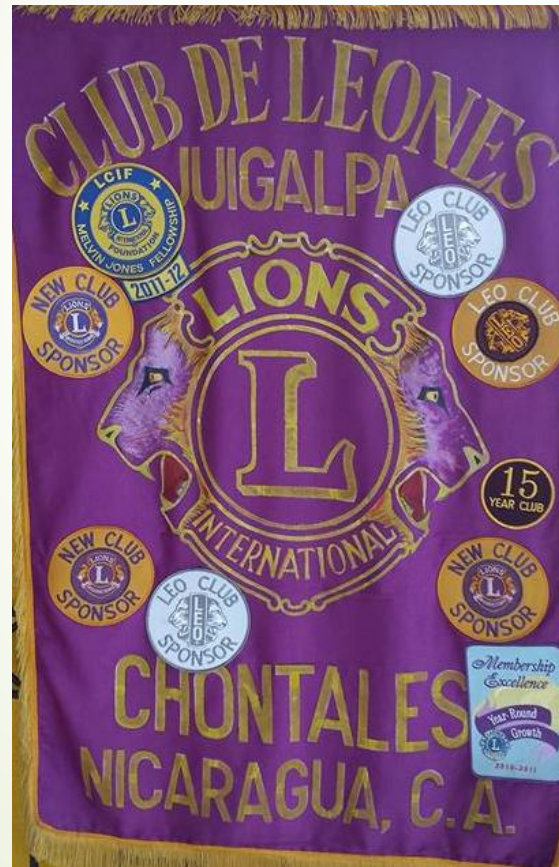
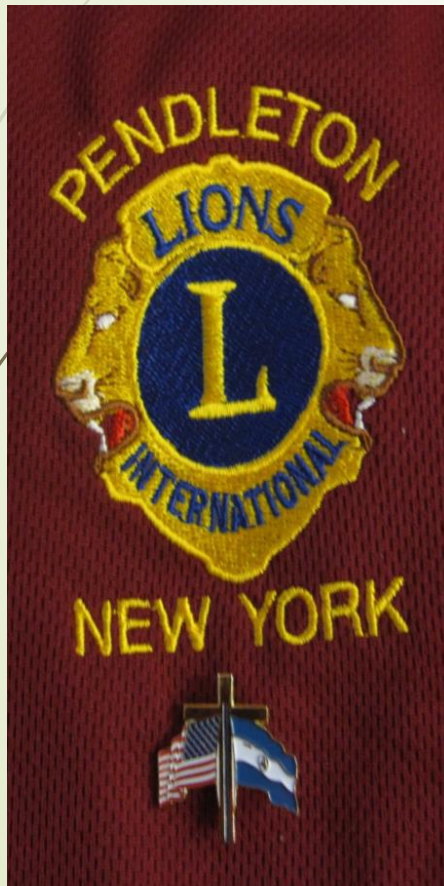


