



National Burn Awareness Week, observed first week in February to raise awareness of burn injuries. W/NP is grateful to the supporters and volunteers, that come together so custom garments can be provided to burn patients.

After returning from Nicaragua in 2011, Linda Schober, Waupaca WI, found an industrial serger sewing machine needed for making compression garments for burn victims in Nicaragua. The machine was sent in a W/NP shipment through the Funded Transportation program. After some miraculous rewiring by the Nicaraguan volunteers, in April 2013, a core group came together to begin making the garments as needed for burn patients. Since that time, over 500 garments have been made, and many lives touched by the efforts and generosity of people who care. Several years ago, a fire broke out at El Huembes Market in Managua. This week, we remember Leandro, one of many who were scarred by that tragedy and give our thanks to the many people who came together in a variety of ways to do what they could to help in some way. [Click here for full report.](#)



Your efforts matter. In 2006, Olga Valesquez sent her son Diddman, who was 11 years old at the time, to the first Sewing Machine Repair class at the Managua Office.

Comments from the course evaluation from Diddman in December 2006:

"I found this course very good, I wish they repeat it and they give me the opportunity to invite me again for that is very important for me. I learned a lot, like how to regulate the seam, to clean the machine, to tighten the thread, since I had never done this training before I learned a lot. I would like to learn and to work as technician in repair of Sewing machines. If I could be able to repair machines, I want to be an expert which will help me in life. I'd like to be a good technician in repairing machines, and I would like to repair Industrial. I would like if they gave me the opportunity to continue studying here."



Ever since, Diddman has continued to be valuable, devoted volunteer. He has a creative spirit and desire to know how things work so volunteering at the W/NP office with the sewing machines was a perfect opportunity and match for him. Diddman commented, "Every day I am learning something new....even how to watch better so my cell phone does not get stolen on the bus again..." Each experience, good or bad, provides opportunities to approach (or fix) things in a different way.

