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Happy New Year to all of our supporters! A great big THANK YOU is extended to all who continue to support Pathway to Progress Nicaragua (P2P); here is an update!

NEWS from Managua

P2P President, Trudy Comeau and her husband, Michel, spent 2 weeks in Nicaragua this past Nov/Dec and were able to meet many of the students in the Pathway Program. Parents and children, both, expressed deep gratitude for the opportunities that the children are now receiving. "It was a real pleasure to interact with the children and realize how proud they are of their academic achievements", commented Trudy.

As a new academic year is about to begin in Nicaragua, Edward and Barbara Dunsworth have reported that 68 students—up from 54 in Jan 2010-- will be in the **Pathway Program** when school resumes in February. Two of the girls who graduated from Grade 12 in December have been accepted into university in Managua and will be pursuing career paths which would never have been possible without the support of the Program.

Program Report Card Dec 2011

- 46% of the Pathway students received an average of 90% or better
- 92% of the Pathway students received an average of 80% or better
- 76 % of the Pathway students are in the top 10 in their class
- 5 of the Pathway students placed 1st on their classes

The program is working!

Mittens for Managua

Colorful childrens' mittens were donated and sold by youth groups in Halifax to raise funds for P2P and develop awareness in the young people selling the mittens. The sales generated over \$700.00 and lots of lively discussion. If you like to knit and would like to donate any knitted items for future campaigns, please contact:

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Breakfast of Hope

Our first Annual Breakfast on **Thurs November 24, 2011** was a wonderful success. Over 75 folks joined emcee John Dunsworth for breakfast and an engaging hour of videos and testimonials to learn more about the Pathway students and the impact the program is having on them and their families. Heartfelt thanks is extended to all who braved the snowy weather to join us and who gave so generously. Close to \$15,000 was raised for the education of children in Managua for this year and in addition, there was commitment of over \$63,000 pledged for the next 5 years.

Halifax Folks on Immersion Trip Feb 5-12

Organized by Board member, Brenda Rowe, a group of 13 men and women from St Thomas Aquinas Cdn Martyrs Parish will be travelling to Managua to spend a week helping to build a house for one of the families in the Program. When they return, you will all be invited for an evening to get together, share some photos and hear about their trip. ¡Que tianan un buen viaje!

Our Mission: *Pathway to Progress Nicaragua is dedicated to supporting an innovative program in Nicaragua that provides educational opportunities for Nicaragua's most vulnerable sector: children and youth living in poverty.*

We welcome all donations which can be made through our website www.p2pnicaragua.org or cheques can be mailed directly to:

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