**The Numbers:** 30 Years and counting... Over 50 containers full of equipment and supplies sent • 1200 delegates • 150 interns working at least one month • Over $3,000,000 in funding and projects to Leon • Many 1000s of donated hours of time and expertise • 1000 bikes for teachers • Growing number of public art projects • New stoves being installed and tons of CO₂ removed • Number women attending protests for human rights.
What an amazing year it has been: thinking about and celebrating the past; working hard at all that needs getting done in the present; and creating a strategic plan moving us into the future. All of this has brought to mind what has changed and what remains the same in our work. What are the values that sustain our vision....

A substratum of our work which we may not raise up often enough is the Project’s commitment to peace, justice, and non-violence. The beginning of our work in 1984 was grounded in the conviction that the sister city structure was an effective model of citizen based, people to people relations. This flew in the face of the violence of the U.S. government backed Contra war. As U.S. tax payer monies were being spent on building air fields in Honduras, perilously close to the Nicaraguan border, U.S./Nicaragua sister city projects were shipping humanitarian aid: school supplies and desks; medical equipment; dental suites; paint for the walls of preschools; tools and construction materials. Delegations of ordinary citizens were also traveling from the U.S. and upon their return bearing witness to what was going on. An important aspect of the trips then and now is the education of the U.S. travelers and spreading the word about the realities of life in the developing world.

Delegations and early childhood education continue to be important parts of our work. And as Chris indicated in his opening letter, the Women and Gender Program in Goyena and climate change work here and in Nicaragua are newer programs for us. Both programs address problems of violence: in the former program violence against women and in the latter violence against the planet and life itself as we know it.

We are grateful for those of you who have been with us for many years and for those who are more recent friends and supporters. Let us all move forward together working for peace and justice. Abrazos, Patty Nuelsen

**THANK YOU for 30 years: 1984-2014 GRACIAS POR TODOS**

**NHLSCP Financial Statements FY 2014**

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Staff member Luis Chavarria confering with three members on the Environmental Youth Brigades, Angelica, Rita and Claudia.

Dear Friends,

In my recent trip to Nicaragua I was touched by what a big difference the relatively little we offer can make in people’s lives. For example, our one year old effort to improve the preschool in Troilo has helped animate teachers (see photo right), improve curriculum and provide basic supplies.

Yet it’s also a bit painful just how much these committed women and the parents in Troilo (a neighboring community to Goyena) are constrained by the community’s poverty and a lack of adequate resources. So little is needed to make important changes,... to create a much needed school lunch program, or provide improved classroom space, or adequate educational resources for the classrooms. I left with both a feeling of, ‘That’s great!’ and also ‘Just imagine if…!’.

The NHLSCP community has been facing this reality for over 30 years, and we recently celebrated these decades of solidarity at the October Anniversary Celebration. There we heard stories of hope, fear, anguish, transformation, celebration, humor, and perseverance from volunteers, delegates, Board and staff. This Annual Report includes some of Paula Kline’s “story” which resonates as both a reflection and a call to action today. The NHLSCP community has much to be proud of in its 30 year history.

But we are definitely moving ahead too. The Troilo preschool effort is part of a new project (funded in part by Distressed Children International) to share what we’ve learned with the Goyena preschool improvement effort with other community early childhood education efforts. Likewise, the Women and Gender Program is looking to grow (funding allowing...) into Troilo to engage women in the transformational process of exploring who they are, sexism and power, and human rights.

We also just launched a clean cook stove program funded by our own Nicaragua Carbon Offset Fund, and hope to get dozens of efficient healthy cook stoves into homes in 2015. And the work on climate change continues here in New Haven with NHLSCP staff and volunteers playing key roles in three leading greenhouse gas reduction efforts (goNHgo, Healthy City/Healthy Climate Challenge, and a new People’s Energy Action Coalition).

If you’re in any way inclined to get into the mix, we can use more of the great energy and creativity that has made so much happen over the years.

Of course, thank you to all of you already giving in so many ways!

In hope,

Chris Schweitzer
Program Director

Troilo preschool teachers Julian, Lesbia, Tania at meeting with NHLSCP staff.
"When we first heard of the CT delegation going to Nicaragua with Witness for Peace in the fall of 1983, we felt that we were called.

I often think of the work that all of us have done together reflects our heart centered, justice centered response to a series of calls. All of which can be broadly seen as a call to conscience.

Responses to this call to compassion - for example the women organizing the group Mothers of heroes and martyrs from the war zone asking us to speak directly with our President to tell him, that the mother’s of Nicaragua want peace.

Call to witness hundreds of us packing our bags to encounter the unknown in ourselves and in Nicaragua in delegation after delegation. Witness to loss and suffering, hope and courage.

Call to solidarity the task forces which were the essence of solidarity – affinity groups creating connection around health, education, economic development, science, arts, arts therapy, early childhood development, faith, construction.

Call to resistance, to non-cooperation packing everything from shoes to dental chairs in tractor trailer containers in defiance of the embargo vigils at churches, arrests at the federal building as part of the pledge of resistance.

Call of hospitality Learning to be gracious guests in humble homes, welcoming Pastors, poets, former CIA agents, ambassadors, Maryknoll sisters, doctors and labor leaders in our homes.

Call to community hours of peeling labels and affixing them to envelopes and flyers at mailing parties. The sister city softball games, planning retreats on Long Island sound, picnics and potlucks, pedaling and dancing for peace.

Call to creativity - original art work, dance concerts, poetry readings, puppet shows, concerts, plays, song writing.

Why did so many respond to the call? I believe it is because you all, we all together created a community, a movement that was inclusive, where everyone could offer their gifts.

I also believe so many have continued in their commitment because direct experience, the immersion experience, by its nature has the power to transform. We were willing to be transformed.

Many of us were radicalized by what we saw and experienced in Leon. Transformed individuals spoke with a clarity and authenticity that galvanized public concern in the 80s and 90s and continues to galvanize public concern today. That direct experience is essential for the work of peace and justice and an earth restored.”

Excerpted from Paula Kline’s talk at 30th Anniversary Celebration, October 2014.