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# Doctors for Doctors & Nurses for Nurses 2019 Annual Report



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## Founder's Message by Andrew Wilson

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The working climate for those in Nicaragua has not been easy this year. I continue to be inspired by the incredible work our students and doctors are doing in Nicaragua to deliver healthcare to their communities. I consider myself very lucky to be in a position to know and work with them.

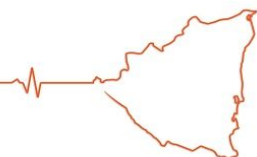


Our team in Canada has also continued to excel. Thanks to our monthly 'vital donors', we have been able to hire an Executive Director in Nicaragua to carry out important work on the ground on behalf of DFD/NFN, its students and its doctors. This has been a year where DFD/NFN has grown because of the work of incredible volunteers: just a few examples of this success are the Nurses for Nurses successful fundraiser, our fundraising database which allows us to support donors better, and building capacity in Nicaragua to sponsor our first Nurse.

As well, Development Works, the speaker series and the podcast discussing international development will come to a close starting in 2020. We chose to end the series to concentrate our efforts more on our students and fundraising. Because Development Works does not involve or impact our students in Nicaragua, we chose to cut it from our program. I will miss it personally, but the recordings and episodes of the program will serve as a record of the brilliant minds that spoke on Development Works and their episodes have been moved onto their own YouTube playlist.

In 2020, we will be continuing to support our current students, working with Dr. Bryan to deliver healthcare in his community, and sponsoring a Nurse. It will be the first year Dr. Bryan is completely out of school and will be working back home in his community.

“Se hace camino al andar”  
“You make the path by walking on it”  
-Antonio Machado



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## Student Leaders in the Scholarship Program

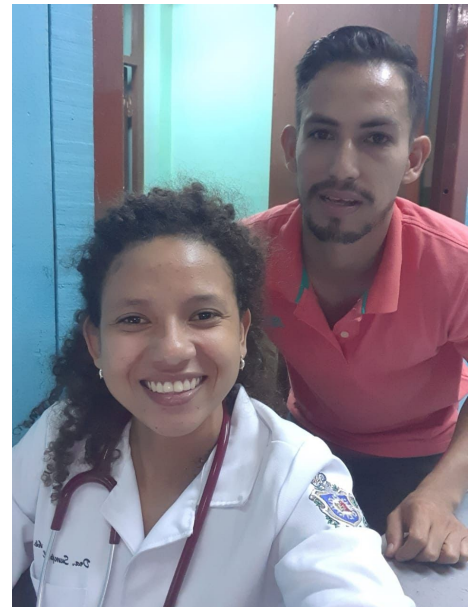


*From Left to right: Juan Carlos (Volunteer), and students Brandon, Kimberly, Victor, and Mikee (Volunteer)*

## Dr. Bryan finished his medical research

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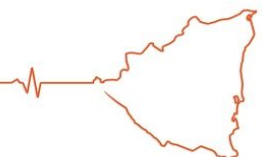
Finishing his medical research this year on “Regulatory compliance of patients with urinary infections”, Bryan is all set for this year. This means that he has now left the realm of school and scholarship and is now working as a medical doctor in his country. Congratulations to Bryan for his hard work and efforts! Even while completing his research, he was taking part in the ‘Days for Girls’ campaigns, a program that educates young women in Nicaragua on menstrual, sexual and reproductive health.



## Kimberly

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Kimberly has officially graduated and received her medical degree at the end of 2019 after finishing her favourite clinical rotation of pediatrics. Even in the last year of her schooling, she has continued to give back by providing ‘Days for Girls’ campaigns throughout the year. With the hardest years of school behind her, she will enter what is called her two ‘Social Service’ years, where she will work as a clinical intern for Nicaragua’s public healthcare system.



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## Brandon

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Brandon made big DFD/NFN news this year when he gave his vacation days as a medical student to research the water quality of his community and a neighbouring community along the southern border of Nicaragua. His interest as a medical doctor has begun to expand into public health as he finishes his third year of school this year. We are so proud to be working with Brandon.



A note on **Victor**,

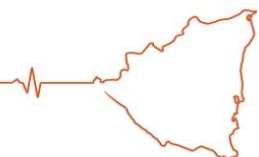
We are happy to report that Victor, DFD/NFN's first sponsored dental student, has found a permanent and committed donor for the remainder of his studies. He has been moved out of the DFD/NFN program and we wish him success in his studies. He has now finished his fourth year of studies and will be entering his fifth year of dental school in 2020.

## Nurses for Nurses by Mikee Villaflor

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Mikee Villaflor, the Director of Nurses for Nurses (NFN) had the opportunity to visit Nicaragua in February 2019. She was able to meet with our local partners. She spent time in local clinics, participated in public outreach programs, and opened the dialogue for international development with local Nicaraguan healthcare professionals. During her time there, she was able to learn more about the Nicaraguan health care system while identifying NFN opportunities to empower local nurses to improve health care access to rural populations.



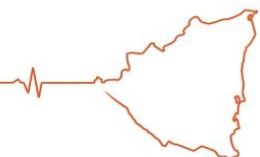


This year, NFN had additional dedicated volunteers join the team that worked together in strengthening and supporting NFN’s vision, direction and events throughout the year. The NFN team held a Yoga in the Park fundraiser that also included a silent auction in June 2019. This successful event raised over \$1,000. These funds will go towards NFN’s project for the coming year.

