



Faces of Hope Faces of Hope

Summer 2023



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



Hopeful Ways' preparations to send a mission team to Nicoya, Costa Rica are progressing rapidly. Starting a mission in a new country presents new challenges. To address some of these challenges, in April Hopeful Ways' Project Leaders met with the Nicoya Lions Club to arrange trip logistics and better understand government regulations. The Nicoya Lions were very helpful and expedited the completion of the required tasks.

There is still much to do to prepare for the trip. Volunteers will be needed to help with securing supplies, packing supplies for shipment, helping with fundraisers and grants, coordinating brigade member documents, and much more. Contact Jim Carlins if you have a few hours to spare or if you want to become involved on a regular basis. You don't need to travel internationally to be a significant contributor to the mission.

Speaking of fundraising, Hopeful Ways will have a fundraiser at Hofbrauhaus Buffalo on July 12 from 6 - 9 PM. Hofbrauhaus is a very lively venue and we're looking forward to an enjoyable and successful event. We hope to see you there.

There is much more information on each of these topics inside this newsletter.

Always in service,

Jim Carlins, President | 716-909-8942 | jjcarlins@hopefulways.org

**Save The Date
July 12**

**Fundraiser at
Hofbrauhaus Buffalo**

Support the Eye Care Mission

To improve and restore vision
for needy people

Free eye exams, eyeglasses and
Sight-restoring cataract surgeries

Join the Party!

Authentic German Food
Beer & Wine

Live German Band
Basket Raffles & More ...

(See Flyer for Details)

"We are not in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some have canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can." – Unknown

Nicoya Eye Care Mission Project

January 27 – February 4, 2024

Nicoya, Guanacaste, Costa Rica

The project is progressing nicely. Jim and Loretta Carlins traveled to Nicoya during April to meet with the Nicoya Lions Club. A good working relationship now exists with both the Nicoya Lions and the Nicoya Regional Hospital. The eye care project was received with enthusiasm by both organizations, and roles and responsibilities for each organization have been defined.



Thanks to advance work by the Lions, many of the needed preparations were completed quickly or are underway. The eye care clinic will be held in a spacious secondary school's gymnasium. Good brigade lodging was found a short drive away with 3 good restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.



7th Annual Bicycling to Restore Sight

This is the 7th annual Bicycling to Restore Sight Fundraiser ride by **Jim Carlins**. However, this year's event will be more subdued. During March, Jim was skiing at the Infamous Back Bowl in Vail when he took a spectacular fall causing a significant sprain to his left knee MCL. Fortunately, biking is part of his physical therapy rehab program, but long distances, fast speeds, and vertical ascents (hills) are not recommended.

The event is tentatively planned for September to allow more time for rehab.



Follow **Jim Carlins** and **Hopeful Ways** on Facebook for updates on this fundraiser (www.facebook.com/jjcarlins and www.facebook.com/hopefulwaysorg respectively).

For more information, or to join Jim on the ride, contact: Jim Carlins at jjcarlins@gmail.com or 716-909-8942.

This event raises thousands of dollars annually to improve and/or restore vision by providing free eye care services and eye surgeries to needy people.

Hopeful Ways is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization. 100% of donations deliver much needed and valuable services.







**Do you have a little time to help someone
less fortunate than you?**

Hopeful Ways Needs Your Help!



2023 will be a busy year:

- Continued support for Nicaragua Eye Care
- Preparing for the Costa Rica eye care mission





There is plenty to do and many hands can make the workload lighter.

All assistance is appreciated whether you have an occasional hour to help or if you want to become a regular volunteer.



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- No special skills are required
 - No need to travel
 - Some tasks can be performed remotely.

Some needs include:

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- Request corporate supply donations
 - Prepare/pack supplies for shipment
 - Coordinate documents for Costa Rica mission
 - Bookkeeping and/or financial record keeping
 - Fundraiser support - basket raffles, etc.
 - Grant writing
 - Many more tasks, both large and small...

For questions or to discuss options,

Contact: **Jim Carlins**
716-909-8942 (call or text)
jjcarlins@gmail.com



Norlan's Vision is Saved

Norlan is a 4-year-old boy living in a barrio outside Rivas, Nicaragua. He was diagnosed with strabismus (cross-eyed) in both eyes. His condition was noticed by Dr. Dorlan Berroteran, who contacted Hopeful Ways for help. Norlan needed immediate treatment to save his vision. Unfortunately, the treatment was not available through the Nicaragua hospitals, and his family could not afford a private clinic. As an aside, Dr. Dorlan volunteered with Hopeful Ways during 5 missions as a Spanish interpreter before attending medical school.

Hopeful Ways contacted their eye surgery partner FONIPRECE / Ojo Sano and arranged for Norlan to be examined. Within a week, Norlan was examined and then received surgery in both eyes to correct his condition. Norlan's life will be significantly improved for decades due to receiving the surgeries.



Norlan & Mom



Norlan, Dr. Abraham Delgado
& Gloria Delgado



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HOPEFUL WAYS FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, July 12, 2023;
6 – 9 PM

Hofbräuhaus Buffalo
190 Scott St Buffalo NY 14204

It's a Party! Gather with Friends and Enjoy
Live German Band

In-House Brewed German Beer
Basket Raffles, Keg Tapping Ceremony, and more...

Authentic German Buffet Featuring: Schweinbraten (pork roast), German sausages, spätzle, red cabbage, Häus salad, rolls, pretzels with beer cheese.

Adults: \$50 (includes ½ liter of beer or a glass of wine)

Children: \$10 (Ages 4 - 18; kids menu selections)

Brewery Tours: Available for an additional fee.

Support Hopeful Ways !!! Tickets Available at: www.hopefulways.org

or contact: Jim Carlins; 716-909-8942 jjcarlins@gmail.com

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If you cannot attend the event, please consider giving a donation.

Every \$200 raised can restore a person's sight through cataract surgery. Cataracts are the leading cause of curable blindness in underdeveloped countries.



Hopeful Ways Fundraiser

Hofbräuhaus Buffalo
190 Scott St Buffalo NY 14204
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Adult Tickets @ \$50 / person _____ = _____
Child Tickets @ 10 / person _____ = _____ (Ages 4 – 18)

Total Donation = _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ (for ticket/receipt)

Phone: _____ (if questions)

Present your email receipt at the door for food and beverage tickets.

For Questions Contact: Jim Carlins **716-909-8942** (call or text) jjcarlins@gmail.com

Select Payment Type - PayPal or Credit Card: www.hopefulways.org

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