



Faces of Hope Faces of Hope

December 2022



People making a difference on Hopeful Ways Projects.

"We provide medical & humanitarian services and educational opportunities to improve the quality of life for the people of Nicaragua. We do this with great love, compassion, and a sincere desire to be of service to those living in impoverished conditions."

Providing Hope. Enriching Lives.

President's Message

Government restrictions continue to hamper our ability to travel to Nicaragua. However the mission continues to improve many lives through cooperative efforts with our dedicated partner organizations, specifically Lions Clubs and FONIPRECE / Ojo Sano Eye Clinic. Small scale clinics and cataract screening clinics in remote communities, and eye surgeries in Managua continue to improve and restore vision for many needy people.

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Many thanks to the dedicated supporters who have already contributed to the Hopeful Ways Endowment Program. The Program has been well received. A Matching Gift will double any tax deductible donation of \$100 or more made through the end of 2022.



More information on these topics are inside this newsletter.

Wishing everyone a merry and joyous holiday season and good fortune during 2023.

Always in service,

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Save The Date

Hopeful Ways will send an Eye Care Mission Team to Nicoya Costa Rica
January 27 to Feb 4, 2024.

Interested in participating?

Contact: Jim Carlins at 716-909-8942
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"I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples" - Mother Teresa

Hopeful Ways Receives Recognition

Fragasso Advisors selected Hopeful Ways as the non-profit to highlight in their quarterly magazine with a national circulation. The article describes a decade of mission work in Nicaragua. In addition to the tens of thousands of people receiving free eye care, including hundreds of eye surgeries, the article also highlights Hopeful Ways promotion of education opportunities and humanitarian aid provided in the aftermath of natural disasters.



Volunteer!

Do you have a desire to help others?

Can you make some time in your life to make the world a better place?

It takes significant time and effort to organize the Hopeful Ways mission projects, fundraise and maintain the organization. You don't have to travel to Nicaragua to be a significant contributor. If you have a few hours to occasionally volunteer for a specific event or if want to become involved in our growing organization, call or email to discuss how you can help.

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New Initiatives Update

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The 4 Walls non-profit has built over 200 houses in the El Sauce area of northern Nicaragua. Hopeful Ways intends to replicate their processes in a Nicaragua area where Hopeful Ways currently works. Unfortunately, these plans will remain on-hold indefinitely until the Nicaragua government policies and restrictions allow for safe travel by USA non-profit volunteers.



Santo Tomás Lions Hold Eye Care Clinic



On November 12th, Hopeful Ways sponsored a very successful eye care and cataract screening clinic in collaboration with the Santo Tomás Lions Club and FONIPRECE / Ojo Sano Clinic.

The Santo Tomas Lions Club organized the patients and coordinated the clinic site logistics. 51 patients received extensive ophthalmology exams by FONIPRECE / Ojo Sano medical staff.

14 people were identified with severe cataracts in both eyes.

These people will receive free cataract surgery through the Hopeful Ways “Gift of Sight” Program. Many thanks to all the volunteers and donors who made this clinic a huge success.





The People We Serve

Who are the people that Hopeful Ways serves? Here are 3 people who received treatment at the Hopeful Ways sponsored clinic in Santo Tomás and will have their lives enhanced by receiving free cataract surgery through the Hopeful Ways "Gift of Sight: Program. Not only will their personal lives be improved by regaining vision, but also the lives of their family and close friends who will no longer be burdened with caring for a nearly blind person. Everyone who attended the clinic was grateful for the services that were offered. The patients are pictured with Lions Club clinic volunteers.

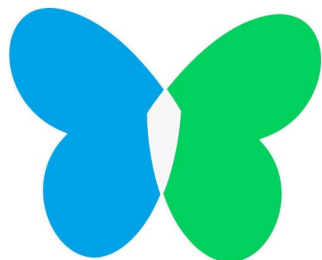
Meet Señora. Antonia Gonzalez Lizano, a 79-year-old grandmother from Juigalpa. After 2 years of suffering with burning in her eyes and difficulty seeing, she was excited when she heard about the free clinic and traveled to Santo Tomas to be examined by the medical brigade.



Meet Señora María Eugenia Hurtado Huete, 53 years old from Santo Tomás. A year ago, her eyes began itching and burning, and she was having difficulty seeing. When she heard about the brigade, she went for a consultation. In addition to needing cataract surgery in both eyes, one more developed than the other, she is being sent to FONIPRECE in Managua for a visual ultrasound for further diagnostic evaluation.



Meet Señora Leonor Martinez Lazo. 51 years old from Santo Tomás. For 7 years she has not been able to see well. She was hopeful when hearing about the Medical Brigade. Her diagnosis indicates severe cataracts in both eyes. Her visits to other clinics did not provide her with an accurate diagnosis nor any help. She is scheduled to receive free cataract surgery December 9th and is very happy.



*Photos taken during the
Santo Tomás Clinic*



Endowment Program Provides Hope

The **Hopeful Ways Endowment Program** has been well received. Money is still available in the \$20,000 Matching Gift Grant which has successfully jump started this program. The Endowment Account will grow and provide an annual infusion of financial support for mission programs.

The Matching Grant Donor has reduced the minimum eligibility for a matching donation to \$100 until December 31, 2022. Every donation of \$100 or more will be matched until the \$20,000 grant is exhausted, whether it is from a new donor or a donor adding to an initial donation. Now is a good time to double the impact of your donation while benefiting from an end-of-year tax deduction. No donation is too small to help ensure lasting support to the poor. Pledges can also be completed in monthly installments, if desired.

For additional information, or to speak with an Endowment Program advisor, contact Jim Carlins at 716-909-8942 or jjcarlins@hopefulways.org.

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Our Mission

We proudly provide medical and humanitarian services and educational opportunities to impoverished people.

We do this with great love and a sincere desire to improve the quality of life for the impoverished.

Our Vision

To provide hope by enriching the lives of impoverished people.

Our Values

Humility
Outreach
Passion
Enthusiasm

Our Signature "Gift Of Sight" Program

To reduce preventable blindness and help preserve vision and visual function through refractive, medical, and surgical efforts

Pledge Levels

< \$ 1,000	Sustaining
\$ 1,000	Bronze
\$ 5,000	Silver
\$10,000	Gold
\$25,000	Platinum

Any amount provides for the future.

The Need is Great

- Medical care
- Clean drinking water
- Housing
- Education
- Disaster Relief



Leave a Legacy

**For Yourself
Your Family
Memory of a Loved One**

How Does it Work?

**Funds are invested.
Principal is maintained.**

**Earnings and growth
are used to support
mission projects.**

**The fund supports
the mission goals
which provides benefits
indefinitely for the needy.**



Disaster Relief

How Do I Get Started?

Consider a Pledge Level

Determine your Desired Donation Method

- Lump Sum Cash
- Stock/Securities Transfer
- Recurring Deposits
- Bequeaths / Estate Plan

***Our Endowment Advisors can help
create custom options tailored to
your needs.***

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