



Chacocente News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greetings to all. In these challenging days, a Christian creed reminds us of Project Chacocente's source of strength.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in the True Person, Jesus, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. God calls us to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!*

In the 17 years it has existed, Project Chacocente has persevered by God's grace and through God's Spirit of generosity (Galatians 5:22) at work in our family of supporters. Even during the pandemic, with school classes at first suspended and then resuming under the same hybrid model (home and school, with all precautions) that has characterized school re-openings worldwide, we have fulfilled our promises. We have not failed to make our payroll, seeing our staff and their 100+ dependents through an unprecedented public health crisis that has profoundly impacted the already challenging lives of all Nicaraguans. We have been able to provide a total of \$2460 in emergency food relief to the families of Chacocente. Our steadfast donors have even enabled us to renovate the elementary school completely (see Omar's note below) to enhance the learning environment for our youngest students, and to proclaim our undiminished hope in the face of adversity. These are just a few examples of what God has done through the faithfulness of all the supporters of Project Chacocente. Thanks be to God, indeed, and to all of you.

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Amelia (L) and Tatiana (R) welcomed new baby girls to Chacocente.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PC founder, Cheryl Avery is recovering from hip replacement and a leg fracture, which happened shortly after her surgery. She is doing well.

Tatiana's baby, Aurora, was born prematurely and suffers from respiratory issues.



Thanks to generous donations, the elementary classrooms recently underwent renovations which included a new roof, windows, flooring, and a fresh coat of paint.

Check out our You Tube channel for a video of the classroom renovations!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbPH8vDtugg&t=1s>



THE CHALLENGE (!) OF FUNDRAISING DURING A PANDEMIC

As a small non-profit, we rely entirely on donations from you, our generous supporters. Traditionally, we receive vital donations from visiting delegations and from churches in the USA who hold fundraising events for us. Because of COVID-19 delegations and fundraising events have not been possible. As we approach the end of the year, we hope that two “virtual events” will encourage the giving needed to see Project Chacocente through the end of 2020.

We are especially blessed to have a generous donor who is offering a **\$5,000 Match for EACH event, and 100% of funds raised will go directly to benefit Project Chacocente.**

“Steps of Hope” - Our First Ever Virtual 5K

Spend the month of November walking, running, biking, or trotting (as in Turkey Trot) as many 5Ks (to mark the 5K it is from the main road to the Project) as you can. To ensure the success of this event we encourage you to invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to sponsor you, or to participate on their own!

The people of the Project know that the pandemic has made life difficult for everyone and they would like to share the proceeds from this fundraiser with people in need in the United States. The proceeds you raise can be split between Project Chacocente and a local ministry of your choice.

Registration is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and special photo from the Project. (these will be mailed in December)

There are two ways to register:

- Send a \$50 check made out to Project Chacocente with “Steps of Hope” in the memo line. Include a separate piece of paper with **your T-shirt size** (Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL).

Mail to: **Project Chacocente, c/o Robyn Gage, 9 Glenmore Circle, Pittsford NY 14534**

- Pay the \$50 registration fee using our website’s DONATE button at www.outofthedump.org. Then email us at projectchacocente@gmail.com with your T-shirt size and mailing address so we can mail your shirt to you.

Once you are registered, we will send you further instructions about *Steps of Hope*.

#GivingTuesday – “Positivity Amidst a Pandemic”

Once again, we will take part in #Giving Tuesday, the national online giving event that occurs on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving; this year, Giving Tuesday falls on December 1st. We have chosen the theme “Positivity Amidst a Pandemic” because the people of Chacocente never to cease to amaze and encourage us with their perseverance, creativity and faith in God. During November, look on our website, Facebook page and Instagram for shining examples of their positive attitudes and actions. You will also be able to donate on our website and Facebook page.

Questions? Email us at projectchacocente@gmail.com

A LETTER FROM OMAR

Greetings everyone!

A new day is a new chance to do good, and together we can make a better world. Despite of all the negativity that may have come with 2020, I think that there is still so much to be thankful and hopeful for. And we all at Chacocente are thankful to God, to our Board of Directors and to all of our Donors who make it possible for Chacocente to continue to be a blessing for so many.

Even though it has been a very difficult year, our staff and teachers along with our students and their parents have struggled and continued the mission of education while keeping to the recommended hygiene protocols. Although not all students are back in the classrooms, many of our elementary and high schoolers alternate days during the week to come to school - each of them (along with the school staff) wearing a face mask, keeping their distance, etc. But we also continue helping those who have decided to stay home and work remotely. We’re just trying to move forward and help our students before this school year is over in November.

The greatest news this year was when the BOD announced to us that they were raising funds to renovate the elementary school classrooms, which had been deteriorating for many years. Now, thanks to the many generous donors, the renovation has almost been accomplished! We see the excitement of our students and teachers when they see their new classrooms, with new paint, tile floors, new doors, adjustable aluminum & glass louvered windows, ceiling fans and appropriate lighting. We will soon send pictures that show the beauty of the new classrooms, which will give our students a better environment for their learning. All we can say is *Thank You so much and May God continue to Bless you all.*

Looking forward to our next big fundraising for our next big project and looking forward to a better 2021! God bless you!

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