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## SISTER CITY PROJECT

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## How do You Know If You Made A Difference

By Tom Kretsch, N/NSCP President

**AND SO IT CAME** to the last day of our recent Board visit to Nagarote, Nicaragua. When we arrived at the Community Center, the place was packed with children, parents...teenagers and the staff from our Project. Hundreds of people.

And then it began; this outpouring of gratitude and affection. One after another classes, students, former students, parents and staff came forward to present us with the most meaningful gifts and heartfelt words. First a play by our Theater Class, then a silk-screened shirt by our Painting Class, then handmade shorts by our Tailoring Class, then pouch bags by our Sewing Class. Then came a speech by a former student, who now holds a job managing a non-profit in Nagarote, explaining how the

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Project helped him reach his goal. Then a parent spoke about the incredible impact the Project had on her children. The college scholarship students presented us with diplomas

thanking us for the chance to go to college and study. One student recently completed his course work in pharmacy. Then came our staff: all speaking about the great opportunities the Project has afforded them to grow, learn and develop as people and to give back to the Project. Many of our staff had started as students with us are and now the role models for the next generation.

We just sat there in awe of this unbelievable outpouring of giving; truly from the heart and soul of each of them. This was something that they had all worked on for months in preparation for our visit.

How do you know you are making a difference? We have always believed we did in our partnership with the people of Nagarote, but that evening we saw in their smiles, heartfelt words, simple gifts, joy and accomplishments what an impact this Project has had on so many lives in so many different ways. It truly has made a difference and has provided opportunity, which so many have taken advantage of, In turn it has given all of us so much joy.

We are truly grateful to so many of you who have supported the work and believed in what we are doing. You should be proud to have helped make all of this possible.



Board member, Joan Parris receiving an award from recent college graduate and newly minted pharmacist, Evaristo Guido.

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## Gracie and Sabrina's Excellent Adventure in Nicaragua

Gracie Bradley and Sabrina Imbrogno, seniors at Norwalk High School and active members of the Kevin Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society, joined us on our recent visit to Nagarote. Both seasoned travelers, they fit in perfectly, joining in the games with the tutoring class, allowing the little girls to endlessly braid and unbraided their beautiful, long hair and enjoying a look at turtle nesting sites on the Pacific coast as well as a swim on a super-hot day. Gracie summed it up very well: "It is hard to imagine a life so different from your own, without truly experiencing it. My delegation to Nagarote, through the Sister City Project, allowed me to indulge in a community filled with both love and gratitude, along with poverty and hardships, that no words could prepare me for."

Not surprisingly, Gracie has since been awarded the \$100,000 Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship.



Gracie Bradley, back left and Sabrina Imbrogno, back right, presenting old soccer uniforms from Norwalk High School's Girls' Soccer Team which were donated to the Nagarote Girls' Soccer team, with the help of three junior soccer players.



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