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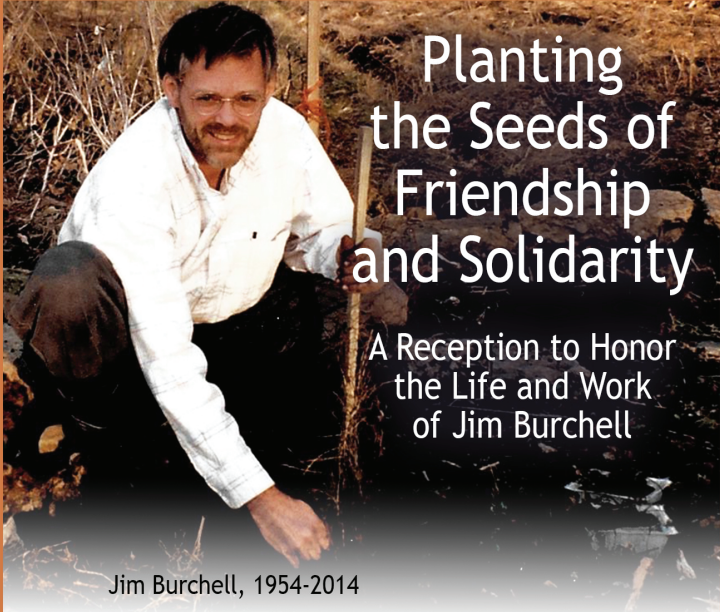
Dear friends,

We are happy to report that in 2023 PeaceWorks was able to send down \$145,000 to our Nicaraguan partners - the third largest amount in our history! With your help, we were able to support rural farmers and women fleeing domestic violence. We helped Nicaraguan organizations educate and feed children working on the streets of Managua, protect endangered sea turtles, provide services to children with disabilities, fix houses and so much more.

This outpouring of solidarity is especially heartwarming for a couple of reasons. First, our Nicaraguan partners are facing increasing hardships and need our support more than ever before. And second, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the passing of PeaceWorks founder, Jim Burchell.

Jim Burchell, 1954-2014

In the 20 plus years Jim spent developing PeaceWorks, he built a broad network of mutual support by taking delegations from the New Jersey area to Nicaragua, and bringing Nicaraguan partners up to meet with groups and individuals in this region. He maintained constant communication with the growing PeaceWorks community, well before there was such a thing as social media, by writing newsletters and organizing dinner forums, aid shipments, speaking engagements and fundraisers. He wove together a true people-to-people network of solidarity, one that we're happy to say continues to this day.



**Planting
the Seeds of
Friendship
and Solidarity**

A Reception to Honor
the Life and Work
of Jim Burchell

Jim Burchell, 1954-2014

Ten years after his passing, Jim's work with the people of Nicaragua continues to bear fruit.

Join us in celebrating Jim's life and work developing PeaceWorks, a community stretching from New Jersey to Nicaragua and beyond.

Saturday March 23rd
Reception 5pm, Dinner 6pm, Program 7pm

Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ
Suggested donation \$15, kids free

RSVP to Susan Steiner, smsteiner100@gmail.com

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As the PeaceWorks board, we were always there to brainstorm and offer support, but Jim did most of the leg work. When he suddenly passed we didn't have a PeaceWorks operation manual or a clear picture of how to move forward. Yet, here we are ten years later, raising \$145K for our partners, continuing our yearly delegations to Nicaragua, and building on Jim's legacy in new and exciting ways. That's something to celebrate!

Jim's legacy is more important than ever.

Because of ongoing political tensions and restrictions on local nonprofits, many traditional funders are closing up shop or being kicked out of Nicaragua. Meager budgets are tighter than ever and our partner organizations are relying on our support.

At the same time, our partners continue their amazing work, offering hope and changing lives every day. PeaceWorks allows each one of us to join our Nicaraguan partners in building a better world – what a gift!

Carrying Jim's Legacy into the Future

Because of Jim's groundwork, people in New Jersey and Nicaragua continue to develop friendships and share new perspectives. We visit each other's homes and gardens and offices. We share meals and music, tell stories and dance! Our conversations usually start by asking about each other's families and end with the warmest hugs you could ever receive.

Walking into just about any of our partners' offices in Nicaragua you may find a mural of Jim, a conference room dedicated in his honor or a plaque highlighting

some achievement he started with PeaceWorks. No matter where we go, Jim Burchell continues to be loved by so many in Nicaragua. While we admit that this is a hard act to follow, we are carrying his legacy forward.

Our ambassador-at-large Diane Sterner, is in constant contact with our Nicaraguan partners, keeping lines of communication open and organizing delegations each year. In fact, she's organizing another **10-day delegation to Nicaragua during the last two weeks of July 2024. Want to join us? Write Diane at dsterner14@gmail.com**

Our dinner forums, solidarity roasts and special events continue to bring our community together. PeaceWorks' events committee chair Susan Steiner will continue to set the table for informative conversations and delicious meals.

Soon after Jim passed, PeaceWorks' board member John Keith (along with our dear friend the late Nancy Myska) took on all our 501(c)3 non-profit financial responsibilities, keeping our budgets on track and reporting back to our board, the government and, of course, our entire donor community.

The graphs and pie charts in this newsletter are only a small part of John's work to keep us all informed.

