

Why I like to go to the centre...



... because selling piñatas brings me money that belongs only to me



... because there are books that I can read again and again



... because I can train on a computer; I'm sure that I might need that one day



... because I learn how to paint and to draw and so I can participate in designing the centre



... because we get information about children's rights and nobody can send me out in the streets for selling



... because there is enough space and I can shout and scream to my heart's content



... because I don't have to pay for coaching in Spanish and Maths



... because in our new kitchen I can learn how to cook cheap and healthy meals



... because I like to dance and when performing I can put on a nice dress

the history

In 1996 "la fraternidad" was founded by Rosa Estela Ochoa Palma, a former mother of the SOS-Children's Villages who took care of children threatened by violence, poverty, neglect and abuse. In the beginning she worked in her own house, later a small office was provided for free by the city of Condega.

The crucial factor for the work of the centre is the inclusion of parents since violence, children and adolescents are exposed to, often derives from the children's homes.

We have been supporting the centre since 1997 by financing the salaries for 9 employees (about € 75 net a month). That makes a total amount of € 10.000 gross a year including all social security contributions, which can be provided with the support of friends, the BRG XXII (grammar school in the 22. district of Vienna), the Entwicklungshilfeklub (development club) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) of the Republic of Austria.



Leo, Ivan, Isa, Rosita, Elvin, Belma, Ana, Estelita

Every summer during our school holidays we travel to Condega to discuss strategies how to improve the quality of care with our employees.

the centre – a meeting place

Within the framework of a cofinanced project with ADA it was possible to finance a new building in which successful work has been taking place since 2006.



Apart from rooms for different workshops the centre has a kitchen with a dining room, a stage with an auditorium and sanitary facilities.

This infrastructure which includes an internet-café can be used out of office hours as a meeting place by all residents of this poor district.

In order to be able to offer this place of unconditional affection to young people and to guarantee work for our 9 employees we need your support and we are pleased to answer your questions.

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is a centre for socially highly endangered children and adolescents in the small city of Condega in the north of Nicaragua.

For over 100 children and adolescents, aged between 4 and 19 years, this is often the only place where they are met with respect and love.

Nicaragua is a country

- that has a rate of unemployment which is over 50% and therefore many parents are forced to look for a job abroad
- in which school attendance is by no means a matter of course
- where many children have to work as street vendors, bootblacks, home helps, paperboys..
- that suffers from the world economic crisis although the Sandinist government invests in education, health, programmes against hunger and personal loans
- that we have learnt to love with all its contrasts

