



FRIENDSHIP CITY PROJECTS - SISTER CITY NEWSLETTER (WINTER 2016)

A Special Thanks To

John and Cindy Gaguine of the Benito and Frances C. Gaguine Foundation
for providing a **\$20,000 matching grant.**

Now, **all donations to FCP will be doubled** until we reach our fundraising goal.

The water is flowing in El Trapiche!

During the last two years, Friendship City Projects (FCP) and the community of El Trapiche in Jalapa, Nicaragua have worked to restore and repair an outdated and broken water system. In the past served over 200 families and in the near future will serve up to 500 families. The goal was to provide something most of us take for granted: clean drinking water for each and every family. The El Trapiche project is now complete, and water is flowing to over 300 families! Each family has a single tap in their home. The people of El Trapiche provided the labor, some funds and a lot of community organizing. Most importantly your contributions made this project possible. FCP is Boulder's oldest sister city program and your support for our work over several decades has made projects like this possible. We can't thank you enough, but since we don't plan to stop our work in the valley of Jalapa, FCP also asks you to work with us on future projects.



A family in El Trapiche with their new tap.

Santa Rosa Project

FCP and University of The University of Colorado Denver School of Architecture & Planning have committed to replace a dilapidated community building. In the past, this building had many functions: a health clinic, pre-school, and a community kitchen for the elderly. This building will be redesigned as a community center to serve early childhood education, after school programs and the elderly. Last year this program sent fourteen students to the community of Chusli during their Christmas break. During that short time frame and with the help of the community, the students tore down everything but the floor and the walls of a community center and rebuilt it into a beautiful structure that is now a proud part of Chusli.



The CU Denver undergraduate students raised the bulk of the funds for that project, so they put not only their backs into it but also their hearts, their minds and were a big part of the fundraising. The CU Denver student group is returning to work on this new project over the same time frame as last year. Last year while working in Chusli, they took some initial measurements and helped the community draw up plans. Within less than two weeks in December and January of this year, they hope to help the community rebuild and inaugurate the new community center. However, to do this, they need to raise the funding for the project. Friendship City Projects is providing logistical support, but we're also asking the community of Boulder to help with financial support to make this project happen. FCP is proud of these students who have given so much of themselves for Santa Rosa. College students in the US. are not known for having a lot of their resources known as time and money, but these students are choosing to invest their time and money in something to the good of a very impoverished Nicaraguan community. We ask you to please donate to their work through us, remember that any donation before the end of this year is tax-deductible:

<http://www.cudenverdesignbuild.com>

FCP's ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

Sunday December 4th 2016 FROM 5PM TO 7PM

5788 Knoll Crest Ct. Boulder CO 80301, the home of Athena and Gary Mills

Come join us for the year end celebration with FCP's friends and family. We will share past and future projects and meet new potential board members. Ballots available on our home page, www.boulderjalapa.org.

Meet Aaron Trumbo, FCP's Newest Board Member



Aaron Trumbo

In the summer of 1994 I had just graduated from Niwot High School and was on my way to Jalapa with Friendship City Projects. I had such an incredible and transformative experience working with the local community that I returned to Nicaragua with FCP the following summer. I wholeheartedly believe that those formative cross-cultural volunteer experiences set my life course. I am a carpenter by trade with 20 years experience (auspiciously, my first construction experience was with FCP in 1994!). Since then, I have continued to volunteer my carpentry skills across the globe. Currently, I am a non-traditional anthropology undergrad (i.e., older than some of my professors) at CU Boulder. Although my academic turn originated at the University of Hawaii, my wife Jennifer and I recently moved back to Boulder so we could reconnect with family, and so that I could continue my studies at CU. Now that I am back in Boulder, I am pleased to be reconnected with FCP. My personal desire is to merge my anthropology studies with FCP's continuing work in Nicaragua. Additionally, I wish to create a presence for FCP on campus and encourage students to become involved with our work and gain life-defining experiences along the way.

Rotary Delegation to Jalapa



In December 2016, Boulder Valley Rotary will send a delegation to Jalapa to join in the formal inauguration of the El Trapiche water system. The community of Boulder will be there in spirit as well, because it took all of us to make this project happen. Thank you, one and all. Please remember this is an end and a beginning. FCP does not finish one project and quit. Our sister city relationship means we always look for new ways to help rural communities in what is still the western hemisphere's second-poorest country. Beyond that Friendship City Projects wants you to be a part of that as a volunteer, a donor and a member of both our communities.

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_____ I would like to make a tax deductible contribution to clean water for the people of Nicaragua.

_____ I enclose \$35 tax deductible membership dues (\$20 low income, student or seniors.)

_____ I may be interested in joining a delegation to Nicaragua in the next year or volunteer with FCP.

Email address: _____

(Providing your email allows us to save mailing costs. Your personal information will not be shared)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ ZIP _____