



Próspero Año Nuevo

## ESCAPE THE COLD!

(It's really, **really** cold here in WI, but on the bright side, at least the parking meters are frozen so there

are some benefits for enduring this kind of weather!



Join us for the **Learning Center** Workshops end of January or the **Eco Tour** in March. See below for a short introduction to each of the three site visits planned. Doña Angelica, Rosa (Lilliam) and Mayra are looking forward to showcasing their Learning Centers and sharing what has and has not worked.

Call the W/NP office 715-346-4702, email [wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu), or click below for more travel info and details on upcoming travel opportunities:

Doña Angelica  
Los Cedros  
January 30



W/NP 1st Learning Center has come a long way from 25 years ago thanks to the outstanding leadership of Doña Angelica.

Lilliam Gomez  
Tipitapa  
January 31



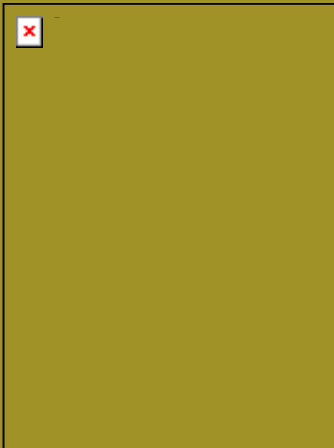
Rosa's Learning Center and Lending Library is thriving due to her innovative and resourceful ideas for making the most of what she has to work with.

Mayra Mendoza  
Buenos Aires  
February 1



Mayra has an exceptional Learning Center and her composting, drip irrigations, crop production, and much more is a sight to see.

Leonor's Retirement Party  
January 31  
(in Managua)



Leonor has dedicated 22 years of her life to Partnership activities and we are pleased to share in her farewell party acknowledging her work with Partners.

ECO TOUR  
March 2 - 12, 2009



Take a break from the long Wisconsin winter with an adventure that explores the unique biodiversity in our Partner Country of Nicaragua. There is still a couple spots available for the Eco Tour so email us today!

[wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu)

Eyeglass Mission  
(in progress)



16 Wisconsinites are working along with their Nicaraguan counterparts to fit eyeglasses this week - last year over 1800 pair were distributed over 5 days.

email [wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu) to send a note or

you would like more info

### Special thanks.....



".....a while ago I did a program for the seniors in the Medford site and it must have touched one of the listeners---cause in his will he asked that some money be sent to "that Nicaragua Program" - Arlen Albrecht

Thanks to Arlen's dedication to spread the word, this donation will help children develop a love for reading through our library program, especially the two libraries planned for start-up in February.

See postings page on website for Library Project Overview, click below:

<http://wnp.uwsp.edu/news/postings/postings.htm>

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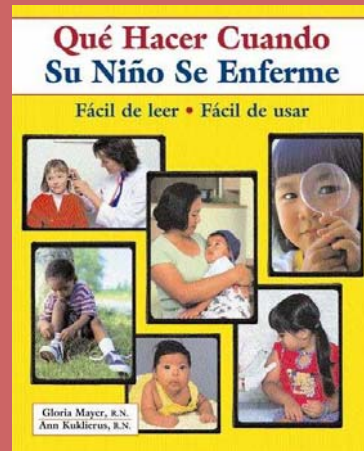
**WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!!**  
(or else this happens)

A very special thank you to all who contributed to our Annual Fund Drive this year - and especially to the anonymous donor who matched an additional \$10,000 helping us to get closer to our end goal of \$40,000 - **we still have \$4,000 to go - can we make it? If you think so, and can help, there is still time.**

Your support is very much appreciated and helps immensely to keep our programs going.

<http://wnp.uwsp.edu/involve/donation/form/form.htm>

### Special thanks....



...to W/NP volunteers for bringing this book to our attention, and to Warren at the Institute for Healthcare Advancement for helping us obtain copies for our Learning Centers and Libraries!!

Having a resource to consult when deciding the best care for your child when they are ill, can be a life saver!

**We hope your New Year is off to a great start, and we look forward to working with you more in 2009!!**

**Sports is our highlight for the Photo of the Week - so be sure to check it out at:**

<http://wnp.uwsp.edu/news/postings/postings.htm>

**Many thanks for your continued support,**

**Amy L. Wiza**  
**Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners of the Americas**



Special thanks to W/NP Board Member Judy Miller for helping us to compile a list of 2008 activities from all our volunteers - if you haven't sent yours in yet, we would LOVE to receive them.....it only takes a few minutes yet is really important [wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu). Watch for this list in the future....AND we want YOUR activities to be on it! :-)

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