



Burn Project

Organization Mission

Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas, Inc.(W/NP) is a not-for-profit, non-political organization working to enhance the quality of life in both

Wisconsin and Nicaragua through people-to-people programs promoting cultural awareness, humanitarian assistance and sustainable community development.



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Collaboration

Institutional linkages and affiliations with civic groups are important assets that the Partnerships bring to the development projects. Many groups desire to extend their goodwill internationally; W/NP is the conduit to facilitate projects and ensure they are carried out accordingly. In addition, the linkages within the Partnership have demonstrated ongoing support and fostered sustainability of project outcomes.

Burn Project description

The purpose of the project is to provide therapy dressings (compression garments) to burn patients in Nicaragua that have no other alternatives for receiving treatment. The garments are custom made, form fitting, worn 6-18 months post burn to prevent the skin cells from growing up to avoid a rough scar and help patients recover during the healing process. W/NP responded to concerns from local physicians in Nicaragua that were seeking options for their patients to obtain the needed garments. W/NP Learning Center program participants have acquired advanced sewing skills with the ability to measure and make patterns which result in perfectly form fitting garments for the burn patients. Since April 2013, the Nicaraguan volunteer sewers have provided the custom service and made garments as needed including, masks, gloves, tights, arm and leg sleeves, and unique pieces for different areas of the body that have suffered burns. Simple equation of people helping people.



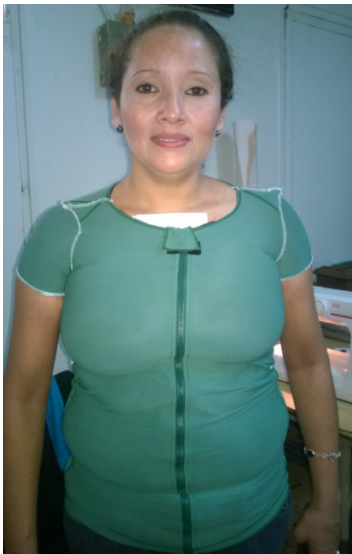
The strength of the Partnership is its volunteers (both in WI and in Nicaragua) who willingly share their expertise and their networks. W/NP has a comparatively small financial operating budget to facilitate 25-30 active programs throughout the state of Wisconsin and the country of Nicaragua including empowerment, leadership, youth, sports, lending libraries, firefighters, agriculture, learning centers, health, cultural diversity, kitchen gardens, micro-lending, and humanitarian assistance. The in-kind support averages \$750,000 annually and is the key to the high volume and quality of W/NP programs. Additional financial and in-kind support from civic groups and companies is needed to carry on the Burn Project.

The primary need is materials (fabric, scissors, sewing machines) and to expand the available burn treatment services needed across Nicaragua. The enhanced training opportunities offered through the Learning Center Program empower women/people with skills that can be put in practice and meet a critical need. The immediate outcome provides wound garments for the patients of Nicaragua that have no access to them or other alternatives for receiving treatment. The W/NP Learning Center volunteer network is available and capable of offering the burn therapy dressing garment construction services that are currently only available at the W/NP Managua location.



- Burn patients in Nicaragua that have no access to other alternatives for receiving treatment receive custom made garments for their wounds.
- A mobile unit will make it possible for burn patients in rural and remote areas of Nicaragua to receive services without have to travel long, physically demanding, and uncomfortable distances for treatment in Managua.
- Burn patients experience improved healing, less scarring, more movement, and increased self-esteem/personal confidence to be seen in public.
- A patient's record is established and followed closely by the attending physician to monitor progress and make adjustments to treatment recommendations.
- Program monitoring reveals the quantity of patients served in reference to their geographic location.
- The outcomes from wearing the garments are documented. Patients have reported already their physical recovery has significantly improved along with their emotional recovery and confidence to be in seen in public by wearing a garment that covers burned skin.

Your support is greatly be appreciated by the burn patients. We do our best to secure funding and materials by seeking out a variety of sources. W/NP has found strategic alliances are important tools to enhance one's ability to accomplish mission and goals that ultimately impact a huge number of people. The Burn Project meets a critical need in a very efficient way.



"Thanks to Jesus and Wisconsin/ Nicaragua Partners my life has changed very much. I had first and second degree burns on my chest, face, arm and arm pits. I went through a lot of pain, every day was difficult for me and in many occasions I experienced depression.

After my burns, the doctor recommended that I use a special piece of garment. Thanks to Jesus Christ during all this time He sent angels my way and one of them was WNP. Here I found many hopes and was told I wouldn't have scars on my body. Today, I am one more patient that uses the garments to improve my appearance in the areas affected.

I cannot complain about the goodness, mercy of the Lord and the excellent attention I have received at WNP. The people assisting me have been friendly and just good to me. Since I got here, they give me a friendly smile, I feel very happy because they do everything with so much willingness and love for their love ones and that gives me strength to move forward.

I know this piece of garment will do a lot of good to me. God bless you for all you do for me and other people."