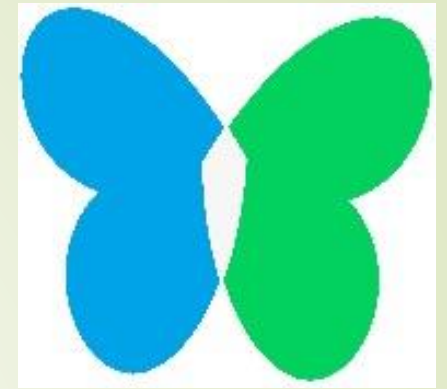
# Hopeful Ways

*Providing Hope - Enriching Lives*



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

# Who / What is Hopeful Ways?

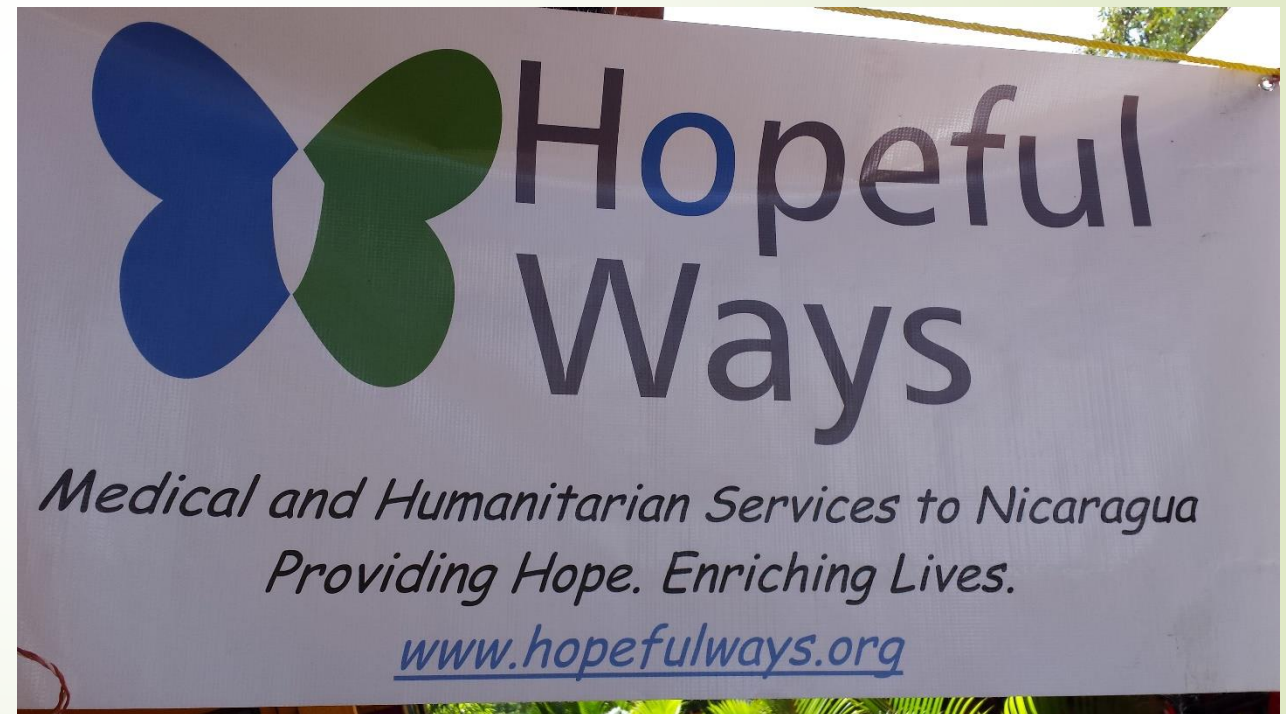


- All-volunteer 501c3 non-profit
- [www.HopefulWays.org](http://www.HopefulWays.org)

## ➤ Mission Statement

Hopeful Ways provides medical & humanitarian services and educational opportunities to improve the quality of life for the people of Nicaragua.

We do this with great love, compassion, and a sincere desire to be of service to those living in impoverished conditions.



# Why Nicaragua ?

- Second Poorest Country in the Western Hemisphere
  - 65% Unemployment
  - No Social Programs such as Medicare or Medicaid or Weltare
  - Mostly Cottage Industry – Home Based Businesses
- People are hard working and friendly
- Mainly Rural – Agriculture and Ranching
- High Illiteracy Rate
- Spotty Medical Care
  - Extensive need for Eye Care
  - Eyeglass can equal 6 Months Wages
- Housing conditions are poor in rural areas
- Lack of Clean Drinking Water can cause illness and disease.



# Where is Nicaragua ?



# Hopeful Ways Eye Care Missions



# Program Goals

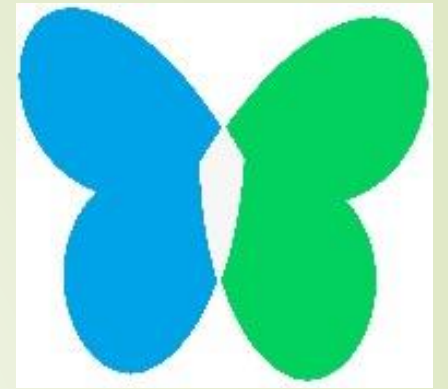
- Provide quality and free eye care services and humanitarian aid to *the poor in Nicaragua.*
- Establish sustainable Eye Care Clinics that deliver free services independent of USA medical brigade.
- Build relationships between Lions Clubs in Nicaragua and the USA.



