



FINAL REPORT 2019

Comprehensive development centre Corazón Contento

Granada, Nicaragua

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Another year...

December has finally arrived, and it is a month of love, and family. For Corazon Contenido it verifies that we have Completed another year providing our services to the Special Needs community of Granada. It has not been an easy year but with the support we continue to receive we know that our services will continue to serve Granada. Our Staff is motivated and compassionate which strengthens our organization and it inspires us to continue to develop new projects and skills.

We wish you a A Merry Christmas and New Year filled with good health, adventure, and love.

William Ashman
Founder



Physical Therapy

Every day our babies are provided with Physical therapy sessions. Physical therapy has been instrumental in the development of all of our participants.

Thanks to the professional work of our trained therapists Pablo and Ligia, the developmental goals have not only been reached but surpassed. Since the parents are directly involved in these therapies and continue to work with their children at home it is even more evident to them the successes that have been accomplished,



Physical Therapy

UNAN (a prestigious University in Managua) sends their students to have practical study at Corazon Contento. This not only helps the Therapeutic development at Corazon Contento but also generates professionals that can help treat special needs individuals through out Nicaragua.



Psychology



Autism disorder has become one of the main focuses of our center in recent years. Our professionals are responsible for the therapies, school coordination and family counseling of these patients. In addition, we seek alternative activities that benefit these children. Activities such as equine therapy, walks in the park, and practicing exercises have been proven very successful.

Speech therapy



Our participants from an early age have received Language Stimulation therapies. Having the parents involved during the therapy has proven to advance our participant's ability to communicate, because the therapy continues through the parents at home.

We believe it is essential that children acquire any form of communication that promotes their inclusion into the family, community and finally the work force.

When we started, no Universities gave courses in Speech Therapy. Now they provide Speech Therapy classes for students to train them to work with special needs people.



Occupational Therapy



Our young participants continue to advance in their ability to enter the work force. Some of them had their work place study during the months of October, November and December. We thank Movistar, Pharmacy Ruiz, Salon Alvarado, Claudia coffee and self-washing The King, for providing our young people with that learning experience.



Hand Crafts



Thread bracelets, leather keychains and recycled paper cards, are some of the products that our young people have made during this year. This project both helps to raise funds to cover some of the expenses of the center but also at the same time establishes work routines with the goal of preparing them to enter the work force.



The Cafe with heart



We thank BPN for their support of this new project “Café with Heart” at our center. Our young people have been able to show off their newly taught skills with pride to their “customers”. Our goal is to prepare them with the necessary tools and skills to participate with chores at home and ultimately, to work outside our center. This initiative also has created attitudes of respect and understanding for special needs individuals by the customers. The customers leave with more than coffee and something to eat but an appreciation for this group of loving people. We also feel this will be proof to restaurants, hotels etc. to see the value in employing special needs individuals.

Leisure Time



- Thanks to the support of LIDIA TEIXIDOR and others we have had different weekly leisure activities that allow young people and children with disabilities to enjoy nature, relax and thus control some of the symptoms or physical problems that present themselves.



Taekwondo



The integration of people with disabilities into culture and sport is a fundamental pillar of our project. Our athletes improve every day with their newly taught techniques. They have been fortunate to participate in competitions at the National level. These competitions are a combination of participants with and without disabilities. Not only can our youngsters show their skills but learn to interact and respect athletes with or without disabilities and visa versa.



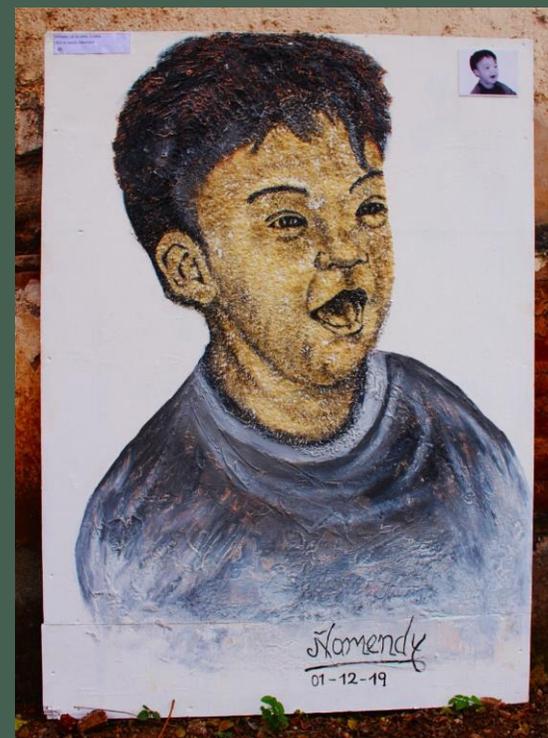
Contentarte

Contentarte, our inclusive art project, had in December its third theatrical premiere: the musical, The Lion King. The performances were held in Selina Granada and in the Plaza Santa Ana, Nandaime. Thanks to the support of the Cultural Center of Spain in Nicaragua, this project has grown and developed enormously. It also educates the public that individuals with disabilities and art can come together with a beautiful artistic result.



Contentarte

Within the framework of the art project, in December we exhibited in our center SE TOCA, NO SE VE, (THEY TOUCH, THEY DO NOT SEE) the goal was to promote art not only visually, but tactilely. We want to make people understand the importance of valuing the non-visual, as a fundamental part of life. This helps so that they understand the difficulties and limitations that people with visual disabilities have and how they can live their day to day lives.



Feria Disca+



On the International Day of Disability, Saturday, December 7th, we held a fair in Selina Granada where we sold the products that our young people make. We also organized the fourth job placement forum.

We invited entrepreneurs and businessmen who have supported us to give us ideas and make suggestions on how to improve the integration of our young people into the workplace.



Christmas



Like every year, we had a big Christmas celebration. Due to the economic slowdown in Nicaragua our funds were limited. However, thanks to community support, two events were held, one with the “Basket Runners group” of Granada and another in Nandaime. These events helped to raise funds for our Party allowing all of our participants and their families to receive presents and enjoy our Christmas party. Social Center Tío Antonio, María Auxiliadora Fajardo and Sacuanjoche textil also contributed to this celebration. It was a big success. Watch some of the party below on YouTube.

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The strength is in our
differences

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