as situations and technologies change. In the year 2007, W/NP shipped in excess of 79 tons of donated supplies and equipment valued at more than \$611,000 in five sea vans. Three emergency vehicles and a Jaws of Life were sent via US Air Force Reserve flights. Each of these activities affects scores of people both in Wisconsin and Nicaragua, and produce mutually positive impacts. We are grateful to all the staff of the Denton Program and the Funded Transportation Program who assist non profits in transporting goods to their final destination.



Our volunteers donate thousands of hours of hard labor, working in an unheated warehouse.



Materials packed and ready to go



We send in the cold of Wisconsin and they receive in the heat of Managua.



Our warehouse in Stevens Point, WI

Our Wisconsin warehouse facilitates the gathering, storage and shipment preparation of hospital beds and health care equipment; sewing machines and supplies; student and teacher desks, school supplies, backpacks, bicycles and sports equipment; emergency vehicles, wheelchairs, and Learning Center training equipment. It takes a lot of volunteers to prepare these donations for the containers.



Our warehouse in Managua

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

FIRE FIGHTERS UNITED

A unique project called “Firefighters United” has brought together Wisconsin and Nicaraguan firefighters. W/NP began to ship fire trucks and ambulances to Nicaragua in the year 2000, and soon firefighters in both countries began to join in the activities. An average of three or more emergency vehicles are shipped each year, along with Jaws of Life, firefighters coats, boots, helmets, air packs, hoses and other necessary equipment. Along with the gathering and shipping of supplies, the project has taken another step bringing together emergency responders, fire fighters and EMT’s who now collaborate and work on sharing training skills and techniques. As of this date, twelve fire trucks and eleven ambulances with a value of more than US\$1M have been shipped with three fire trucks waiting to be shipped.



It is worth a price of an airline ticket to Nicaragua just to see an ambulance or fire truck unloading off a big beautiful C130 airplane. Our thanks to the Air Force Reserve for all their help.

HURRICANE FELIX RELIEF

A very special thank you goes out to W/NP member Bob Groh. Within days after Felix destroyed many of the cities and villages along the Eastern coast of Nicaragua, Bob volunteered to travel to Managua where with the funds donated by Wisconsinites, he purchased vitally needed supplies such as food, cooking oil, building materials, tools, and seeds to replace crops and gardens that were destroyed by the hurricane and torrential rains. Bob then faced the monumental task of transporting these materials through the flood ravaged areas to grateful people who when expressing their thanks said they knew “Wisconsin.” and that the Wisconsinites would not forget them.



Our Partners

W/NP is deeply grateful to our many benefactors who support this organization's work. We wish we could share all the expressions of appreciation we have received from our Nicaraguan friends. We are very much aware of the thousands of people who have donated material goods this past year. Many of you are unnamed heroes and heroines whose names we will never know or whom we will never meet. Thank you for your assistance and generosity. To those who provided financial support please accept our appreciation and know that we recognize you as our Partners. We tried our best to include each of you in this report; if your name is not mentioned, please let us know.

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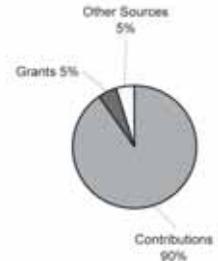


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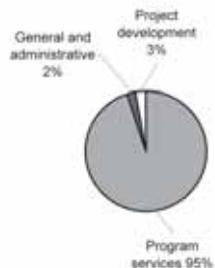
WISCONSIN NICARAGUA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS, INC
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31,

	2007	2006	2005
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 159,602	\$ 302,793	\$ 72,114
Accounts receivable	6,448	3,528	803
Total Current Assets	<u>166,350</u>	<u>306,321</u>	<u>72,917</u>
Fixed Assets			
Land	2,500	2,500	2,500
Building	63,930	63,930	63,930
Equipment and furniture	41,389	41,389	41,389
Less accumulated depreciation	(41,389)	(41,389)	(41,389)
Net Fixed Assets	<u>66,430</u>	<u>66,430</u>	<u>66,430</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 232,780</u>	<u>\$ 372,751</u>	<u>\$ 139,347</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,796	\$ 3,528	\$ 11,698
Grant Advances unearned	7,764	5,451	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>14,560</u>	<u>8,979</u>	<u>11,698</u>
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	218,220	363,772	127,649
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 232,780</u>	<u>\$ 372,751</u>	<u>\$ 139,347</u>

This Chart Illustrates The 2007 Revenues By Source.



This Chart Illustrates The 2007 Expenses By Nature



WISCONSIN NICARAGUA PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS, INC
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2007	2006	2005
Revenues:			
Contributions:			
Cash	\$ 175,294	\$ 341,864	\$ 130,810
Inkind-goods & services	1,542,881	1,807,223	1,892,990
Grants	91,677	24,442	21,675
Other	92,016	85,032	73,388
Total Revenue	<u>1,901,868</u>	<u>2,258,561</u>	<u>2,118,863</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Cash	403,536	144,755	141,163
Inkind	1,542,881	1,807,223	1,892,990
General and administrative	43,262	52,209	65,029
Project development	57,721	18,251	-
Total Expenses	<u>2,047,420</u>	<u>2,022,438</u>	<u>2,099,182</u>
Change in net assets	(145,552)	236,123	19,681
Net Assets, beginning	363,772	127,649	107,968
NET ASSETS, ENDING	<u>\$ 218,220</u>	<u>\$ 363,772</u>	<u>\$ 127,649</u>

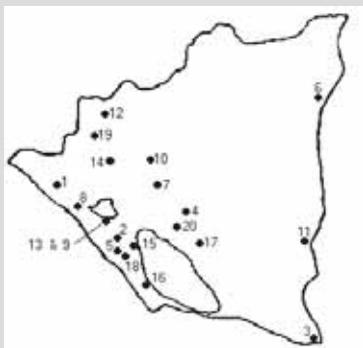
Mission Statement

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas, Inc. 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 development.

“WORKING TOGETHER,
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

W/NP has a unique network of Partner Cities, founded by our organization with the first Partner City relationship begun by Hugh Highsmith in 1973 that linked his community of Fort Atkinson with Puerto Cabezas. Since then many other cities have joined the network under the umbrella of the Partnership. This structure provides grassroots opportunities for people-to-people activities at the local level.

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