

# NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA

## NOVEMBER 2024

### LA ESCUELITA, CEPAD-USA, CEPAD

Our last newsletter from La Escuelita was sent on August 13, just 3 days after we returned from Nicaragua. Six days later, we were shocked to learn that the government of Nicaragua had closed 1500 non-profit organizations, including CEPAD.



### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR LA ESCUELITA?

CEPAD-USA, a 501.c.3 non-profit in the US continues to be the Fiscal Sponsor of La Escuelita. The Nicaraguan government cannot close CEPAD-USA.

Donations to CEPAD-USA, sent to the address below, will continue to go to La Escuelita and the scholarship program.

### LA ESCUELITA IS STILL OPEN

Schools in Nicaragua are governed by different regulations from organizations like CEPAD – through the Ministry of Education, not the Ministry of the Interior.

So, the Children of La Escuelita are still in class, still learning, and still having a joyful learning experience.

With continued support from people like YOU, La Escuelita will continue providing the joyous educational experience just as they have for almost 30 years.



### COSTS IN NICARAGUA HAVE RISEN

Especially the cost of basic foods like rice and beans.

Also, because the US Government has imposed economic sanctions on Nicaragua, it is not possible to do direct transfers bank-to-bank. Therefore, we have been forced to use Western Union, or other internet transfer systems, which are more expensive than simple bank-to-bank transfers.

# However, Now We Need Your Help More Than Ever LA ESCUELITA NEEDS ANOTHER TEACHER

New directives from Ministry of Education require more paperwork and cut into the time teachers have with the children. For three years a third teacher, Joannah Muñoz has been helping part-time. She is especially helpful in talking to parents about problems of child-raising. She is now needed full-time at a cost of \$300 per month.



- Twelve donors of \$300 each would pay her for a year
- A generous single donor could give \$3600
- Thirty-six donors could give an extra \$100

Most of all, we don't want to lose a dedicated caring teacher.

## DREAMS TO REALITY SCHOLARSHIP

We are so very proud of all of our scholarship students. This year we celebrate with Jarys Urbina who has completed her basic medical education and is now officially a medical doctor. She now faces four more years of school to fulfill her dream of being an Orthopedic Surgeon.



All of our scholarship students have come from families that were not educated professionals. They would never have been able to go to college without help from donors like you.

With help from donors like you we have helped young people from low-income families become teachers, engineers, nurses and journalists.

YOUR donations make YOU part of a brighter future for the children of La Escuelita, and the future development of Nicaragua.

## THANK YOU

Donations Can Be Sent To  
CEPAD-USA  
c/o Beverly Kirkman  
5605 Groomsbridge Ct.  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
Please mark for "School"  
or "Scholarship Fund"

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