



2018

# WRAP UP

Bike Hike + Youth Project+ Farewell for libraries.

# Farewell for library Sherin Bowen (Managua).



**On November 11, the library activities were closed with the annual walk of the Bike Hike 2018 event, in which a small project created by the young people of the Sherin Bowen Library (Managua) for the children of the community of Buenos Aires was implemented.**

**On November 30, 2017 the youth of S.Bowen # 1 visited the community of Buenos Aires for the first time for a baking class exchange. During this visit, the youth were able to identify the need for clean portable water.**





As a result, they took on the task of developing a small project that consisted of collecting gallons of purified water as well as clothes for children, backpacks and some school supplies for the library S.Bowen # 2.



It is worth mentioning that this activity was one of the most emotional events, this gesture has left smiles and joy in the children.



The event of November 11, 2018 brought together 70 children from 3 different libraries, S.Bowen # 1, S.Bowen # 2 and Verona/Los Cedros, 11 parents from different places and 5 volunteers who help coordinate the logistics of the different activities.





We would like to acknowledge the support of the volunteers and organizers who helped us to prepare the packages, prizes and gifts for the children. Upon arriving to the community we walked about 1 km enjoying nature that surrounded us.



The whole day was full of recreational and fun activities by the three libraries, the winners of the different games were also awarded, they spent a full day of joy. One of the children's grandmothers donated two piñatas, other parents donated sweets.





During the morning and afternoon, 4 children were rewarded: 3 as best readers (70, 60 and 50 books read in the year) and 1 for greater attendance at the S.Bowen library # 1 (50 visits in the year), two of them were rewarded for their efforts, interest and participation in the library by giving each one a bicycle and others with school supplies.



## Comment of Alexander's mom, best reader:

This year the library has helped him a lot to improve his reading. He loves story books. He has learned to read faster and also to analyze and summarize them. By coming to the different craft classes he has made new friends. Having won the award as the best reader makes me feel very happy, being applied, responsible has its reward. Alexander is very happy to have a bicycle and school supplies since both things will be useful for next year's school. The walk seemed like a very nice experience because we shared a day with different people from other libraries. It was fun and a good walk, these are activities that are not always done. Alexander had never had an experience in a river before so being that it was his first time he was very happy and said that it was unforgettable.



## Comment from Alexa's mom, girl who won for more assistance:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet other libraries. The most important thing is to interact with other children and youth to get to know them. In regards to Alexa, it was her first year as member of the Sherin Bowen library and one of the things that showed up was the improvement in Reading. She is in second grade and reading stories has helped her a lot.

I am a happy mother by knowing the library offers baking and flute classes to children and that she enjoys them very much.



Tired of so much fun, there was for a break to eat Spanish rice prepared by Mrs. Mayra, coordinator of Buenos Aires learning center with the support of other parents. Having concluded the activities of the event all the children were ready to cool off at the river.





**"Thanks to Wisconsin / Nicaragua Partners for their unconditional support to the children of Nicaragua by giving them a moment of happiness and encouraging them to continue reading. This benefits them for their personal development and in a future for their professional growth". Jael Medina / Library Manager S.Bowen # 1.**

# Experience of the Sherin Bowen library (Buenos Aires).





In the elaboration of the food, two mothers of children were integrated members of the library and the director of the learning center (Mayra Mendoza). We all enjoyed a good banquet, the children were very happy for the food that was provided.

Children from Buenos Aires expressed they are very grateful and happy for the prizes, they loved playing with the children of the other libraries and they would like to repeat this type of activity. They thank WNP for all the support over the past few years and hope to receive new books and supplies for coloring.

Several interactive activities were done with the children. The Sherin Bowen library #2 also awarded its best reader with 54 books read during the year. Two children were recognized for their participation in the craft classes and one for best attendance.







# Comment of the child's mom best reader at the Sherin Bowen library (Buenos Aires).

I feel very grateful for the visit of the library Sherin Bowen (Managua) who gave us their support and love was a very nice experience as they shared entertaining dynamics such as games, piñatas and gifts with sense of motivation.



I thank the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners organization that always supports us with books so that children enrich and acquire more knowledge, develop the habit of reading, occupying free time in something fruitful and beneficial for them.



# Dennis's Mom Comment:

As Dennis' mother, I am very happy because my child was rewarded for reading, which motivates him to continue reading more books and other children to worry and encourage them to read more so that they can be awarded equally.

I thank Mayra Mendoza who has the love and vocation to serve the children of the community to whom she dedicates time, work and love in teaching, by transmitting her knowledge to each one.



# General Comment:

We thank everyone who made this event possible in Wisconsin and Nicaragua. Thanks to your support, WNP is able to continue the lending library program. We are hopeful next year we can reach and motivate more children in more communities.

