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MATERIAL AID CAMPAIGN FOR PUERTO CABEZAS

Our Sister Needs Our Help!

The greater Burlington community is organizing a major material aid drive to assist the people of our sister-city, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. Your help and contributions are urgently needed by November 1.

Puerto Cabezas, the key city on the isolated Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, was proclaimed the sister city of Burlington by a resolution of the Burlington Board of Aldermen in September 1984. This sister city relationship is one of approximately 15 U.S.-Nicaraguan city partnerships established to forge friendly, peaceful and constructive ties between the people of our two nations. Yet the people of Puerto Cabezas—a majority of whom are Miskito Indian—are suffering terribly from the devastating effects of the United States "contra" war in Nicaragua and the U.S. economic and trade embargo. We are beginning a statewide campaign to raise needed materials and to recruit specialists to help Puerto Cabezas rebuild and move ahead.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED:

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT Contact: Jed Lowy, 658-4530

HEALTH: Kerosene Stove, spoons, pitchers, pots, washing brushes, breast pumps, scissors, metallic pots, stethoscope, containers for sterilizing gauze, otoscope, fetoscope (fetus), centrimetrica, ternometro, thermometers, adult scales, delivery beds, steam pressure sterilizing apparatus, equipment for minor surgery, large sheets, towels, elastic bandages, sanitary napkins (Kotex), pre-natal control table, pediatrician's scales, electric sterilizers, kidney machine (metallic), dolly, robes, gloves, eye tweezers, plastic glasses, complete delivery set, glass and throw away injections (#2cc, 3cc, 5cc, 100cc), distiller.

GRAY

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Microscope, Automatic machine to count white and red blood cells, padlocks, bandage scissors, typewriter, fire extinguisher, x-ray film (14" by 17"), portable resuscitating bag, refrigerator, washer and dryer.

AGRICULTURAL & FISHING SUPPLIES AND TOOLS Contact: Roger Clapp, 862-0804

Cell net #2, multifilament, multifilament thread, sciss bell, buoys, rope 5/16 diameter, multifilament thread for: 80, 100, 120, 150 lbs. of pressure, outboard motors, hooks #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, rust resistant paint for the boats, fish cleaning knives, sharpening stones, scales, fishing/diving gloves, canvas for sails, flashlights, batteries for flashlights and calculators, simple calculators, record/cassette players, cassettes, paper bond #40, shovels—all types, wheelbarrows, hand tools, pikes, rakers, seeders, hammers, crowbars, machetes, small scale farm tools, hoes.

EDUCATIONAL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT Contact: Joanna Berk, 658-9626

EDUCATION: Notebooks, pens and pencils, office supplies, equipment for science labs, maps of the world in Spanish, books of all kinds, especially in Spanish, reference books, typewriter ribbons.

OFFICE SUPPLIES: manual typewriter ribbons, pencils, pens, paper (bond), folders and other organizing methods.

CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT Contact: Richard Kemp, 655-9563

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL NEEDS: Softball gloves for team and softballs, guitar strings (folk), tape recorders, record players, slide projector and extra bulbs, musical instruments, balls for children.

RETURN TO THE MISKITO HOMELAND—

Materials needed for construction: Zinc nails, common nails, smooth zinc 31 x6 plgs x 6—cal 26 (plgs=inches), corrugated zinc 31 x12 plgs—cal 26, 3' hinges, electric (motorized) saws, machetes, files, palas mango largo—long-handled, hammers, crowbars, levers, 26' hand saws, money for food and seeds.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED:

*For costs involved in shipping material aid to Puerto Cabezas:

Thousands of dollars will be needed to pay for cargo containers and shipping material aid to Puerto Cabezas. Most of the organizations involved in delivering material aid to Nicaragua transport to the Managua-Puerto Corinto region in the west. We know that there will be extra expense in getting supplies safely to Puerto Cabezas.

*For support of the Burlington-Puerto Cabezas Sister City Program here in Vermont:

The sister-city program is funded totally by private contributions, always in short supply. Your financial assistance can help make possible community educational programs, speakers, films, mailings, and hopefully, a regular newsletter to inform Vermonters about the program and encourage their understanding and support of Puerto Cabezas and its people.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO:

Burlington-Puerto Cabezas SISTER CITY PROGRAM

c/o Mayor's Office
City Hall

Burlington, Vermont 05401

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