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NH/LSCP supports education and sustainable development in Nicaragua & New Haven

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

**\$100** 

\$100 supports family garden trainings for one month.

\$50

\$50 provides materials for a youth climate action in New Haven.

\$25

\$25 provides supplies for a rural community preschool for two weeks.



Donations of any amount support children & families as they create a better future for themselves in New Haven & León.



# New Haven, CT León, Nicaragua

Sisters since 1984



Above: Family receives Ecostove

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Above: NHLSCP's New Haven Climate Movement youth testify at a New Haven Board of Alders hearing on climate funding in March.

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Cover: Afterschool teacher Lucy Mercado (left) with student.

## **Our Mission**

New Haven/Leon SCP is a binational organization promoting social justice, education and sustainable development in the New Haven and León communities.

Family Rural Youth Brigade Climate Ecostove Justice Project



NH/LSCP Financial Statements Current Assets	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Total assets	146,330	193,436	214,446
<b>Liabilities</b> Total Liabilities	9,286	16,530	17,288
Equity	169.562	176,906	197,158
Total Liabilities and Equity	178,848	193,436	214,446
Statement of Revenue and Expenses Support and Revenue Contributions Net Service Revenue	172,539 0	156,304 0	146,300 0
Investment Income Costs of Goods/Services	6,865 0	10,200 0	(14,359) 0
Gross Profit	179,404	166,504	131,941
Expense Program Supporting Services Fundraising Total	163,390 0 21,867 <b>185,257</b>	166,209 0 20,567 <b>186,776</b>	131,668 3,231 23,508 <b>158,407</b>
Net Income	(5,853)	(20,272)	(26,406)

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Dear New Haven / León Sister City Project Family,

It brings me great joy to share with you some of the progress we've made over the years—progress that would not have been possible without your continued support and solidarity.

Thanks to your generosity and the tireless work of our team in Nicaragua, we have installed 82 improved cookstoves—31 in Troilo and 51 in Goyena. These stoves are already making a meaningful difference: they reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution, protect families' health, and decrease the use of firewood, contributing to the preservation of our environment.

We're also proud to report that 120 children in both communities are actively participating in our Afterschool Program, receiving the academic and emotional support they need to thrive in school and life, and having nutritious meals.

Despite the many challenges we have faced—especially the loss of our official legal status in Nicaragua last year—our seven dedicated teachers have remained the cornerstone of this program. With incredible commitment, they have continued educational activities in their own homes, ensuring that learning never stops. This transition has not been easy. We are still working hard to supply the necessary tools and materials to make these home-based classrooms safe, welcoming, and appropriate spaces for children to learn and grow.

Meanwhile, 27 family gardens remain active and productive, providing fresh, nutritious food and strengthening food security for rural families. These gardens are not only a source of sustenance but also a source of pride and empowerment, especially for the women who run the gardens.

These numbers are more than statistics—they represent lives improved, hope renewed, and communities strengthened. And NHLSCP's youth-led climate justice work in New Haven represents our commitment to addressing outside forces that are undermining our anti-poverty work in Nicaragua, and our mission to work for a healthy and just future.

Last year, we celebrated 40 years of shared commitment to justice and equity. Today, we look ahead, determined to keep building a future grounded in education, sustainability, and dignity for all. Thank you for believing in our work. Thank you for being part of this family. Together, we are creating lasting change, rooted in community and sustained by love, commitment, and action.

Much love and admiration always.

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**Erendira Vanegas Development Director** 

NHLSCP works with community leaders in Goyena and Trolio to coordinate impactful programs. This map locates the some of these rural projects. Rural communities receive far less government government support than urban communities, which in impoverished Nicaragua, also lack sufficient support,

†) Iglesia vista a la montaña

Legend:

Afterschool Programs - AS Preschool Support - PS Family Gardens - FG Ecostoves - ES

Preescolar Cristiano la Esperanza

Note: These map images are from Google maps, which are significantly lower resolution than what we see in the US.

Supporting Community

Goyena



"The countryside has always been the base for productive systems that generate wealth and foreign currency, but the benefits have never stayed there; they've always been transferred to big capital, which dominates the economy and the political class.

What should we do? Invest in human capital and in socially and environmentally sustainable development. Improve education aiming for holistic education, where children are taught what they need to know in each territory. Development is always accomplished with the people and the only way to develop ourselves is with educated people. We need to educate them with quality education from an early age and for the rest of their lives." Nicaraguan economist, Luis Gustavo Murillo

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Working with local leadsers, NHLSCP:

- has installed a total of 82 efficient healthy Ecostoves in Goyena and Troilo.
- serves 115 families from the communities of Goyena and Troilo through the After School Program, offering holistic educational support for children and parents.
- has developed 27 women-led family gardens in the area that improve nutrition and economic independence.

