



## GREETINGS FROM JIÑOCUAO IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA! BY NADINE JUBB, COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Jiñocuaó is a community located close to the Honduran border. There were many people at the hotel where we stayed who were waiting to cross the border on their way to “el norte” or “Up North”.

In contrast with that reality, Casa - Pueblito continues to work with the organized community in Jiñocuaó, among others. We have been supporting people in three locations in Nicaragua with climate-smart technologies in agriculture and improving gender equality. Just one result of the project is that people are delighted to learn how to make organic compost to improve the health of the crops, the soil, the producers, and their families.



My trip to Jiñocuaó is also showing me the past and future of Casa-Pueblito’s relationship with the community. This year, their project involves installing new flooring and other repairs to the school that Casa-Pueblito originally built for them several years ago. Given the difficult times faced by many Nicaraguans, our small projects and solidarity with different communities around the country offer tangible means to improve the resilience and livelihoods of our partners.

The communities of Santa Julia, La Calera and Jiñocuaó have been learning organic farming techniques, especially composting, using greenhouses, and operating community seed banks with locally adapted seeds.



They have also received greenhouses; vegetable seeds; and fruit tree saplings and reforestation saplings; environmentally-friendly and smoke-free stoves; silos for seeds; and organic gardens supplied with seeds, plantlings, and several technologies for organic farming. The project has also been improving gender equality by reducing discrimination, involving women producers in equal or greater numbers in all aspects of the project, and training women as community agricultural promoters.

*Preparation of fertilizers (phosphites) based on beef bone, technology promoted by Casa - Pueblito*



*Elaboration of pyrolenous acid Community La Calera*

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS 2022

Many of the activities of our partners are geared towards improving the environmental health of their communities, raising awareness about climate change issues or increasing food and water security.

**MOES (Estelí)** is working with women who recycle materials in the municipal dump to teach them to make decorations and practical household items from materials they recover. They will also facilitate their access to local markets to sell their products.



**The Christine King Cooperative (Estelí)** continues to make environmentally friendly latrines and solar panels. This year they are expanding their health services to include diagnostic studies for natural medicine. These services are available to everyone who benefits from their other programs as well as the general public.

**Hogar Luceros del Amanecer (Camoapa)** held a competition for their students that involved designing clothes made with used candy wrappers. They continue to operate their farm and nursery where local university students go to do research and they provide plants for reforestation.



**The Indigenous People of Mosonte (Mosonte)** are working with the council of elders to strengthen their understanding of climate change, while also transmitting ancestral knowledge about the territory to the wider community in local fairs.

**Daukaia (Ocotal)** regularly raises awareness on caring for the environment with their elementary school children and their parents.



**In Paso Hondo (Santo Tomás del Norte)** several families of this rural community now have access to clean well water in their homes

**Gloria Quintanilla Cooperative, Santa Julia (El Cruce)** continues to support local female and male farmers to implement organic food production techniques and sell their produce in environmental fairs around the country. This year they will also train young women in how to use social media to promote organic farming and online marketing of local farmers' produce.



**Huellas de Paz, Acahualinca (Managua)** continues to teach local women to sew practical items from reused materials and embellish their wares. They also raise environmental awareness with all their student groups.

We are proud to continue supporting our partners as they work towards social and environmental justice in their communities.



**CANADIANS IN SOLIDARITY FOR COMPASSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACROSS BORDERS**

In late August 2022 Board member Ken McGuffin visited the El Triunfo community in Guatemala and the school we support there. Support in recent years includes contributing to teacher salaries, computer equipment, and facility improvements such as a washroom upgrade.

In-school activities are still limited under Guatemalan COVID-19 restrictions meaning that only 1/3 of the class can attend in person on a rotating basis through Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ken says that it's not ideal but learning continues through the week with the innovative use of Whatsapp and old fashioned phone calls.



