

February 22, 2023

Dear friends,

As we write this, we just completed a much needed bank transfer to one of our Nicaraguan partners.

It is a joyous occasion anytime money goes out the door and down to our partners in Nicaragua. A celebratory chain of messages follow as our partners immediately put your donations into action.

This most recent transfer, for the *Inhijambia* project for street kids, included \$12,000 for operating expenses and \$13,000 for scholarship students. The scholarship funds included \$10,220 raised by our good friend Gerry McKenna!

For *Inhijambia*, this money is not just a boost to celebrate, but a lifeline to keep the doors open.

A Meeting in Managua in December

Back in December, Denis met with Mirna Sanchez and Carlos Ernesto Molina of *Inhijambia*. As always, Denis was amazed by the educational, health, cultural and emotional support they provide for local street kids. But at the same time, he was alarmed by *Inhijambia*'s financial situation, due to the reduction in development aid from some of their long-time European partners. The Nicaraguan government's closure of hundreds of non-governmental organizations, foreign agent registration requirements, and European funders pivoting to respond to humanitarian needs in Ukraine are all contributing factors to reduced funds for all of our partners.



In February PeaceWorks sent down \$25,000 to FEDICAMP for operational support and a new potable water system for nearly 300 people in the community of Redes de Esperanza. The local municipality contributed by digging trenches for a network of tubes where water will soon flow.

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We've seen many ups and downs over the years and cannot fully express how critical your support has become for our Nicaraguan partner organizations.

FEDICAMP: Potable Water on the Way!

This past week we also sent down \$25,000 to FEDICAMP for operational support and their new potable water system for the people of *Redes de Esperanza* in San Juan de Limay in the northern Segovia mountains. The \$90,000 project is in collaboration with FEDICAMP, World Vision, Green Empowerment, and the Municipal Government and is expected to be completed by April 2023.

In turn, this community of nearly 300 people contribute Nicaraguan *Córdobas* to offset the hard costs, not to mention the sweat equity of carrying, digging and building a system for 70 homes and a school.

Axayacatl Women's Collective

Over the last two months, we've been able to send the *Axayacatl* Women's Center \$9,000 for their rural development program.

Women leaving abusive homes are given training and resources to live independent, productive lives. Most recently, we've been telling you about how *Axayacatl* hired a builder to train women to build their own homes. Take a look at the photo of the simple, yet sturdy house the women built. In the next photo, *Axayacatl's* rural development coordinator Maribel stands with the proud builder of a cistern. With increasingly irregular weather patterns, a tank to store rain water is a necessity.



Axayacatl's rural development program for women and families.

But wait, there's even more to celebrate!

Expanding Support for Sea Turtle Conservation

Normally, for Marvin and the crew of the *Juan Venado* Island Sea Turtle Sanctuary in Las Peñitas, the season for endangered sea turtles to lay eggs ends in January or February. But if it goes anything like last year, Marvin and the families he hires to comb the beaches to rescue eggs, will still be out looking for eggs.

Last year, Marvin and the team hatched a record 26,000 baby sea turtles that they released during the 2021-22 season. So, in February we sent down \$1,500 to help keep the good work going. Our proposed 2023 budget includes \$4,000 for sea turtle conservation.

A Near Record Year for PeaceWorks

In our yearly financial report prepared by treasurer John Keith, we sent down just shy of \$175,000 in support to our partners in 2022. This was made possible by 218 distinct donors from the PeaceWorks community. In December alone, we received \$31,000 in support. We responded in kind, sending down \$32,000 in December. In January and in February, as outlined above, we sent another \$53,000.

But, friends, there is so much more work to be done. The situation in Nicaragua is more dire than ever and international support continues to dwindle. It is vital that we expand our community to meet this growing need.

Looking to the Future of PeaceWorks

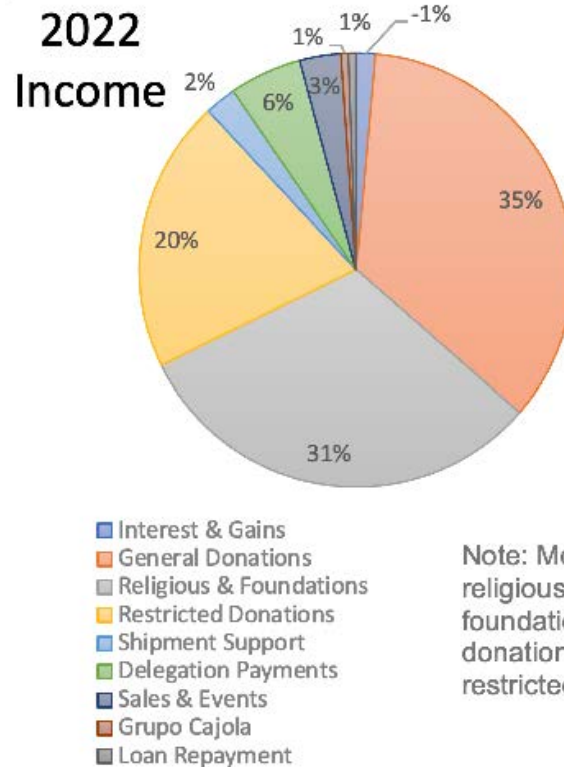
In January, our board held a retreat to discuss the exciting next chapter for PeaceWorks. Future plans include growing our community of younger members, in New Jersey and Nicaragua. We know that a strong multi-generational membership will best serve our mission. And we welcome ideas and energy from each and every one of you as we work to strengthen long standing partnerships and build new connections!

