

Our Mission:

The purpose of the Nicaragua Children's Foundation is to advance education in Nicaragua by establishing and operating schools and by providing materials, books, equipment, educational aids, resources and physical improvements to existing schools. Our organization operates both in the town of San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua and in its surrounding areas.

The vision of the Nicaragua Children's Foundation is that every child in Nicaragua will someday have the right to learn and grow and to spend their days in a safe and comfortable environment.

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*Helping to provide a
brighter future for the
children of Nicaragua*

How we got started...

Since 2006, the Donovan family has travelled to Nicaragua several times. In doing so, they fell in love with the place! The scenery, the language, the history...but most of all, the people seemed to be what made Nicaragua remarkable. Despite enormous adversity and hardship, the people of Nicaragua never seem to lose their zest for living. Each member of the Donovan family felt that they had been changed forever by getting to know Nicaragua and its people. They all felt that giving something back would be an appropriate way to thank the Nicaraguans for teaching them a little about what really matters.

Little by little, the Donovans have begun to understand how Nicaragua works. The whole family found that Spanish was essential, for example, and struggled through many classes taught by earnest Nicaraguan teachers. They discovered, too, that nothing in Nicaragua is ever simple, but it's okay; somehow, things come together anyhow. Even a scorpion sting is not so bad as long as you have the right attitude! What began as a simple family holiday to Central America now means that life is never going to be the same.

Schools We're Supporting

- *San Francisco de Asis*, the town public elementary school.
- *Escuela Rigoberto*, a rural school outside San Juan Del Sur.
- *Los Pipitos*, a school for children with special needs.



A Dream Realized

A few years ago Veronica Castro, a Spanish language teacher in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, showed us a cupboard where she was keeping school supplies and toys. Her dream was to see these put to use in a school for students with special needs.

Today that dream is a reality. Special needs children, who could not be accommodated in the public system, can now attend school!

Looking for a Way to Help?

Have an idea for us or want to get involved? We welcome volunteers! As well as the Gala, our fundraisers have held garage sales, bake sales, silent auctions, sold quilts and had penny drives. Pauline Johnson School holds an event called Santa's Workshop for the NCF. We even have a family in Ontario whose children are selling Christmas cards this year for the NCF! Call or write to us with your ideas...



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investing in the children of nicaragua

We believe that:

- Every child has a right to an education and to the tools that will enable him/her to learn.
- Each one of us has the ability to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
- We take direction from the community in which we work to create and support projects that are appropriate for the people in the area.
- We are accountable to our supporters; all donations go to providing help to children in Nicaragua. .

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