*(Mikee Villaflor in front of Socrates Flores Clinic in Managua, Nicaragua)*

In 2020, NFN looks forward to sponsoring our first nursing student which will provide a fully funded scholarship to a high potential nursing student and will send them to nursing school locally in Nicaragua. NFN is committed to investing in healthy futures by empowering young individuals to take responsibility for the health of their home communities. Nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system, and our aim is to empower a nursing student in that they will one day treat thousands of patients every year in rural areas where no health care was previously available.

*“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” - Malcom X*



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# Volunteer highlights

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## A Statement from volunteer Erick Rocha

I'm from Managua, the main city in Nicaragua. As you may have heard, Nicaragua has had a lot of political turmoil since 2018. I was a student protesting the Nicaraguan government's abuse of human rights in early 2018 when I had to escape because of threats to my life. I started volunteering with DFD/NFN last year after meeting Andrew and hearing about the students. I have enjoyed conducting outreach activities, establishing relations between

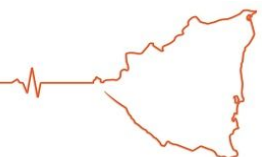
Nicaragua and Canada, and researching nursing programs in Nicaragua for this coming year. I like that I can help very talented Nicaraguans to obtain their professional degrees because I know that life as a student in Nicaragua can be difficult at this time.

## University Student Clubs

With a presence at both the University of Toronto (thanks Niha/Ghazaleh) and the University of Guelph (thanks Nandini), our student clubs have been a part of our organization since 2016. The student clubs support the organization through fundraising efforts as well as community outreach to the wider academic community. Looking forward to another year with some incredible student leaders working to support our work.

## Canadian Operations

This year was a slower year that saw a smaller volunteer team be more efficient with their work, but struggled to find new fundraising opportunities and maintain the old ones. We also saw the departure of one of our longest serving volunteers - Amanda - who is taking a pause to start a family (we miss you Amanda!), but wish her all the best. Looking forward to 2020 in Canadian Ops, where team lead Mike Carlson will be taking on fundraising fully, shedding distractions and focussing explicitly on fundraising more money than ever before.

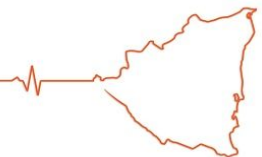


# Photos throughout 2019 at Doctors for Doctors & Nurses for Nurses!



## PHOTOS:

1 (Andrew, Kimberly and Victor conducting ED interviews in Nicaragua) 2 (Bryan providing health presentations in community) 3 (Mikee/Andrew alongside 3 of our students, Brandon, Kimberly, Victor) 4 (Nurses From left to right: Lindi, \_\_\_\_? Mikee, and Kathy) 5 (hugely successful NFN fundraiser, yoga in the park) 6 (Mikee gathering information for Nurses for Nurses in Nicaragua)



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## Financials

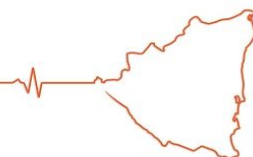
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**In 2019, we raised \$9,400 from public donations.** All of these funds will go towards paying for the medical education of four amazing young people (Bryan, Kimberly, Brandon and Victor) who can't wait to start helping people in their home communities.

**We spent \$15,900 of which \$13,700 went to empowering local heroes and \$2,200 for operations (this includes our new Executive Director in Nicaragua).**

All of the money donated from the public and private organizations in 2019 went directly to supporting our student programs, namely Bryan, Kimberly, Brandon and Victor who are at various stages of their medical journey. Our operational costs are covered by the private donations of our Board of Directors, core donors and gifts in kind.

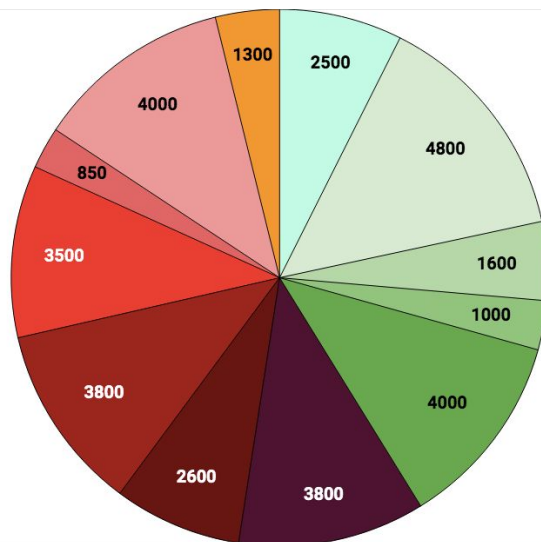
	REVENUE*	EXPENSES*
Grants/Clubs	2500	
Canada Helps	4800	
General/Other Donations	1600	
Charity Transfer	1000	
In-Kind Donations	4000	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>13,900</b>	
Brandon Payments		3800
Bryan Payments		2600
Kimberly Payments		3800
Victor Payments		3500
ED in Nicaragua		900
Materials + Bank Fees + Event Costs		1300
Rent/Equipment		4000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>19,900</b>





\*Numbers are rounded approximations and should not be used for legal or tax purposes.

## Cash Flow Summary



- Grants/Clubs
- Canada Helps
- Individual Donations
- Charity Transfer
- In-Kind Donations
- Brandon Payments
- Bryan Payments
- Kimberly Payments
- Victor Payments
- ED in Nica
- Rent/Equipment
- Event/Ops Costs

## Looking Ahead by Andrew Wilson

We have four main objectives for 2020:

- 1) continue to support our current students Brandon and Kimberly in school
- 2) Work with Bryan to obtain sustainable work as a medical doctor in, or near, his community
- 3) Facilitate Kimberly's and Brandon's role as medical leaders in their communities and
- 4) Sponsor a new nursing student.

Last but not least, thank you to our donors. Without you, this incredible project would not be possible.

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