

RAISING SUPPORT



An Overview of Fundraising

INDIVIDUAL MISSION COSTS (\$1350; \$100 payable in Nicaragua, \$1250 payable in U.S.)

In 2015 Corner of Love's Board of Directors adopted a new policy regarding fundraising done by mission team members. The new guidelines, which apply to all participants who go to Nicaragua with our organization, are as follows:

1. The individual mission cost of \$1250 (for personal transportation, food, excursion, and hotel while on the trip plus provision towards medicine that will be distributed by your team) may be fundraised using Corner of Love's EIN No. 36-4612230.
2. In order to use Corner of Love's EIN No. 36-4612230, team members should complete an Individual Support Contract.
3. The suggested methods of fundraising are:
 - Crowdrise.com
 - Personalized letters to family and friends (before sending out letters, please email a copy of your letter to Corner of Love so it can be reviewed and approved)
4. It is possible to also raise funds using Corner of Love's EIN No. 36-4612230 to purchase a traveler's airfare. To do this, the team member must first meet their fundraising goal of \$1250. Additionally, airfare payments may only be paid directly to a credit card company OR purchased directly by COL. (Airfare payments may NOT be reimbursed to the individual.) The team member must also raise the amount in its entirety, as partial payments cannot be made towards airfare.
5. All checks made out to Corner of Love for the purpose of funding someone's individual mission cost or airfare should include a separate NOTE indicating whom the donation is intended for. To help Corner of Love comply with I.R.S. guidelines DO NOT instruct family and friends to write the traveler's name in the memo portion of the check. A **separate** insert or note should specify the traveler's name and trip date.

You may request a few sample fundraising letter templates from Corner of Love. We can share these with you electronically if you request them via email from trips@corneroflove.org. Feel free to personalize the letters and send to family and friends. Free boxes of giving envelopes are also available.

Below are some commonly asked questions regarding raising support:

1. How much of my \$1250 individual trip cost (payable in U.S.) can I fundraise for?
You may use Corner of Love's EIN number to raise up to \$1150 of your \$1250 personal cost. Every traveler must pay at least \$100 of his or her own funds towards their mission trip. (See the Individual Support Contract)
2. Can I fundraise using Corner of Love's EIN number for the \$100 that is payable in Nicaragua?
No. This amount must be paid in cash in Nicaragua, thus you cannot turn it in prior to your arrival in country. Someone *could* give you the funds to take with you to Nicaragua, but since Corner of Love U.S. did not receive the funds, they are not tax-deductible.
3. Can I fundraise using Corner of Love's EIN number for my own spending money and funds for team dinners in restaurants in Nicaragua?
No, unfortunately not. You should plan to bring the amount that is indicated on the What To Bring list to cover dinner and/or ice cream in Matagalpa or Managua.
4. Can I fundraise using Corner of Love's EIN number for the cost to check my second piece of cargo luggage, which is usually \$40?

Yes. You can turn in money you fundraise for this purpose and request to be reimbursed for your payment to the airlines to ship your second suitcase. (The first suitcase is usually free.)

5. I gave an item or funds at Corner of Love's auction (or other event). Can that item or donation count towards my individual trip cost?

No. Items or donations made at Corner of Love events like Winter Dreams, Nica Dinners, or any other organization-sponsored function cannot be allocated towards personal costs for transportation, food, excursion, and hotel while on the trip. Your gifts at these events are wholeheartedly appreciated and certainly what keeps our mission moving forward with this special work. Our hope is that every participant that joins a team, however, is engaged in raising their own trip costs. Special circumstances may be discussed with Tanya or Nelson Amador or approved by a team leader.

We have seen low-income teens from the Southern U.S. who could not afford their own airfare raise more than \$13,000 after they worked together to fundraise and buy all their plane tickets. PRAISE GOD!

We have seen a single mother from Burien, WA who works two jobs and has three children raise all the funds needed for a mission trip! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR GOD!

We have seen a small team of Jamaican-American young adults carry out three car washes and fund all of their mission trip costs plus donate \$3,600 for vitamins and construction supplies. GOD WORKS THROUGH ALL WILLING SERVANTS!