

# CONNECTICUT QUEST *for* PEACE

Dear Friends of CT Quest for Peace:

DECEMBER, 2021

## BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Evans  
*President*

Maureen Shanley  
*Vice President*

Carol Ferraro  
*Secretary*

Bob Ferraro  
*Treasurer*

Marielos Bonilla

Sarah Hassan

Michael Hauck

Elisabeth Heggie

Jane McCaffrey

Gloria Montoya-Greenfield

Linda and Randy Klein  
*Founders*

Wulf & Ingrid Polonius  
Laura Klauberg  
& Kevin Funk,  
*Ex-officio*

This is the time of the year when we like to THANK YOU for all your much appreciated support! We would like to highlight our project that assists university students with educational expenses. A part of our agreement is that we ask them to find a way to give back to their own community. Our students in the Leon Scholarship Program have faced so many difficulties during their young lives - poverty, natural disasters and political strife. It seems unfair that they should also have a pandemic stacked on top. Nevertheless, Nicaraguans have found ways to survive.

The pandemic made our students find more creative ways to reach out to their communities that would not put themselves or others at risk for sickness. Despite the negative issues in Nicaragua, our scholarship students forge on!

- In his spare time **HAMILTON MARTINEZ** gives music lessons at a music school for young people. This talented young man can teach/play a variety of instruments.
- **OSMAR POVEDA** gives English lessons and tutors kids in his neighborhood with their daily lessons.
- **HEYLING OJEDA** graduated from the police academy and now works in the area of public safety while pregnant and pursuing a degree in social work. Her plan is to work with a police outreach program for women who have experienced violence.
- **FEDERICO MORALES** is close to receiving a degree in dentistry. Through the university he is able to give free dental services to children who have been identified as "in need".
- **JENSIL RAMIREZ** is a young widow & mom who is finishing her nursing internship at a Leon public hospital. Her focus on pediatrics has helped her appreciate her own daughter's health.
- **DEYLIN CABALLERO**, who is studying primary education, has had many personal struggles. Her parents had to work far away, so as a child she often felt abandoned because her grandparents took the place of her parents. Despite so many obstacles and dark times, she is preparing to work with children with visual disabilities.

Deylin's words really summarize our thoughts. "Thanks to God, to my grandparents, the school run by the Maryknoll Sisters, and to the good people who support CT Quest for Peace, I am on a path that will hopefully lead me to my goal of becoming a Teacher." We can't save everyone, but if we can help one person who in turn can help someone else, the ripple effect of kindness and caring will continue.

The Nicaraguan people are in dire straits, but CT Quest for Peace is grateful that we have been able to help improve the lives of some Nicaraguans thanks to your unwavering support.

Your generosity is truly appreciated,




# Leon Scholarship Students Engaging in Community Service

~ THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GIVING BACK... CONTINUES! ~



**DEYLIN CABALLERO**  
IN HER SECOND YEAR OF  
PRIMARY EDUCATION



**OSMAR POVEDA**  
GIVES ENGLISH LESSONS



**HAMILTON MARTINEZ**  
GIVES MUSIC LESSONS

**FEDERICO MORALES**  
IN HIS RESIDENCY  
AS A DENTIST



**JENSIL RAMIREZ**  
IS INTERNING  
AS A NURSE



**HEYLING OJEDA GRADUATED**  
FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY

