



# WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA *Partners of the Americas, Inc.*

## LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM

January 30th, 2016

Monthly Meeting Report

Saturday, January 30th. The first monthly meeting of the year was held at Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Headquarters, in which 49 leaders from 18 Learning Centers attended.

### Learning centers:

San Gabriel, Valle Los Aburto.  
San Antonio.  
Rosa Center.  
Erlinda López.  
Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.  
APAN-Diriamba.  
Guadalupano.  
Gracias a Dios.  
Cedro Galán.  
Manos Solidarias.  
Chilamatillo.  
Carolina.  
Santa Rosa.  
Unidos en un solo abrazo.  
Senderos de Luz.  
Gloria Chavarría.  
Buena Vista.  
Dulce progreso.



### Agenda performed:

Welcome and Prayer  
General information  
Craft activity (**Wallets and pens using** recycling milk cartons)  
Evaluation  
Snacks

### The February WNP Learning Center Trek 2016 workshops:

February 26<sup>th</sup>, Los Cedros Community Madison/Wisconsin Center.  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, Tipitapa, Sweet Centre Progress.  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, San Juan de Oriente in Centro Renacer.

**Craft activity is developed by a rocking chair with its pencil holder using recycled milk cartons**, Janine as an instructor emphasizes the utility in using recycled materials to protect the environment, family economy and make many nice things very useful.

### Comments and Evaluation.

Participants were asked how they have used the materials provided by WNP. Chepita answered that she received materials for training in sewing and did blouses and skirts. Small pieces of quilts were made.

They have borrowed US\$ 300 to make uniforms then sold out, furthermore, it is seen huge progress in many different areas, such as: beauty salon, sewing, paltry selling candies. The progress that is seen is thanks to the loans and they expect to be continued.





**Materials used:** Fabric, liter milk cartons, silicone, button, scissors, paper mold, velcro. Eraida has been using the materials to make hand-embroidery. **Two projects have been made using the materials, a sock and a fish design folder.** Hilvia started in sewing, by making table centers using small pieces; she also used big pieces for making blankets. In March, Maria Elena will use her materials for making small shorts. Also, she will use her beauty material for women's learning in field.

**Other centers have developed pads.** All the material has been more than useful for men and women at the Learning Centers. The project loans have been helpful for people in the community and this project has helped women to not pay to lenders; beneficiaries with the money came from WNP have made uniforms, which are sold providing profits those are used to pay back the loans.

The workshop has served to enrich our knowledge in order to bring it into practice to thrive in business. The craft classes are very interesting because teachers are very dynamic and the class was excellent.



**Finished product**



The Madison committee provided funds to finish the arrangement in infrastructure for Los Cedros Center, which includes doors, internal partitions, electrical system and a new floor. Leonor and Petronila delivered the last funds. This center held the first workshop for Wisconsin delegation 2016 in February. After distributing snacks and requesting report delivery, the monthly meeting is finished. Leonor.