

CONNECTICUT QUEST *for* PEACE


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DEAR FRIENDS OF CONNECTICUT QUEST FOR PEACE,

Last spring our Quest President, Bill Evans, was honored as an “Unsung Hero” in a Westport, CT blog that is read by thousands. We members of the Quest community know how unstintingly he and his wife, Marielos Bonilla, share their time and resources with our Central and South American neighbors, as well as with those struggling in Appalachia and in our own backyards. Bill’s first trip to Nicaragua in 2002 was life changing. He loved the people, especially the children. From that time on he has dedicated space in the Bridgeport warehouse, where he runs his painting business, for collecting, storing, sorting, and distributing donated goods to those in need. On Mondays and Saturdays at our Warehouse Store we have new or slightly used items priced right for the nearby community. The warehouse is a happy space, humming with volunteers who gather on weekends to pack essentials like clothing and medical, school, and household supplies, as well as countless other items such as sewing machines, musical instruments, tools, paint, and sports equipment that are such a godsend to the recipients. The days we pack the cargo containers are especially joyful!

Although we are no longer able to send cargo containers to Nicaragua (the current administration does not think they need “foreign assistance”), we are able to continue financial aid to our Nica college students in Leon and the Teresian sisters who run the schools and clinic we support in Managua, Granada and Los Cocos. We have found other organizations in Paraguay and Appalachia that are most grateful for the cargo containers. Our mission, begun as a response to the Iran-Contra crisis during the Reagan administration, continues to this day, thanks to your generosity. So many **UN Sung HEROES**—our donors like you—who remain faithful to our mission.

THANK YOU ALL!



Jane McCaffrey
For the Board of CT Quest



Bill and Marielos holding the Paraguay flag with a happy group of volunteer packers.

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