



We are a Vermont Based nonprofit organization with projects in Nicaragua and service learning trips for families, adults, college groups and high school students. We serve communities in Nicaragua by

- ◆ Enhancing educational opportunities
- ◆ Supporting grassroots initiatives
- ◆ Fostering cultural exchange

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Sembrando Esperanzas

*Creating opportunities for
education, development
and cultural exchange*



*Biblioteca La Chispa
Matagalpa, Nicaragua*

Supporting Grassroots Initiatives

Community Partnerships



**El Chile
Indigenous
Weavers'
Collective**

Planting Hope:

- ◆ Purchases and sells the collective's woven crafts at a fair trade price.
- ◆ Provides a Nicaraguan business intern who teaches computer literacy, micro-business management and accounting.
- ◆ Locates resources and grants and helped build a workshop, purchase and install a system to harvest run-off rainwater.

San Ramon Host Mothers Project



In San Ramon *Planting Hope:*

- ◆ Helped a group of women form a tourist home-stay business.
- ◆ Helps the group access home improvement grants and hospitality and culinary workshops.
- ◆ Offers English classes to host families.

Enhancing Educational Opportunities

Libraries, Schools & Scholarships



**La Chispa
Library,
Matagalpa**

Constructed by *Planting Hope* in 2002 and expanded in 2005, the library provides:

- ◆ Academic resources, homework support, recreational reading and games, a computer center and an English Academy for members of this urban community.
- ◆ A scholarship program for local youth.

Pueblo Viejo Pre-school & Kitchen

Constructed by *Planting Hope* in 2004, the building houses:



◆ The World Food Program's free lunch program.

- ◆ A satellite library & Scholarship Program to support older students who must travel out of the community to high school.
- ◆ *Planting Hope* provides a stipend to cover the teacher's travel costs.

El Chile Technology Center & Preschool

Planting Hope supports:

- ◆ Computer classes & a satellite library for rural students.
- ◆ A scholarship program for students who must travel to school.
- ◆ A preschool for children of under-served local families.

Fostering Cultural Exchange

Service Learning Trips



Students, adults and families:

- ◆ Live with Nicaraguan families.
- ◆ Volunteer at Nicaraguan urban and rural schools and communities.
- ◆ Experience local traditions, food, sports, music, dance and hospitality.
- ◆ Visit ecotourism sites and cooperatives including coffee farms and artisans.



Nicaraguan youth travel to the US to:

- ◆ Share their culture through folkloric dance, power point and music presentations.
- ◆ Practice & improve conversational English.
- ◆ Experience winter in Vermont.
- ◆ Make friends and share experiences with Vermont youth.
- ◆ Complete the circle of exchange.