

PENCIL CASE PROJECT 2012

~To Nicaragua With Love~

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Youth



Another hugely successful project!!! Thank you!

The participants in the Fourth Annual Pencil Case Project, "To Nicaragua With Love", were elementary schools in: Hamilton, London, Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo. Our Vincentian volunteers coordinated with the many teachers and principals, who encouraged their students to be part of "a good thing". They picked up in their respective cities and delivered their collections to Waterloo for sorting, counting and packaging.

Vincentian youth along with their family and friends packaged 5,500 lbs. of used school supplies, clothing, toys, arts/crafts, back packs, pencil cases, shoes and sporting goods. This is our largest collection to date! A 20-foot container was loaded and sent on its way on August 7th and is due to arrive in Corinto, Nicaragua on September 24th.

The National Council of Nicaragua will arrange ground transportation from port to a local site, where all items will be re-sorted and bundled for distribution to the many poor children and schools in their country.

Thank you to all the members of the Vincentian Family who participated in making this a successful project, 'from our youth to theirs'. A special thank you to Lillian Mulder from London, Ron Trent from Cambridge and Guido Kelly and Lorenzo Mostacci from Hamilton, for taking the time to be part of the organizing, collecting and delivery team! It would not have been possible without each of you! A great deal of thanks also goes out to CGI, who funded the shipping of the collection and offered valuable support during the early and later stages of planning.

Many teachers, principals, families, students and community members have already expressed their excitement in participating again next year. They are already thinking of ways to do more to bring awareness to our students. To show by example that every ruler, pencil, eraser and crayon they donate here, makes a huge impact on a student in a poor country and allows them to go to school. We are accomplishing a lot - one project at a time, one student at a time.

Humbly submitted by Carmela Addante, Waterloo

Collecting, Sorting, Counting and Packaging





Sample collection boxes at the school2



Hamilton truck



Receiving from Hamilton



Receiving from Hamilton2



Getting ready to sort



Street view of the operation



Waiting to be sorted



Sorting counting packind1



Sorting counting packing2



Sorting



Sorting boxes1



Sorting boxes2



Sorting boxes3



Sorting and counting



David and Gavin counting



Steve and Sean



Aidan and Marieke (co presidents) counting



Boys packing (Gavin, Sean, David, Evan)



Boys packing2



Aidan packing



Front view of load



Part of the load



20ft container arrives



Filling the container



Some of our volunteers



Leonte and Carmela exchanging letters of youth from Nicaragua and Canada