Dear Interested Persons:

Muchas Manos Light Work was formed in May 2007 after a UNI class returned from the Matagalpa region of Nicaragua. Our group received much more of an educational experience than we thought possible from a regular college class. Ten days in the Central American country inspired our classmates to create a non-profit organization to reach out and help many of the Nicaraguans we met.

Our group of college students visited a couple small, rural communities in the northern part of the country. Our main project was to assist in building houses for a couple of the families in the mountainous village of Siares. While interacting with the community members, we realized many of the young Nicaraguans strive for the same things we do. Many of the youth participate in improving their communities and dream of going to college some day.

Now that we are all back in Iowa, we remember our profound learning experiences in Nicaragua. We are returning the favor by improving the educational opportunities for the youth of Siares and another nearby village, Guadalupe. Our current projects include opening a library in Guadalupe, providing the elementary school in Siares with school supplies, and developing a scholarship fund for students to go to college. We would like to provide scholarships to support these students through the standard five years of college. The range of tuition for Nicaraguan universities is from $700 to $3000 per year.

If you are interested in learning more about our organization and seeing updates on our projects, please view our website:

http://www.uni.edu/~schragec/Muchas_Manos.html

Or contact us directly:

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Members are willing to come and speak to your organization or group as well. If you would like to help our cause with a donation, please direct your checks to the following location:

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 c/o CBB 261
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 Cedar Falls, IA  50614

We appreciate your interest in Muchas Manos Light Work and look forward to hearing from you or your organization.

Thank you,
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