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## Join the Clean Water Collective, Make an Impact, and Get a Free T-Shirt!

To join the club, set up a recurring donation to support rural Nicaraguans with clean water and dignified sanitation projects. If you give at a level of \$50 or more per month, we'll send you a new Clean Water Collective shirt to show our appreciation and so you can show off your membership.



When you join the CWC, you get:

- •A convenient way to give. Set it up once, and no need to manage it again.
- A great way to give more. A monthly gift is an easier way to give more.
- •One receipt at the end of the year, so fewer mailings.
- •A new Clean Water Collective shirt.

Go to elporvenir.org/monthlygiving to sign up today!

### Leave a Legacy

Leave a legacy and provide clean drinking water and hygienic sanitation beyond your lifetime by designating a portion of your estate to El Porvenir. With a legacy gift, your kindness and good deeds live on.

"When we decided to name several organizations as beneficiaries of our wills, El Porvenir was one of the first to be put on our list. El Porvenir makes it possible for us to help the poor in Nicaragua better their lives, in a way we could never do on our own. We have great confidence in the work El Porvenir does and are happy we can contribute to its financial future in this way. It feels like a way for us to 'keep on living'!"--Bob and Nancy Baglan, St. Louis, Missouri

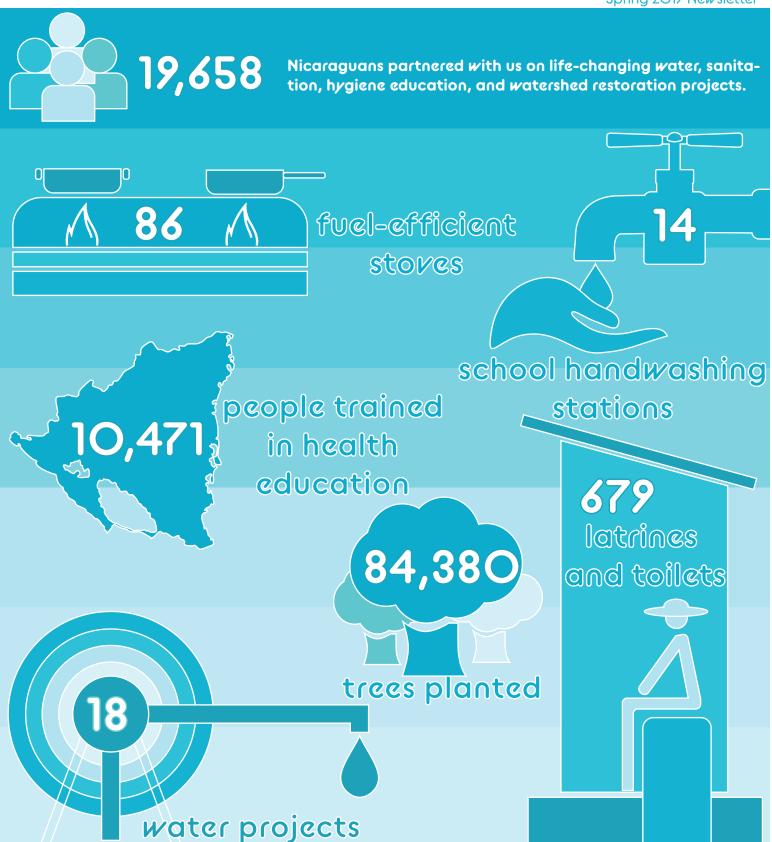
El Porvenir's Director of U.S. Operations Jenna Saldana will gladly speak with you regarding your legacy planning; please call or email her at 720-236-9158 or jenna@elporvenir.org.





# 2018 at a Glance

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#### World Water Day: March 22

We believe all people deserve clean water, safe sanitation, and the knowledge to sustain it for future generations. We partner with the people of Nicaragua so that they can build a better future for themselves through the sustainable development of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) education projects. We also take it a step farther with our watershed management program which promotes water flow, increases food security, and reduces the impact of climate change. Clean drinking water for all Nicaraguans—no matter how remote or how bad the road is—is at the core of everything we do. Here are a few recently completed water projects where the residents are celebrating clean water every day!





1,227 students at the Juan Maria Duarte School and 150 students at the Salinas School (both in Camoapa) no longer have to lug their own water to school or ask for water at homes near the school as they have clean drinking water at their schools now!



These community water projects, built and maintained by residents, now serve 283 people in Apatu and Esperanza #2, both in Terrabona, with clean drinking water.



#### What it Takes to Make a Nonprofit Work: Community Partners, Committed Staff, and Stellar Volunteers

#### **Volunteer Focus: Craig Andrews-Jones**

Back in 2005, Craig took his first trip to Nicaragua with us. He came back from that trip knowing he wanted to use his skills to help us do more. Craig's a computer pro and asked about our database. Back then, we had an offline system that only one person had access to even though we had staff in 4 different places, making it impossible to have up-to-date information. All the online systems were too expensive. So Craig custom built us a database that included tracking our volunteer service trips. We could have as many users as we wanted, it ran a back-up every night, and it transformed how we worked together for 14 years. In short, it brought us into the modern world. At no cost to the organization.

Craig has been on 7 volunteer trips, and he's going back to Nicaragua this summer. He's a long-time volunteer with Colorado Friends of El Porvenir (showing up with a half-size latrine and a full-size working rope pump at many of the dinners they put on), and he's likely most known in Golden, CO for pulling the best float ever (complete with someone sitting on an EP latrine!) in the Buffalo Bill Days parade.

We truly can't thank him enough for his volunteer service that has made us work better and smarter. Craig: "I keep doing it because of the joy I experience every time I work alongside villagers, staff, and volunteers, across borders to improve the lives of people."

#### **Volunteer Focus: Jackie Whitmore**

Another volunteer crucial to the infrastructure of El Porvenir is Jackie Whitmore who reviews our U.S. financial reports monthly (and has for 14 years!), trains our bookkeepers, provides insight to the overall financials, and provides the Board of Directors with assurance that U.S. financials are in line with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Jackie came on her first volunteer service trip in 2003 and has come back 7 more times since then. She and her husband, former El Porvenir Board Member Dick Whitmore, have organized and led 7 of those trips. They are so good at recruiting for trips—and so fun to travel with—that they usually have a waitlist. We now have a large group of active supporters in Bellingham, WA because of the commitment and energy of Jackie and Dick.

Jackie also spearheads a dinner at her church that raises crucial project funds. She's quick to point out that she couldn't do it without a fantastic group of volunteers who set up, cook, get auction items, and stay to clean up. We're grateful to every single person who makes those dinners possible!

Jackie has given countless hours of volunteer time—and all while sharing her love of Nicaragua with those around her. She's a joy to be around, and we're a better organization because of her.



Craig is always smiling and always working; here he's working to line a latrine pit.



Jackie, far right, and friends planting seeds in pots; the straw on top keeps them from drying out.