



Greetings!

It has been almost five months since anti-government protests propelled Nicaragua into a state of civil unrest. The question we get most often is “What can I do to Help?”

In our minds, the answer is simple: **Continue to support JustHope**. Although we have shifted priorities and suspended particular programs -- such as our partner, global education, service-learning and medical trips -- for the time being, JustHope remains committed to our mission and continues to support vital programs in our partner communities.

We plan to be around long-term as an organization supporting the people of Nicaragua – **and we believe we are needed now more than ever**. In the face of uncertainty and instability, our work provides stability and continuity. The Model Farm continues to experiment with agricultural methodologies and engage local farmers in valuable conversations. The Chacraseca Cultural Center continues to host art, music and dance classes, providing a safe haven and healthy distraction for children and youth. We have redistributed medications we had in storage to JustHope-supported health clinics and continue to install hand-washing stations and latrines in area schools. A local family just moved into a new home complete with a green stove and latrine thanks to continued partner contributions, and our microbanks and the micro-enterprises they support offer financial stability when tens of thousands of Nicaraguans have lost their jobs and thousands of businesses have closed.

JustHope’s Nicaraguan staff and partners are well-equipped to carry out JustHope’s mission and have shown courage and determination in a time of great challenge. Part of our mission is to nurture sustainable communities so that in moments of social shocks, those communities are adaptive and resilient. As a member of our staff recently remarked, “this wouldn’t have been my first choice on how to test our community development models, the strength of our programs, and the resilience of our partner communities, but that is the real-time context we find ourselves in.” **At the end of the day, the work was always supposed to be by Nicaraguans for Nicaraguans.**

Now more than ever, we are compelled to exemplify our core values of Solidarity, Mutuality, Collaboration, and Sustainability with our Nicaraguan neighbors, yet the trip programs we have had to suspend were expected to generate 30% of JustHope’s annual operating funds. This means that fundraising efforts such as Wine for Water, our annual fundraiser and dinner taking place in 4 weeks, need be that much more successful to ensure the long-term sustainability of JustHope’s

Come to Wine for Water

What You Can Do to Help

1. **Come to Wine for Water (W4W) on October 11th and bring your friends.** Tickets are available through October 1st: \$100 per person and \$1,200 for a reserved table of 10. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to JustHope's programs in Nicaragua.
2. **Buy a Pick Your Paradise Raffle ticket** for \$100. The winner will be announced at W4W, but there is no need to be at the event to win.
3. **Be a W4W Sponsor.** There is still time and a variety of [sponsorship opportunities](#) are available.
4. **Donate an Auction Item**, or help us reach out to local companies for things and experiences to include in the silent and live auctions ([email us](#) to get a script for making the ask).
5. **Buy Auction Items.** At the event and online, you will have a chance to bid on premium silent auction items, and we have some fun live auction items that are sure to be entertaining. The [online auction catalog](#) will be available on September 28th.
6. **Plan a Patron Party** to collect wine for the W4W wine pull or to introduce your friends to JustHope. Get a 15% off discount on wine at Tulsa Hills Wine Cellar when you mention "JustHope."
7. **Volunteer to Help.** [Email us](#) to get involved with W4W or a number of other projects, including selling artisan items at community events or helping us plan the annual International Artisan Market in November.
8. **Give to the Sustainability Fund.** Every bit helps. Considering making a one-time or recurring gift to ensure the sustainability of JustHope's programs.
9. **Support Sales of Artisan Goods** by coming to see us at events like [Festival Americas on September 22-23](#).
10. **Share our Story on Social Media.** Help us tell others what we are doing in Nicaragua by sharing our posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

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