

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA - JUNE 2017

THANK YOU

GENEROUS AND CREATIVE DONORS CONTINUE TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF LA ESCUELITA IN WONDERFUL WAYS

We are always grateful to every one of **you** who have given so generously to help the children who attend La Escuelita. Some of you give regularly and others with special gifts. Here are a few stories of the creative ways in which some of **you** have expressed your generosity.

Bev came to visit the school and saw the dusty dirt play area. She asked “What happens when it rains?” The obvious answer is that the play area turns to mud and the children continue to play in it because there was no other place to play. She went home and within a week had raised the money to have that area covered with a concrete floor. This area is now used not only for play, but as a clean place where the children eat their lunch. **Thank you!**



Nicaragua is a very “print poor” country. Books are very expensive and book stores are found only in or near the universities and there are no public libraries. Even the teachers at La Escuelita had never seen a library. Linda visited the school and offered to donate money for a library of children's books. The teachers were not sure of the value of that and so the idea was put on hold. When the teachers went back to university to advance their own educations they quickly began to see the need for a library. Linda immediately donated the money to build a closed metal bookcase (because of dust and termites) and stock it with its first books. **Thank You!**

Roy visited La Escuelita and was there at lunch time. He helped carry out the trays but realized that there were not enough bowls to go around. Some of the children had to wait until others finished so that the bowls could be washed for the next round of children. Seeing some children wait hungrily while others ate bothered him. His donation bought new bowls and tableware enough so that none of the children had to wait for someone else to finish before they could eat. **Thank You!**



These are just a few – There have been so many more of you.



- When Cathy's daughter died very young she donated books in her memory for the Young Reader's program.
- Val sold her home and moved to an apartment, making a large donation to La Escuelita from of the sale.
- Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity will soon complete a year-long Mission Project on behalf of La Escuelita.
- Michael and Beth did not have wedding favors for all the guests at their reception. Instead each guest had a card saying that the cost of those gifts had been donated to La Escuelita.

- As a High School student, Jay came to Nicaragua with books and puppets. He did puppet shows with the kids, teaching them how to make their own puppets, and helping them create their own puppet show.
- Jean has never visited the school, but heard about it from her sister. She was an annual donor for several years, but when another project she had supported came to an end she made a large donation that paid for the repairs needed after earthquake damage and began the expansion construction.
- A Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School told the children about La Escuelita and gathered their VBS offering for the children.
- Sandy knew that she did not need the cash from the Minimum Required Distribution from her IRA, but if she received the money and then donated it she would still have to pay Income Tax on that money. She discovered that she could have it donated directly to La Escuelita and not have it pass through her hands and thus save taxes.



And more, and more, and more!

WE THANK ALL OF YOU WHO KEEP MAKING LA ESCUELITA POSSIBLE

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