# Medical Brigade Feb 3 – 17, 2018

- 19 Brigade Volunteers – USA
- 1 Optometrist
- 3 Opticians
- 1 Registered Nurses
- 14 Non-medical Volunteers
- Including 5 USA Lions & 1 Rotarian

**Teustepe  
Team**



**NPH  
Children's  
Home**



# Nicaraguan Volunteers

- Juigalpa Lions & Leos Club
- Camoapa Lions Club
- Nicaraguan Eye Care Professionals
  - 1 Ophthalmologist
  - 1 Optometrist
  - 1 Optician
- Translators
- Community Leaders





# Project Financial Support

- Medical Brigade Volunteers
- Individual Donors
- 18 District 20-N Lions Clubs
- Corporate / Civic Donors
  - John Newman Mission Community
  - Robert J Woods Foundation
  - Veterinary Study Groups
- Corporate Sponsors
  - Alcon – Pharmaceuticals
  - Allergan – Pharmaceuticals
  - PlusOptix – Loan of Vision Screener Instrument



# Patient Eye Care Services

## 2 Week Project Results

- 2193 Patients treated
- 2071 Vision screenings
- 956 Auto-refractions
- 361 Optometrist examinations
- 1101 Eyeglasses dispensed
- 1626 Sunglasses dispensed
- 224 Safety glasses dispensed
- 417 Eye drops dispensed
- 54 Prosthetic eyes fitted
- 65 Eye Surgeries Scheduled



# Waiting for Eye Care

People waiting at Registration to enter Hopeful Ways Eye Clinic.

Patients wait at autorefractometer station to receive eyeglass prescription



Patient Group #1 waiting for Cataract Surgery at FONIPRECE



# Waiting for Eye Care

So Many People, So Little Time.....



The Need is  
**GREAT!**

Hundreds of  
people were  
turned away  
without receiving  
services.



# Community We Serve



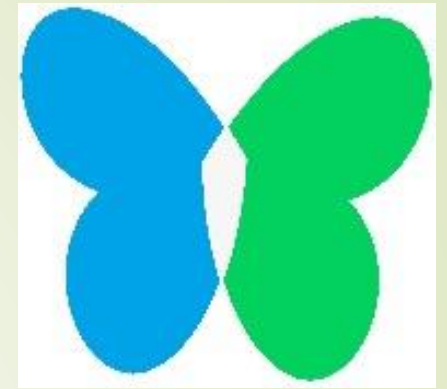
# Our Patients



# Our Patients



# Eye Surgeries



<u>Surgical Condition</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Scheduled</u>
➤ Total Evaluated	94	65
➤ Cataract	43	35
➤ Pterygium	14	9
➤ Other Conditions	23	10
➤ Non-Surgical	14	0



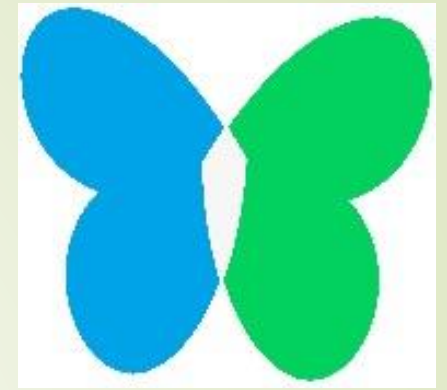
**Cataract  
Surgery  
at  
FONIPRECE**





# Artificial Eyes

- Cosmetic only – no vision improvement
- Provides normal appearance for social acceptance
- 54 prosthetic (artificial) eyes fitted
- Nicaragua eye care professional is being trained to fit prosthetic (artificial) eyes



# Sustainable Eye Care Services

- FONIPRECE Eye Surgery Clinic (Non-profit)
  - Cataract surgery for \$150/patient
  - Strabismus surgery for \$700/patient
  - Corneal Transplant & others \$1,500 - \$5,000/patient
  - Waiting List for all surgeries – funding limited
- Fully Functional Eye Care Clinics in Juigalpa & Rivas
  - Hopeful Ways Instrumentation Installed in Clinics
  - Eyeglass Collections in 3 cities (6,000+ Eyeglasses each)
  - Nicaragua Lions Trained to Assist Eye Care Professionals
  - Nicaragua Lions hold mini-brigade projects independently
  - FONIPRECE provides eye care professionals to Lion Brigades



# Goodwill Activities

- Hopeful Ways donated excess medications and surgical supplies to Juigalpa & Testepe Hospitals, FONIPRECE Eye Surgery Clinic and NPH Children's Home Clinic.



