



THE RAINBOW NETWORK
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

THE RAINBOW NETWORK

SHARING IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST BY PARTNERING WITH NICARAGUA'S POOREST PEOPLE IN HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND HOUSING.

WHO WE ARE

We are an interdenominational Christian Ministry working in rural remote Nicaragua with about 59,000 people who live in 166 specific geographic communities.

FOUR MAIN PROGRAMS:

Healthcare, education, economic development, and housing

WHAT WE DO

We empower the people to become self-sustaining in every way of life, hoping to break the cycle of severe poverty that affects rural Nicaraguans for generations. We provide the tools for them to build their own futures out of poverty.

WHY IS THIS WORK NECESSARY?

Rural Nicaragua suffers from extreme poverty. People are often malnourished, have little to no access to education, live in inhumane conditions, and have limited options. With numerous challenges arising since 2018, the needs have greatly increased.

HOW ARE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED?

We require community participation in every program. Each community has a committee formed of local Nicaraguans that meets monthly and oversees all progress of the community.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

We are focusing on meeting the most critical needs in rural Nicaragua, as well as fostering relationships with our community members to build even more support for the people of Nicaragua.





A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What an amazing year of growth and transformation for our rural communities in Nicaragua! Despite long-term and lasting effects of civil unrest that began in 2018, we saw great participation by our partner communities as well as our donors. Our team became more efficient and families became more self-sufficient. Our model is working and we have you to thank for making this incredible work possible. We look forward to more positive growth in 2020!

Megan Herrera



OUR MILESTONES (SINCE 1995)

- 60,000,000 served in our Nutrition Centers
- Operate 489 feeding centers in 166 communities, providing over 13,500 children and pregnant/nursing mothers one meal a day.
- Over 1.5 million children's and prenatal vitamins distributed each year
- 11 full-time physicians perform over 50,000 consultations each year with over 1,000,000 consultations already made in our medical clinics
- Over 2,200 students have graduated from high school with our scholarship program
- Currently over 1,100 high school students enrolled in our high school scholarship program
- More than 70,000 elementary children have learned to read and write
- Over 12,000 children attend elementary classes each day in our 450+ schools.
- 1,212 houses have been built, providing safe and dry housing for over 9,300 people
- San Dionisio (2017) and San Isidro (2018) added 10,000 people to our network

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

1. IT'S ALL ABOUT BALANCE

Our holistic approach of combining multiple projects to combat extreme poverty is a long-term and cutting-edge approach to mission work.

2. NICARAGUA IS THE FOCUS

All of our employees (including doctors) in Nicaragua are locals. This is a project for Nicaraguans, by Nicaraguans, and with Nicaraguans.

3. VALUE INCLUSIVITY

We are an interdenominational Christian organization, but we do not put any religious requirements on the people in these communities. We are all simply working together to empower each other and eradicate extreme poverty!

4. A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT

Nearly every aspect of our work requires the families or individuals to pay us back (housing loans), to pay small fees (medical clinics), or participate in physical construction. Communities are also required to volunteer in various programs.

5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We want the members of these communities to be *invested* in their communities and to play a role in the future. People form their own committees and carry out the majority of the work, partnering with our staff.

6. WORKING TOGETHER

We do and will work with any church, individual, civil or governmental organization. We don't mind sharing the credit -- we just want to utilize our relationships and help these desperately poor people!

7. SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENTS

We make long-term development commitments to our communities. We understand that it takes a long time to break the cycle of poverty and to learn new ways of life, but we believe that, over time, this is achievable.



