



Consuelo Buitrago Health Clinic

a model of successful community organizing

Success on a Shoestring

The Consuelo Buitrago Health Clinic serves a poor neighborhood in Managua, Nicaragua, under the direction of a group of dynamic grassroots organizers, the Consuelo Buitrago Women's Association (AMUCOBU).

Each year, the Health Clinic sees thousands of patients at a cost of about \$1.50 per visit. Clearly, every little bit helps the Health Clinic to provide primary care for women and children, along with a vaccination program, sanitation campaigns, public health education, and training of health *brigadistas*.

Beyond Health Care

In addition to providing health services, AMUCOBU has made many significant contributions to the community:

- Installing systems for potable water, sewer and electricity
- Creating a soy kitchen for malnourished children
- Creating a school offering pre-school, primary education, adult literacy and adult education
- Connecting children with their cultural heritage with a folkloric dance program
- Offering teens a future through a technical training program.

Santa Cruz Support

The Women's Empowerment Network, based in Santa Cruz, supports AMUCOBU's work. OUR MAJOR CHALLENGE IS TO KEEP THE HEALTH CLINIC OPEN. Our hope is to keep the small clinic pharmacy stocked with essential medications, and to provide a living wage to health workers to they may support their families while supporting their community.

Your support is more than an act of charity. Together, we are empowering an entire neighborhood to rise above the dire poverty plaguing their nation. Healthy women, children and communities will bring a better future to all of Nicaragua.

Third Annual Baile-thon!

Saturday, November 4, 2006

Noon to Midnight

Dance Lessons and Evening Dance Party

Motion Pacific Dance Studio

Downtown Santa Cruz

Come shake it for a good cause! Each year, the Baile-thon has been an outstanding success, raising approximately **\$9,000**. Like last year, **100% of the money raised will go to the Health Clinic!**

For more information or to register for the Baile-thon, visit
www.santacruzdanceathon.org

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