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to the shared journey ahead.

In solidarity,
Denis, Diane, Guy, John, Maggie,
Marilyn, Micha and Susan
(The PeaceWorks Board)

Peaceworks 2022 Financial Results

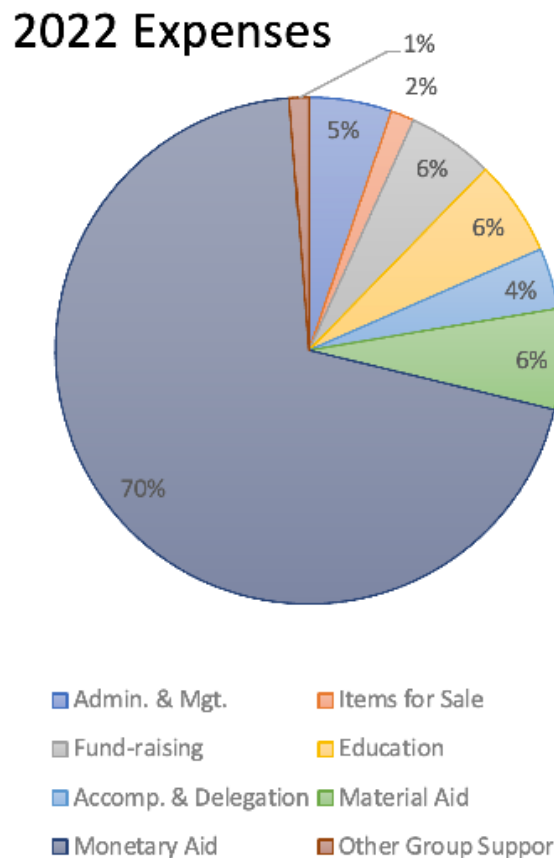
Income Sources	2022 Full Year
Interest & Gains	-2,530
General Donations	63,589
Religious & Foundations	56,804
Restricted Donations	36,943
Shipment Support	4,250
Delegation Payments	9,800
Sales & Events	5,568
Grupo Cajola	1,000
Loan Repayment	1,000.00
Total	175,425



Year	Income History*
2016	198,371
2017	244,358
2018	187,024
2019	180,543
2020	153,527
2021	194,897
2022	174,100

*Excluding Cajola funds
218 Donors in 2022

Category	Expenses (Money Only)
Admin. & Mgt.	12,785
Items for Sale	3,600
Fund-raising	13,314
Education	14,826
Accomp. & Delegation	9,393
Material Aid	15,496
Monetary Aid	168,870
Other Group Support	2,915
Total Expenditures	241,199



Partner Support	2022 Support
Inhijambia	73,150
Fedicamp	53,827
Axayacatl	29,600
La Tierra	4,400
Palo de Oro	4,000
Total	168,270



In Nicaragua, when someone of prominence passes, the people refuse to forget the enormous contributions that they made. So, when a prominent name is spoken, it is often followed by the declaration *¡Presente!*, which is like saying, “May they always be with us!”

The PeaceWorks community is greatly saddened by the passing of Peggy Waldman, age 95, on January 12, 2023. Through the years, Peggy hosted many potluck gatherings for our Nicaraguan partners and the solidarity community at her home in Warren. She was a steadfast presence and tireless worker at our humanitarian aid shipments. We will never forget her kindness, generosity and revolutionary spirit.

Peggy Waldman, ¡Presente!

The following was written by her good friend and pastor, Brooks Smith:

Peg Waldman was a long time devoted participant of Peaceworks. She helped pack at almost every mutual aid shipment. She traveled to Nicaragua and also monitored elections in El Salvador and visited Cuba.

I first met Peg at a peace group in Basking Ridge. She brought her grandson Tony along on a

delegation to Nicaragua that included Will and Lorna Henkel where we began building a treatment center for alcoholics in San Marcos. She was always a hopeful spirit.

Once, our delegation arrived the day of the annual reenactment of the strategic retreat from Managua to Masaya during the last days of the effort to overthrow the Somoza dictatorship in 1979. Peg was thrilled to have her picture taken with Daniel Ortega (who was so different then).

We went to demonstrations in NYC to oppose the Gulf War during the George Bush era. I remember her often asking me about going to the next demonstration in DC or Boston. She was passionate and intrepid and put herself out there in the causes of peace and justice.

People-to-people projects in the works!

\$10K needed to fulfill our obligation of a \$90K potable water systems for the people of Redes de Esperanza (FEDICAMP)

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Rural development program for women (Axayacatl)

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Health, educational & cultural programming for street kids at Inhijambia

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

College Scholarships for former street kids (Inhijambia) \$1250 per one year scholarship

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Rebuild the “Jim Burchell Health Clinic at El Porvenir Coffee Co-op

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Education and therapy for children with disabilities (Chispa de Vida)

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Sea turtle conservation (Juan Venado Sea Turtle Sanctuary)

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