

Reporting In Kind donations and Volunteer Hours

Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners is a viable and active organization. It coordinates so many programs and activities. This is only possible because of a large number of volunteers like yourselves as well as many volunteers in Nicaragua. It works both ways.

I am the recorder of volunteer hours, out of pocket expenses, mileage and donations. The total of which amounts to over one million dollars a year. All of this is from volunteers like you!

Whenever you attend a meeting, work on a project or gather materials it is important that you keep track of the hours. Also keep track of the miles driven. If you donate money or goods, or pay out of pocket \$ while carrying out a project or delivery, keep track of those expenses as well. There is a form available in the office on which to record all of this information.

Now the big question is WHY! You may say “oh it’s just a little thing” or “I was going there anyway” or “I didn’t need that anymore”. The point is it matters to the organization. When applying for grants, making a presentation to a group, or publicizing the activities of WNP, when a member can say, “We have this many people who are willing to give this amount of service to this organization because we believe in its goals,” that makes an impact! We are making a difference in people’s lives and it makes a difference in our lives as well. – Marilyn