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Dear Friends.

With your support, Dos Pueblos is bringing solidarity to the next generation.

We took our first-ever **youth delegation** to Nicaragua in February. Nine NY and nine Tipitapa teens between the ages of 13 and 17 shared a week of cultural exchange, service projects with disabled kids, while strengthening their civic engagement. Thanks to Susan Light of our education committee and the great volunteer efforts by the parents and kids, we proved that solidarity and the will to communicate can overcome language barriers, create better cultural understanding and provide life long friendships.

## It is exciting to see our young people reaching out and becoming bridges to a more just global future.

Your volunteerism and financial commitment continue to make a difference in Tipitapa. Last Spring I wrote about our new **preventive health education** initiative. I am happy to report that we are moving forward with several new health initiatives, including a very exciting prospective partnership with the non-profit, The Institute For Family Health in New York—that offers high quality medical care for all—that will bring New York and Nicaraguan medical professionals to work together on long-term sustainable health measures in Tipitapa . Already in 2013, two delegations have brought New Yorkers to work side by side with local teachers, health workers, teens and parents on **Adaptive Design**, constructing equipment out of cardboard for differently-abled children and adults. **Our next delegation is August 3-10**, **please join us and see how you can make a difference!** 

We do all of this on a shoestring, and we need your skills, resources, and donations now, for low-cost, high-impact partnerships in:

- Preventive health education
- Small-scale clean water and sanitation infrastructure
- Community lending libraries
- Women's economic empowerment
- Youth exchange

Please help us maintain this momentum and donate whatever you can now. Your support whether small or large makes all the difference to our grassroots approach that ensures a brighter future for generations to come.

Ann Garvin Board Chair

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PS: June 14<sup>th—</sup>Read our pink flyer and put on your dancing shoes!

**PPS: August 3-10**—**Travel with us to Tipitapa.** See how we're working with communities on access to preventive health, water, education, and more. Visit www.tipitapa.org for information. Space is limited.

