

Aid to Nicaragua 2018

Humanitarian Aid to Nicaragua is being collected by the **D-F Center for Peace & Justice, now through June 30**. Items for poverty-stricken residents of this Central American nation will be delivered by Ann Marie Zon, a Catholic social worker from East Amherst, NY, who has spent over three decades assisting the poor of Nicaragua.

Call Joan & Rodney Houck (716 673-9258) to make arrangements to deliver your donations to their home. Please do not deliver items without prior arrangements. If you'd like to help box up the items for shipment or load the truck, contact the Houcks.

Financial support is also greatly appreciated, in any amount. Funds will be used to sponsor children's education at \$30, \$50 or \$100 (depending on the child's age and grade level); for special or building projects; to support the cow and dairy project at \$100 per cow; and to support the sheep project at \$50 per animal. Donations of any amount may be made to assist with well digging or shipping costs. Checks, payable to Nicaraguan Mission, may be delivered c/o the Houcks or sent directly to Nicaraguan Mission, c/o Ann Marie Zon, 10100 Transit Rd, East Amherst NY 14051.

Please specify if you would like to designate a particular project. Questions on financial support? Call 716 688-0010.

Among the humanitarian items needed for our sisters and brothers in Nicaragua are these:

- Clothes: gently used clothing: lightweight clothing and shoes or rain/mud boots for men, women and children of all ages (long-sleeved shirts welcome, but no winter coats)
- Linens: sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, curtains and draperies
- Household items: dishes, bowls, mugs, glasses, silverware, unscratched pots and pans or cookie tins, dish detergent, small appliances such as irons, blenders, toasters, radios (no coffee makers)
- Toys & games: all kinds except war toys and guns (not even squirt); no games or books requiring reading in English; coloring books are OK
- Food: canned fruits, vegetables, juices, soups, tomato/spaghetti sauces, cereals, pasta, Jello, cake mixes (will be baked and sold by the piece in the market or on the street), peanut butter and jelly
- Personal care items: soaps, shampoos, deodorants, creams, combs, brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Religious articles: rosaries, crucifixes, medals, statues, wall pictures and communion dresses/suits (no prayer books unless in Spanish)
- Medical supplies: aspirins, cough medicine, vitamins, bandages, rash creams and anything "over the counter"
- School supplies: notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, folders, binders, glue, Scotch tape, scissors, markers, paper, rulers, backpacks

The following items cannot be used and should not be sent: typewriters, computers and items related to them; bowling balls, trophies; ice skates, hockey sticks; record players; curtain rods; winter coats, gloves, mittens; textbooks, pamphlets, books in English; games involving English; opened, used containers of creams, shampoos, lotions, etc.; clothes hangers. No bicycles needed at this time.

Please, send only items that you or your Chautauqua County neighbors would find useful; no worn-out clothing or other items.