Editor’s Note: Each year we pull together about 50 pictures from the past year’s projects, hoping to give a good overview of what NHLSCP has been up to. In the midst of these programmatic successes, we have been struggling with the bad human rights situation in Nicaragua, and we grow increasingly worried by the climate threat/impacts. As always, we depend on a broad community of donors, volunteers, Board members, and interns to make all this happen.

January

Photos - clockwise: Students in the new Troilo Afterschool Program get to know each other; chasing a pinata at first day of afterschool; Goyena afterschool teachers preparing for new school year; launching the climate emergency resolution campaign in New Haven; and logo for two-year campaign launched with goNewHaven go to promote alternative transportation.
February

Photos - clockwise: Parents gather in Trollo for preschool orientation meeting; teachers from Goyena and Trollo gather in Leon office for training; Trollo preschool students at work (three pictures); and long time teacher Sonia Matute working with afterschool students in Goyena.
March

Photos - clockwise: Domestic Violence Prevention program workshop in Troilo, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health, which is especially important during the crisis as there’s a lack of basic medicines and family planning resources; New Haven staff taking a Rock to Rock Earth Day Ride promo picture with Goyena students and teachers; Goyena afterschool students work on full size skeleton for classroom use.
April

Photos - clockwise: The Afterschool programs regularly celebrate students’ birthdays as many families lack resources to do so at home (two pictures); Teacher from Goyena and Troilo visit each others’ classrooms and develop workshops for each other. In this case, both workshops were on different aspects of working with parents who play a critical role in students’ education and supporting the schools.
May

Photos: Three top photos are from the Family Day celebration in Troilo, which includes activities for children and parents, many of whom get few chances to play together. Bottom left, Goyena teacher Sonia Matute preparing for class; Bottom right, afterschool student prepared a model of their community as part of a social studies lesson. The display was later brought to a science fair.
June

Photos: Left (three photos): Human/women’s rights workshops in Goyena working to confront violence. Below right: We had four interns working 20 hours per week over the summer (two high school students and two college students) leading New Haven Climate Movement youth organizing (NHCM - a project organized by NHLSCP), which included organizing a rally at City Hall and an outreach event on the New Haven Green.
Photos: Below - On July 23, Student Day was commemorated in the Afteschool Program with a community fair where the children presented projects on natural sciences, social sciences, mathematics and Spanish. Right: The campaign to pass a climate emergency resolution in New Haven continued with petition signing, public rallies, and public education events.
August

Clockwise: In August we scrambled to turn 90 people out for the Board of Alders committee hearing on the the Climate Emergency Resolution, where some youth gave part of the powerful testimony; making signs at a Fair Haven climate justice rally; Troilo children wait to enter “Little Market” activity; goNewHavengo car-lite campaign poster; and NHLSCP/goNHgo interns with New Haven Mayor Harp discussing a regional bike map.

Back To Cool!
Fridays for a CarLite Future

In support of Fridays for Future student led international climate change campaign .... in September carpool, bike, walk, or take the bus on Fridays.

Or, If You Have to Drive, Drive 25 ...to make streets safer in New Haven!

Check out goNewHavengo.org for transportation alternatives
October

Clockwise: On September 20th, we helped organize an action as part of Fridays for Future international climate movement, and over 500 people came out for the march; NHLSCP Nicaraguan staff person Erendira Vanegas spoke about climate justice; students on steps of City Hall; bottom, crowd gathers at start of march; the celebration of birthdays strengthen the children’s self-esteem as many children don’t even know their date of birth. On this occasion in Troilo afterschool program, we celebrated the birthdays of children with birthdays that month.
October

Clockwise: Yale students painted climate change signs at a Day of Service; New Haven high school students at an energy/climate education prep meeting; women of the Troilo community participating in workshops on violence prevention, identifying the different types of violence, naming them, and recognizing the need to end them (two pictures); and afterschool activities.
November

Clockwise: Youth leader with sign during Cars vs Oceans climate action led by Sound School students; children of the Goyena afterschool program share the knowledge they acquired in the program with other communities, and this time they traveled to the school in Troilo to present the projects they developed (four photos).
Clockwise: On a very special day, boys and girls from the communities of Goyena and Troilo reached one more goal in their lives, and were promoted ... the work wasn't easy but in the end it was satisfying (two photos); Students present a 30 foot petition filled out by New Haven high school and college students as part of the Hartford climate strike; Sunrise New Haven took the lead in December to organize a climate strike focused on educating people about the Green New Deal, with some of the NHCM youth speaking (two pictures).