



News Letter

15 Years

Educating to change lives

The 2014 school year began the 3rd of February and Pan y Amor initiates its 15th year of offering an excellent education to 500 of the poorest children in Managua.

Many of our students live in and around the market and their parents or guardians are informal venders there. However we are now well know in many of the poorest neighborhoods of Managua and quite a few of our students travel great distances to attend school.

15 years ago we attracted the attention of the children's guardians through our nine hour schedule (their children were safe) and our feeding program, an essential part of survival for the very poor; however today we are also well known for the discipline and good education their children receive. The market workers are in general a fairly tough lot and at the beginning they often used to visit us prepared for battle! Now we very rarely receive an irate guardian, the norm is respect and appreciation on both sides.



Homes in the market



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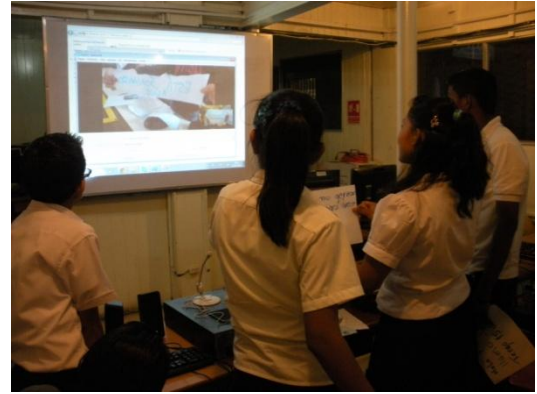
High school lunch.



Our seventh graders.

Our 7th graders connect by SKYP with French students


Around the middle of 2013 we were contacted by the Spanish teacher from the French School Sévigné in Narbonne, in the South of France. She wanted her 7th grade Spanish class to connect with our 7th graders, to exchange information on our two countries. Due to the different yearly school schedules, the connection was put off until February of this year. Since then both seventh grade classes have met via SKYP several times.




Our students in communication with French students.

What an experience for Pan y Amor seventh graders!

Manos del Sur – Pan y Amor celebrate 9th annual “Runway to Knowledge” Fund Raiser



Runway to Knowledge



Join us for our 9th Annual Champagne Breakfast, Bazaar, Fashion Show by CocoParis & Silent Auction benefiting Manos del Sur Nicaragua - Asociación Pan y Amor.

Wednesday February 26th, 2014

At the Rusty Pelican
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne, Florida

8:30 am to 1 pm: Bazaar
9:30 am to 12 pm: Breakfast, Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Incredible Raffle Prizes!

Contribution \$80 (\$100 at the door)
Includes one raffle ticket.

- Have a great time while contributing to a great cause! -

The 26th of February Manos del Sur – Pan y Amor celebrated their 9th champagne breakfast “Runway to Knowledge” with bazaar, silent auction and fashion show by Coco Paris. It seems to get better each year and this year was another tremendous success. Tickets were sold out and fun was had by all.

Thank you, to all our financial and in kind Sponsors and to all the volunteers including the beautiful models, the bazaar stall owners and all our visitors who made this a spectacular event.

Buy your tickets online: www.manosdelsur.org

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Alicia, our young violin player is invited to perform for the Diplomatic spouses.

Alicia, who is in 8th grade and is the daughter of our baker, was accepted in the junior section of the Managua Symphony Orchestra 3 years ago and she explains that to actually enter the symphony orchestra she needs to train for 5 years.

A group of Diplomatic ladies bought her a violin 3 years ago so that she could practice at home; they invited her this February to visit them and play some of the pieces she has learnt. They were very impressed with Alicia and the group of Pan y Amor musicians who accompanied her on this event.

Thank you once again, diplomatic ladies, for your wonderful support.



Alicia playing the violin



Our student enliven event with local music.



Pan y Amor music group



Our students with the Diplomatic spouses

News on our young third year medical student, Marina:

Thanks to donations received by Pan y Amor to be used exclusively to help pay for Marina's medical education, she is now in her third year of medical school and continues to do well. Due to her excellent grades she is often asked to work in the emergency wards of state run hospitals and she goes on inoculation brigades and other medical missions around Managua.



Marina Gómez

We are proud to help pay her tuition, books, computer and other smaller needs she may have. Thank you donors for helping these young people change their lives.

Zaira is Marina's Sister:



Zaira, as our highschool receptionist

Both Zaira and Marina are sisters who live with their grandparents under very poor circumstances. They graduated high school in 2011 with Pan y Amor; Marina with a 97.2 grade average and Zaira with an 89% grade average.

Today Zaira works for Pan y Amor as the middle and high school receptionist and Pan y Amor is helping pay for her Administration studies during the weekends, at university. On graduating high school she dedicated two years to studying languages, however, due to the expenses of her grandmother's recent illness her father and uncles wanted both Zaira and Marina to leave their studies and work to help maintain the house hold.

Once more Pan y Amor stepped in offering Zaira a position which would allow her to help with the family finances, while also paying for her weekend studies. How can we allow two bright young women to cut short their studies? These are two of the young ones you are helping to change their lives.

Thank you.

An essay written by one of our 8th graders:

Hello, I am Keneth Vallejo, I am a student at the Pan y Amor School situated in the Mercado Oriental, and I am in 8th grade. I am studying two technical careers which are: Accounting and the beginning of Administration. I like these classes and study hard so that I may succeed in these careers.

I am a short boy, said in a different way, "chaparro" (no translation), handsome, brown eyes, and straight black hair, attentive, happy and charismatic. I love to play foot ball and baseball. I normally go to the park as there they play many sports.

When I am grown up I would love to be a great administrator so that I may become someone and not have to sell water on the street corners or push a hand cart around the market.

Good bye.



Keneth Vallejos

If you would like to sponsor one of our Children:

If you would like to sponsor one of our students, you may do it through Manos del Sur, our sister Foundation in Miami.

Their link is <http://www.manosdelsur.org/Sponsor-a-Child.html>

Through you our children have a chance to break their cycle of poverty.

Thank you