# Lions Participating in Brigades



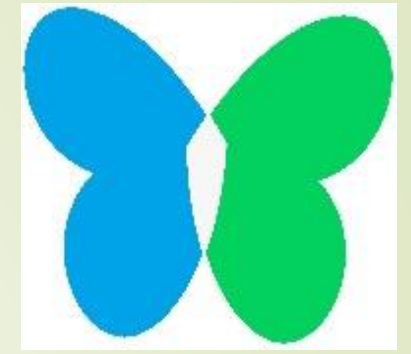
## USA Lions Members

- Paul Aswad Pendleton NY
- Jim Carlins Pendleton NY
- Al Carpenter Boston NY
- Anne Fahning Grand Island NY
- Ken Goulding Pendleton NY
- Katelyn Heller Boston NY
- Bob Hemeon Danvers MA
- Brian Mau Pendleton NY
- Greg Petronio Danvers MA
- Joe Shiah Kenmore NY
- Kim Stribing Lancaster NY

## Nicaragua Lions Clubs

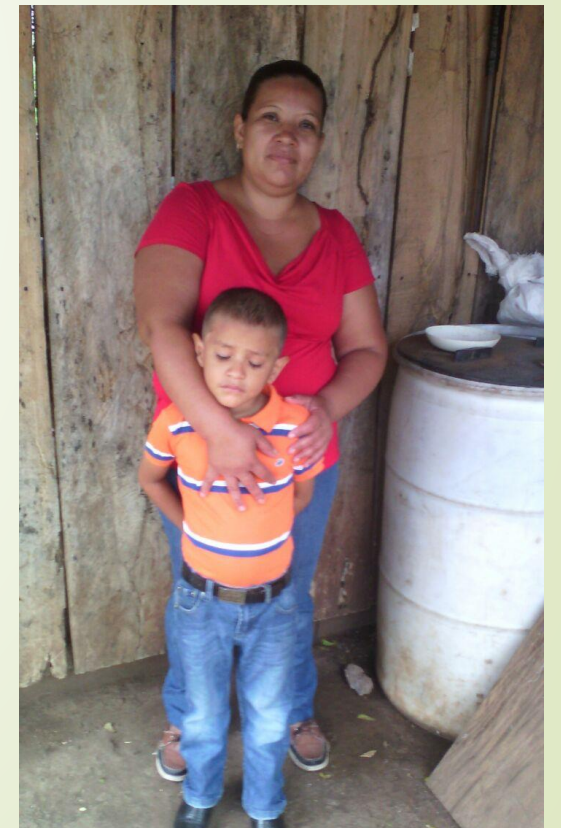
- Camoapa Lions Club
- Camoapa Leos Club
- Camoapa University Lions Clubs
- Juigalpa Lions Club
- Juagalpa Leos Club
- Managua Lions Club
- Rivas Decano Lions Club
- Santo Tomàs Lions Club

# Cumulative Impact on People's Lives



- People helped Over 17,000
- Eyeglasses dispensed Over 12,000
- Sunglasses dispensed Over 11,000
- Safety glasses dispensed Over 750
- Eye drops dispensed Over 7,500
- Eye Surgeries Performed Over 450
- Artificial Eyes Fitted Over 200

Christian: Recipient of a Corneal Transplant



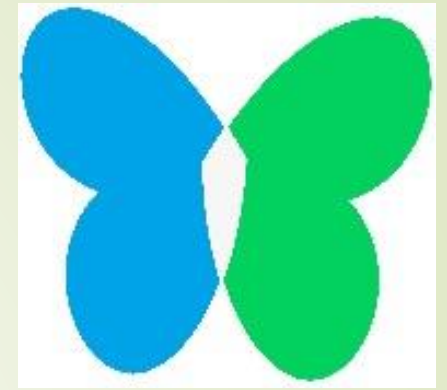
# Want to Help ? ? ?

- ▶ Volunteer to Help Organize Future Missions
  - ▶ Travel to Nicaragua is not Required
  - ▶ Manage / Coordinate Volunteers and Documentation
  - ▶ Collect and Coordinate Project Supplies
- ▶ Join the Mission Brigade & Travel to Nicaragua
  - ▶ Especially Eye Care Professionals and **Lions** !
  - ▶ Anyone can Join – No Specific Skills Required
  - ▶ Willingness to Volunteer & Desire to Help Others → → **Lionism!**
- ▶ Fundraising and/or Donations of Supplies
- ▶ Questions ????
- ▶ Contact: Jim Carlins 716-909-8942 [JJCarlins@Hopefulways.org](mailto:JJCarlins@Hopefulways.org)



# Eye Care Equipment Needs

## \$8,000 – \$10,000 Needed



- Autorefractor (\$4,000 - \$6,000 used)
  - Quick method for obtaining eyeglass prescription for most patients



# Eye Care Equipment Needs

## \$8,000 – \$10,000 Needed



- Phoropter (~\$3,000 used)
  - Allows Optometrist to obtain a detailed eyeglass prescription.



- Tonometer (~\$1,000 used)
  - Measures eye pressure to test for glaucoma