OUR 2020 BUDGET



GENERAL 525,000

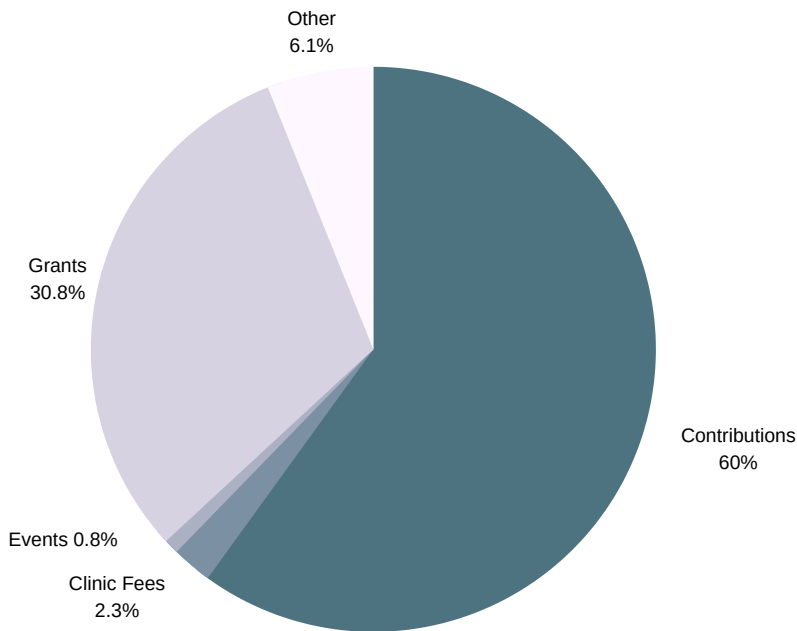
HEALTHCARE 246,000

EDUCATION 339,000

HOUSING 510,000

TOTAL: \$1,620,000

2019 REVENUE & EXPENSES

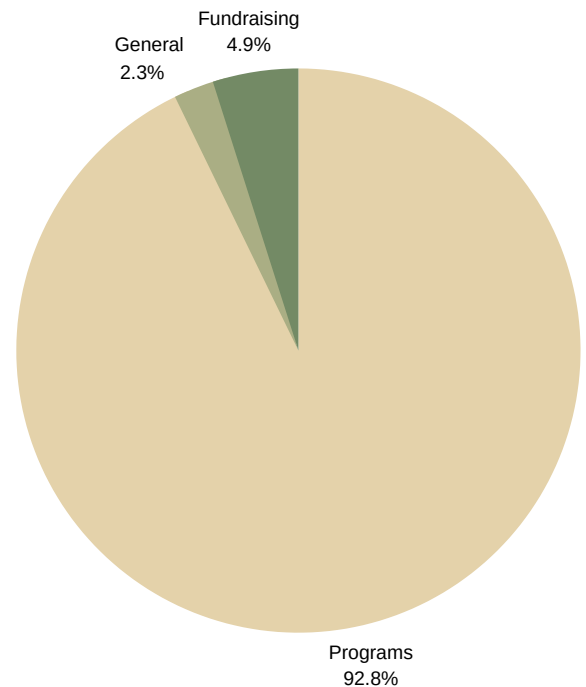


REVENUE

Total revenue and support from 2019 was \$1,642,011, which has been divided in the chart on the left in five categories. This illustrates where Rainbow Network receives the majority of revenue.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for 2019 was \$1,471,421, which has been divided into three main categories (shown right). Program expenses includes expenses in healthcare, education, economic development, and housing.



156

New donors joined The Rainbow Network in 2019

\$1,424

Average total revenue per donor

19%

Decrease in expenses from 2018



THE IMPACT

- More primary students attending Rainbow Network schools than any year prior.
- Physicians attended clinics in all nine networks, providing healthcare to thousands.
- Total community population increased by 1.4%.
- More families have a safe and secure home in which to raise their children and build their lives.

We saw approximately 14% more patients in medical clinics and 46% more people at feeding centers in comparison to 2018.

IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS...

RAINBOW NETWORK HAS PERSEVERED.



While Nicaragua continues to face many challenges across the country, Rainbow Network has seen a significant increase in the people turning to us for help.

People from outside of our communities are requesting our assistance. Families, previously stable, have been rocked by unrest.

We stepped up to the plate in 2019. We will continue to do so in 2020.

From January - December 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles Sauer
Chairperson of the Board

Dr. Will Moore
Vice-Chairperson

Bob Hockman
Treasurer

Steve Sonheim
Secretary

Rev. Andy Bryan

Luis Alonso Perez Ordonez

Jay Guffey

Oscar Stadthagen

Cleo Kottwitz

John Stafford

John Moneymaker

Kari Wilson

Rev. Bill Moore

U.S. STAFF

Megan Herrera
Executive Director

Denise Ingels*
Development Director

Alaina Grote
PR & Marketing Director

Julie Gulick
Office Manager

Ruth Barnhart*
Office Assistant

**Retired by the end of 2019*

NICARAGUA STAFF

Nelson Palacios
National Director

Samuel Reyes
Nicaragua Office Administrator

Silvia Mendoza
National Director Assistant

56 employees work in nine networks across nine municipalities of Nicaragua.

THE BEST OF 2019

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE LAST YEAR.

HEALTHCARE

- 22,855 patients treated at medical clinics
- Added 516 Special Medical Needs patients
- 13,817 children eating a healthy meal at a nutrition center

EDUCATION

- 157 high school graduates
- 12,257 primary students in 485 schools
- 1,168 high school scholarship students

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4,223 people benefited from Rainbow Network economic services
- Staff working in 166 communities

HOUSING

- 2 housing projects completed:
 - 46 houses across Berlin and El Guayabal
- Welcomed 46 new families into safe and secure housing

2020 GOALS

OUR VISION FOR THE YEAR

Strengthen programs in our rural Nicaraguan communities and continue meeting the increased needs

- Food and medicines continue to be the most critical needs

Nourish relationships with current and perspective donors and increase awareness across Springfield and other communities

- Expand our audiences and acquire sponsors for every student

Safely travel to select communities in Nicaragua with small groups

- Connect our supporters with our partners in Nicaragua



Our vision for Rainbow Network in 2020 is to focus on individual and community empowerment while evolving as an organization. The Rainbow Network is celebrating its 25th Anniversary throughout 2020 -- that's a quarter-century of changing lives in Nicaragua thanks to our supporters. We plan to keep doing just that for many years to come.

THANK YOU!

We could not do this without you.



**OUR MISSION IS A
CAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT.**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN BREAK THE
CYCLE OF EXTREME POVERTY.**