Here are a few more opportunities to express your solidarity:

The Madison Bike Swap – Sunday May 19, 9-11am, Central Ave. School, Madison, NJ
Got a bike you’d like to donate? Need a bike to get around? The Madison Bike Swap is back on… and all proceeds go to PeaceWorks! ALL bikes, no matter what size, sell for just $10! If you have used bicycles that you wish to donate, please contact Lisa Moro at 201-323-4335 or email at lamoro46@gmail.com.

2019 Solidarity Roast – Saturday July 13th
It’s early spring and we’re already hungry. So pencil in July 13 for the solidarity roast. Live music and great food!

June 8 Dinner Forum with Corazon Contento
(Granada, Nicaragua)
In spite of everything we love about Nicaragua, it can be an especially challenging place to live for people with disabilities. But Nicaraguan activists are working to change this! Join us for a special dinner forum on Saturday June 8 with Patricia Fernandez Castro of Corazón Contento. Meaning HAPPY HEART, Corazón Contento has been working for over a decade for the rights of people with disabilities.

As we prepare for the upcoming shipment, remember that the tools, sporting equipment, bicycles, medical equipment and household items are more than just useful items for our partner organizations. In the spirit of Ben Linder, they are tangible signs of your solidarity…your kindness and love.

En solidaridad, amistad y amor,

Denis, Diane, John, Michia, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy
The PeaceWorks Board

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I’d like to contribute to help offset the costs of our 75th humanitarian aid shipment to Nicaragua:

- $50
- $75
- $100
- $150
- $250
- $500
- $1000
- $5

I’d like to contribute to the JIM BURCHELL PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CAMPAIGN:

- $50
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Please add me to the PeaceWorks email list for meeting reminders and events announcements.

Name: _____________________________ email: _____________________________

Dear friends,

At the height of the Contra War in the 1980’s, Benjamin Linder went down to Nicaragua -- it was a political act of resistance. He was young, a recent engineering graduate and like thousands of other U.S. citizens, he was disgusted by our government’s mercenary war that destroyed the lives of tens of thousands of Nicaraguans. But Linder would never return.

We now know that the U.S.-backed mercenaries ambushed Linder and two Nicaraguan associates on April 28th, 1987. Linder was scouting a place to build a small hydroelectric plant near the town of El Cuá when he was killed. His death would turn many U.S. lawmakers against the Reagan Administration’s war on Nicaragua and Linder’s dream for electricity in rural Nicaragua did not die. In fact, it grew.

On Saturday May 11th, as we pack our 75th humanitarian aid shipment to Nicaragua, we remember Benjamin Linder because his dream is also a part of PeaceWorks history.

In 1991, four mechanical pieces necessary for the completion of Linder’s Cuá-Bocay hydroelectric project were sent down on one of PeaceWorks earliest humanitarian aid shipments. In fact, Henry Shoiket actually helped fabricate those pieces in his machine shop here in New Jersey. Henry is now in his late-90’s and still comes to PeaceWorks’ dinner forums with his 103-year-old wife Mary. We’re blessed to be able to celebrate their acts of resistance so many years later.

Today, 32 years after his death, our humanitarian aid shipments continue to be enormous acts of kindness and love in the spirit of Ben Linder.

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PeaceWorks’ first aid shipments go all the way back to when Jim Burchell became a regional coordinator for “Quest for Peace” in 1987. In 1990 the Sandinistas lost at the polls and many solidarity organizations closed shop as the Contra War ended, but the needs of the people were growing. So, when Jim founded PeaceWorks in 1991, with John Mahler and Denis Johnston, they stepped up to continue the tradition of sending humanitarian aid shipments to the people of Nicaragua.

So, please, come on out to the United Presbyterian Church in Plainfield on Saturday, May 11th to help us pack and send off PeaceWorks’ 75th shipment. Bring gently used items that our partners have requested. Make a donation to help offset the $10,000 it takes to get the donations to Nicaragua. However you can help, your support will be warmly received.

Jim Burchell and John Mahler, Fall 1993