

Helping hands

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Scholarships given for Nicaraguans

The Rainbow Network this week received an unexpected gift of \$3,600 from a youth group associated with Billings Christian Church. The donation came in the form of sponsorships for 12 Nicaraguan students — one of each of the youth group members.

The contribution is a culmination of long-term exposure of the youth to the Rainbow Network mission.

According to former Billings Christian Senior Pastor Micki Pulleyking, several of the youth were in attendance at a 5K fundraising run held 10 years ago. At the time, they were preschoolers and early elementary students. Today, they are teenagers in high school and college, living around the Ozarks and as far away as Lawrence, Kan.

Each of the youth group members — residents of Billings, Nixa, Republic and Springfield — chose a high schooler from the pool of 800 students that Rainbow Network sponsors each year. Their choices were based on individual details from the profiles of Nicaraguan students.

The Billings youth group members will have the opportunity to correspond with their sponsored students, and may choose to continue to fund their scholars after this first year of sponsorship is complete.

For more information call 417-889-8088.

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