Outreach and building a bigger, stronger PeaceWorks community was also in Jim Burchell's wheelhouse. Maggie Joralemon and Marilyn Devroye are working to connect with new groups and inspire more people to join a delegation, come to our events and expand the work in Nicaragua. Guy Talbot, who's been on the board since PeaceWorks' founding, has been instru-

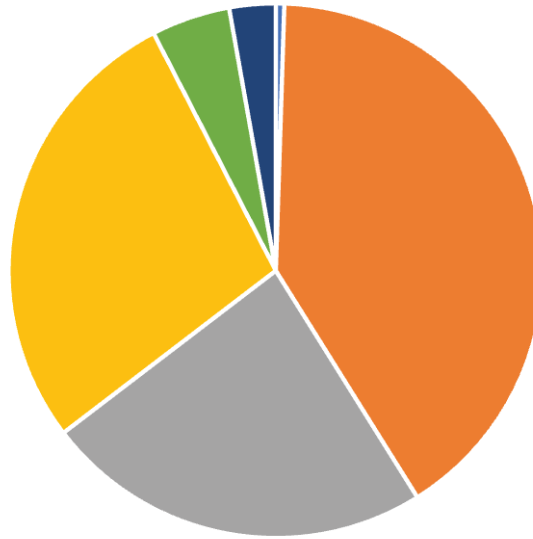


Jim on location in Managua, circa 2004

PEACEWORKS 2023 Financial Results

2023 Income

Income Source	2023
Interest & Gains	-987
General Donations	78,380
Religious & Foundations	45,397
Restricted Donations	53,692
Shipment Support	0
Delegation Payments	9,200
Sales & Events	5,412
Total	191,094



Income History

Year	Income
2016	198,371
2017	244,358
2018	187,024
2019	180,543
2020	153,527
2021	194,897
2022	174,100
2023	191,094

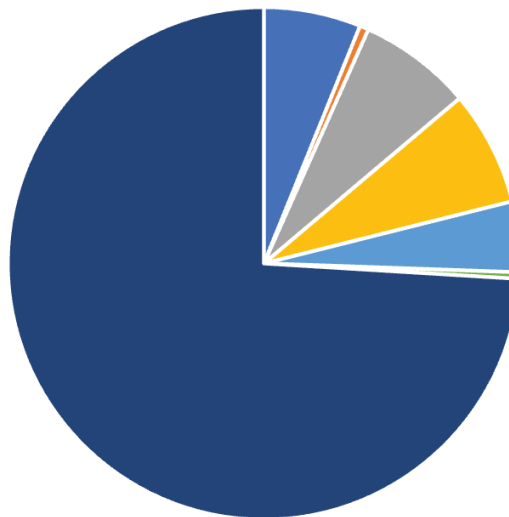
212 Donors in 2023

- Interest & Gains
- General Donations
- Religious & Foundations
- Restricted Donations
- Shipment Support
- Delegation Payments
- Sales & Events

2023 Expenses

Category	Expenses
Admin. & Mgt.	12,031
Items for Sale	1,106
Fund-raising	14,073
Education	14,248
Accomp. & Delegation	8,752
Material Aid	800
Monetary Aid	145,489
Total Expenditures	196,499

2023 Expenses



Partner Support in 2023

Partner	Amount
Inhijambia	69,030
Fedicamp	39,190
Axayacatl	24,400
La Tierra	5,000
Palo de Oro Turtles	4,800
Total	145,113

- Admin. & Mgt.
- Items for Sale
- Fund-raising
- Education
- Accomp. & Delegation
- Material Aid
- Monetary Aid

mental in helping us envision and plan our organizational future. PeaceWorks co-founder and Board President Denis Johnston coordinates all of our activities and meetings, while our crack communications team of Austin Haerberle and Wendy Jacques provide regular, beautifully designed newsletters and reports to keep us all updated and more.

It takes a whole community

While our core team takes on primary administrative responsibilities, the spirit of Jim Burchell goes deep into our entire community. New ideas, projects and creativity come from so many places.

People like Skip Winter and Brooks Smith have always had our backs, coming up with resources for new water and housing projects at a very quick pace. Jerry McKenna and his cohort of friends and family kicked off an annual scholarship program for universi-

ty students. And the ongoing support of former board members and close allies like Micha Loughlin, Don and Newly Preziosi, Will & Lorna Henkle, Frank Cincotta, and Bill & Frieda Solow are felt at every event and activity. While there are far too many names to mention here, we are all part of Jim's legacy.

Let's celebrate on March 23rd!

Come help us push Jim's legacy into the future. Please join us at the Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to honor Jim's work and look towards the future of Peaceworks. There will be delicious food, lively music, great conversation and new memories to make. We look forward to sharing it all with you!

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

Projects to carry Jim Burchell's Legacy into the Future

With an initial \$600 that Jim gave to Mirna Sánchez 20 years ago, she founded Inhijambia. Since then, the trajectory of hundreds of children's lives have been set in a new direction with support from PeaceWorks.

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250
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For those young people who came up through Inhijambia's programs, a university scholarship program was created. There are now 18 recipients attending local colleges. \$1500 will get a new recipient through one year of university level studies.

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When the women of Axayacatl had barely launched their shelter for women fleeing domestic violence, Jim began raising money to support them. Nearly 20 years later, that support has never wavered.

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Jim somehow found a small community of coffee growers nestled between two volcanoes. Upon his pass-



Jim in Masaya with the arrival of a PeaceWorks Mutual Aid Shipment, circa 2004

ing, the El Porvenir coop dedicated the "Jim Burchell Health Clinic." Our support is ongoing.

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Make a general donation to the organization that Jim built from the ground up, PeaceWorks.

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