



Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the world, second only to Haiti. A decade of Communist control, followed by the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998, drove thousands of families to city dumps to survive. The country has not yet recovered and many families must still scavenge the dumps to exist.



Betsy was a tireless advocate for the Children of the Dump through the financial support and promotion of the "Beads of Hope" and the Rotary Shoebox programs. She created the marketing idea of "fundraiser in a box" to market "Beads of Hope" in the US. "Beads of Hope" are bracelets that are handcrafted by students at the Dump School out of recycled wall paper.



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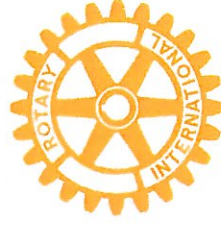
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In Memory of Betsy Demaray
1952-2013

Betsy Demaray Legacy of Love Scholarship Fund



Betsy was one of the first women members of the Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan Rotary Club, twice as President of her club, once as District Governor. She became the second woman to serve on the Board of Directors for Rotary International, and the first woman selected to serve as Rotary International Treasurer.

During her 25 years as a Rotarian, Betsy was involved in many local, regional and international service projects. She was especially touched by the "Children of the Dump Project." On two occasions she traveled to Chinandega, Nicaragua to personally hand out shoeboxes to the students who Rotary helped rescue from the dump. That experience led to her quest to do everything in her power to get the children of the dump into school and keep them there. It was her dream to enable students from the United States to personally experience the joy of handing out the shoeboxes and create public awareness of the plight of these children. She was also an advocate of enabling Children of the Dump students to pursue Nicaraguan university degrees.



The Sault Rotary Club has established a fund to support student scholarship programs to carry on Betsy's work helping the Children of the Dump.

One scholarship program is for students from District 6290 to experience the Rotary shoebox distribution by personally traveling to Chinandega to visit the Dump School and hand out the shoeboxes to the kids.



It was Betsy's hope that students who witnessed the Children of the Dump scavenging for food among cows, dogs, and vermin, would be inspired and become passionate advocates for the Children of the Dump Project and return to pursue fundraising and public awareness efforts in their communities. The goal is to help the Nicaraguan children break the cycle of extreme poverty.

The second scholarship program is for graduates of the Children of the Dump School to further their education at the university level in Nicaragua.



This scholarship will cover the direct educational expenses associated with a university education toward a degree for selected graduates from the Children of the Dump School. The goal of the competitive scholarship and the selection criteria is to insure the scholarship recipients possess a passion for service and will use their education to support the Children of the Dump project both through service and fundraising.

