

January 2006

The two-week Baseball camp in San Juan del Sur Nicaragua last month went well, and we have some pictures to share with you:

[December 2005 Baseball Camp](#)

Jean Brugger wrote us an email following camp, saying "We had a small ceremony to give each participant one of your baseballs that had been signed by several Nicaragua baseball players. Then we watched a little demonstration and enjoyed refreshments together. They certainly did learn some skills so it was a good learning experience..."

Thanks to our contributors for making this possible!

October 2005

CSSF has had a very successful summer!

July 23rd our friend and neighbor Phyllis Palmer had a yard sale. We got many generous donations of both cash and merchandize from our wonderful neighbors. Phyllis' sister Carol Palmer sent many beautiful items to sell; as she has in other years. We so appreciate her generosity. CSSF coffers swelled by \$501.

September 10th and 11th we had our second bake sale at the Williston VT I-89 Rest Areas; the 10th on the North side and the 11th on the South side. We pledged 30% of our donations to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief. We made \$767, \$230 going to the Red Cross. Our thanks to Charmaine and her Williston visitor center Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce crew of Billy, Allen, William and Sue.

[Click here to see some pictures of the bake sales.](#)

Our generous benefactor BDS (he prefers anonymity) matched amounts at the time he contacted us for both September and May's (see below) efforts, contributing a total of \$800!

Grace O'Brien and Linda Hartwell gave, very generously, many wonderful baked goods. Other wonderful family and friends helped at the fund raising; including Jennifer Shatagin, Kirk Mudgett and Lori Thomas, Bradie Hansen, Doris Herbst, Lynn Kennedy, Phyllis Palmer, Carol Renca, Judy Sherry, and our special friends, Jackie Gagnon and Anna Spitler. John's co-workers are always so generous (merci to Donna, Joan, Maureen and Rebecca) and helped us a great deal, as did our other friends and neighbors.

On August 15th we received the list for the Burlington Boys and Girls Club (BB&G) of children who attended camp this summer. Our heartfelt thanks to Director Bob Robinson and Jeff Thompson, and their great staff for their good work. We sent the BB&G \$4500 to cover the camp costs of:

- Abnaki (overnight) - 5

UVM Day Camps

- Girls Soccer - 2
- Girls Basketball -4

- Boys Basketball - 5
- Boys Baseball - 2

We are pleased that the Burlington Boys and Girls website have provided a link to the Christopher Shatagin Sports Foundation:

<http://www.bandgclub.org/links.html>

CSSF is funding a two-week Baseball camp in San Juan del Sur Nicaragua, serving 24 young people. Each child, after completing camp, will leave with a glove, bat, ball, and T-shirt. This achievement is possible through the cooperation of Jean Brugger who lives there full time. She has a charity based in Boston designed to enable children to receive an education. Uniforms which are required in school cost \$20, a sum out of reach for most Nicaraguans. Jean pays local women to sew the uniforms which are given to the children. If children finish high school, Jean pays their way through college. Jean has seen to the education of 500 students. She is very supportive of our efforts to encourage team skills and fun for young people. El Fundación's most recent [newsletter](#) (see baseball camp) cites our exciting partnership.

May 2005

On May 30 we held bake sales at both the North and South sides of the Williston Rest Areas. Total contributions from this weekend were \$758.

A check for \$1500 went to Jean Brugger's Foundation in Nicaragua [Fundación A. Jean Brugger](#) to cover the costs for equipment and coaches for the 2-week Baseball Camp which will be held in December 2005.

Private funds, donated in the name of CSSF, bought a score board for a new sports center in Meredith, N.H. Christopher's life-long best friend, his cousin Kirk Mudgett, lives in Meredith and believes that this will be a wonderful facility for people of all ages. Christopher and Kirk enjoyed summer baseball camps when they were young. Christopher spent many summer months in Meredith visiting his grandparents Zela and Vernal "Buck" Bucklin; it was like another home to him.

[See Meredith News article announcing the CSSF donation.](#)

March 2005

John Macdonald and our friend Tim O'Brien returned to San Juan del Sur and delivered equipment to the Fundación A. Jean Brugger. Thank you Jean, for distributing the equipment! John and Tim delivered the following to Jean:

- 12 blue T-shirts (child)
- 12 red T-shirts (child)
- 1 blue T-shirt (adult)
- 1 red T-shirt (adult)
- 24 mitts -right handed
- 5 mitts - left handed
- 2 mitts - adult
- 1 dozen balls
- 24 bats

[A few pictures from John and Tim's trip.](#)