*sanitation and health*

*education and culture*

*food and water security*

*gender equity*

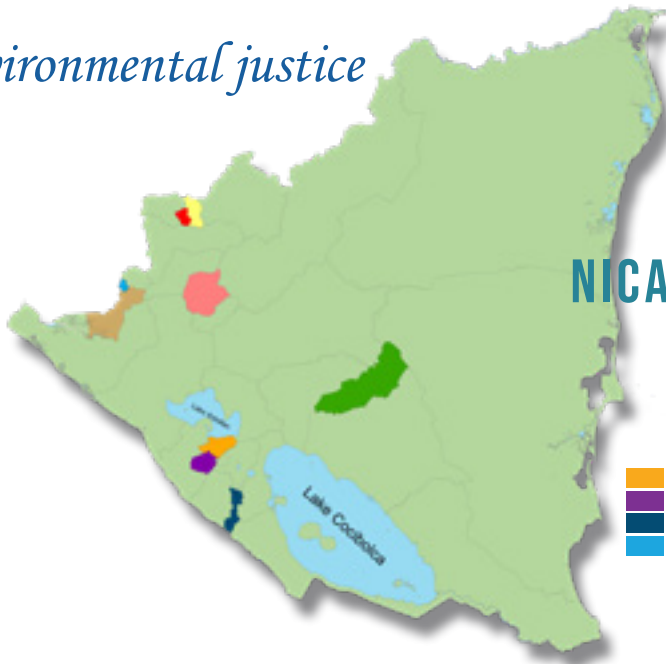
*environmental justice*

**GUATEMALA**



Sololá

**NICARAGUA**



- Managua
- El Crucero
- Santa Teresa
- Santo Tomas del Norte
- Camoapa
- Estelí
- Ocotal
- Mozonte

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FOR YOUR  
ONGOING SUPPORT!**

**OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WORK:**

Leaving a Gift in your will to Casa - Pueblito enables you to invest in future generations and ensure that your legacy and commitment to social justice lives on.

**HOW TO LEAVE A BEQUEST TO CASA - PUEBLITO:**

In writing your will, consult with your lawyer. There are different types of bequests, so it is important to consider what you would like to designate to our organization. If you have decided to leave a bequest to Casa – Pueblito, please advise us of your decision.

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# COMINGS & GOINGS



Board members Carl Melvin, President, and Mike O'Sullivan, Staff Liaison, both have visited Nicaragua once since Easter, and Co-Founder/ Vice President, Bill Heffernan has made the journey twice. We met with each and every staff member individually and with a number of our community partners, a much needed and appreciated exercise as it turned out, after not having had any board visits in over 2 years, as a consequence of the pandemic. We openly discussed the many challenges facing us in these times. As a result, we put into place a timely

response action plan that we continue to use as our guide.

We are pleased to announce that in July, Nadine Jubb was advanced from her Projects Assistant position to Interim Country Director. Everyone, from the Board of Directors, to our current staff, to our community partners are ecstatic about this development. Under Nadine's leadership, which includes more than 25 years of related experience in Nicaragua, Casa-Pueblito is in very capable hands.

On a much sadder note in light of Global Affairs Canada decision to cut short our contract, we have to say goodbye to both Daniel Paredes, our Agricultural Coordinator, and Madeline Mendoza, our Gender Coordinator and a former Centre Manager. It breaks our heart to see these two caring and highly skilled team members have to leave as a consequence of the termination of the project that they were hired to lead and orchestrate. It's a huge loss for our community partners, and for our team in Managua. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Our Toronto office has also been affected by the GAC announcement and unfortunately, we will have to say goodbye to Samantha Torres our Program Manager of the past year, as we are now reduced from two people in the office to one. We thank Samantha for all of her contributions over the past year and wish her the very best. At the same time we would like to introduce you to Nuria Jimenez who joined us in late June and will serve as our Administrative and Donor Relations Assistant.

Sadly, we bid adios to Daniel Wong, our Board Treasurer. Daniel joined the team in 2016 and soon proved to be a valuable addition to the Board Executive. He was generous with both his expertise and time, never flinching when called upon to go the extra mile. His career demands have grown, so he has stepped down to redirect the level of commitment he so graciously gave to Casa - Pueblito. We thank him so very much and wish him all the best going forward.

# SAVE THE DATE!

LEGION Branch 344  
1395 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2022  
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH & AUCTION

*Catered by Donnie Blais and Rancho Relaxo*

**TICKETS \$50**

*[includes \$25 tax receipt]*

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### On the Road Again

Our Managua team has been on the road a lot since our last newsletter having visited the following 8 communities starting in the Southwest and proceeding North: La Calera (Santa Teresa), Acahualinca, (Managua), Santa Julia (El Crucero), Paso Hondo (Santo Tomas del Norte), Hogar Luceros (Camoapa), Christine King (Esteli), La Thompson (Esteli), and Jiñocuao (Somotillo).

These visits are integral to our relationship-based, solidarity efforts in conjunction with our valued community partners.



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