



## CASA – PUEBLITO IS COMMITTED TO GENDER EQUITY

Women are often held back by unequal access to education and opportunity, even though they reinvest up to 90% of their incomes in their families and communities, as opposed to 40% for men.

At Casa – Pueblito, we recognize the incomparable contribution that the women in our partner communities make to the development of their communities and education of their children and we have had the privilege of working with a number of incredible women who are tirelessly pursuing the betterment of their communities for themselves and future generations.



From women like Marta in Los Norteños who are concerned about access to potable water to the women in Santa Julia like Lola and Eloisa who are fighting to increase food sovereignty in their communities,

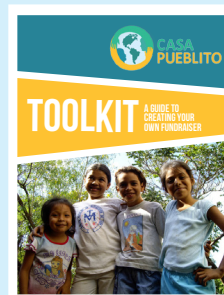
their property rights; who get involved in their community organizations. We are grateful for the host mothers that work with us to make our Global Education programming possible.

*we rely on women as agents of change in our partner communities.*

While the world recognizes one International Women’s Day each year, we are grateful year-round for the chance to know, support, and work with the women in our partner communities every single day.

We are proud to support women who work tirelessly against sexism, prejudice, and gendered violence in their communities; who help other women secure

### WEB EXCLUSIVE



Are you passionate about social justice and solidarity? Thinking of starting a Casa - Pueblito chapter in your school or university? Casa – Pueblito wants you to get involved! It’s easy and we are here to help you get started! Visit our website and download our Third Party Fund-raiser Starter Toolkit.

### WOMEN WHO INSPIRE US

The incredible women who are part of our partner communities in Nicaragua make the work that we do possible.

**DOÑA MARTA**  
UCA Tierra y Agua



is the Secretary of the Gaspar García Laviana Cooperative in the community.

**ZELINDA ROCCIA**  
Los Quinchos



is the Director of Los Quinchos Association.

**DOÑA LOLA**  
Gloria Quintanilla Women’s Cooperative



is the Treasurer of the Gloria Quintanilla Women’s Cooperative.

# INTRODUCING NEW PARTNERS!

Casa – Pueblito is pleased to introduce two new partner organizations that we are supporting for the first time in 2017!

## LOS QUINCHOS ASSOCIATION

was founded in 1991 with the mission of helping marginalized children. Since then, the Association has advocated for children and youth rights in Nicaragua, specifically for children who are impacted by drug abuse, abandonment, sexual abuse, and family violence.

Los Quinchos works with homeless children and youth, houses them in Los Quinchos shelters, and rehabilitates them while they attend public school and learn additional vocational skills. The children and youth are given psy-

chological and medical attention by a team of psychologists, social workers, and nurses.

This year, Casa – Pueblito is working with Los Quinchos to improve the infrastructure of the agricultural area of their farm, which houses chickens, pigs, chicks, cows, sheep, and ducks. Youth will spend time at the farm learning about agriculture and farming and participate in workshops about environmental protection, soil management, composting, planting techniques, and proper farm animal management.

We're excited to help educate a new generation of children on the importance of environmental protection against the dangers of climate change, teach disadvantaged youth vocational skills that they can use in the future, and support an organization that advocates for children's rights.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Casa – Pueblito works in solidarity with our community partners to create positive change in 5 main project areas.

1. FOOD & WATER SECURITY
2. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
3. HEALTH & SANITATION
4. EDUCATION & CULTURE
5. GENDER EQUALITY



## CENTRO PROMOCIONAL CRISTIANO POR LA PAZ Y LA VIDA (CPC)

is a non-profit association, primarily led by women, that has provided visual arts classes to the municipality of San Ramón since 1988.

It is also the first arts school in the municipality's history functioning as an accredited extension of the National School of Fine Arts. Students

come from all over the department of Matagalpa to study there! We're excited to partner with CPC por la Paz y Vida to promote traditional knowledge, cultural expression, and improve children's sense of self-esteem and capabilities through arts-based education.

Casa – Pueblito will be working with the CPC in 2017 to provide visual arts, music, and dance classes to children and youth in San Ramón as a way to reinforce a sense of cultural identity among the residents of San Ramón.

## THANK YOU!

Casa - Pueblito impacted 339 families, 221 youth, 100 teachers and 84 artisans through 10 projects varying in objectives from environmental justice to education and culture in 2015.

## OUR TEAM

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