



## **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

The **Boulder Jalapa Friendship City Projects** is an all-volunteer, non-political 501(c)(3), charitable organization. Membership is open to all regardless of race, religion, nationality and political beliefs.

### **CITY OF BOULDER RESOLUTION 631 COMPLIANCE**

**Boulder Jalapa Friendship City Projects** maintains compliance with all provisions of Resolution 631:

- 501(c)(3) Status
- Membership Requirements
- Boulder-based Board of Directors
- Financial Reporting
- Work Plan reporting

### **2015 HIGHLIGHTS**

1-FCP has been working on refurbishing the the village of El Trapiche Water System, working with the Benito & Frances C. Gaguine Foundation of Juneau, Alaska and the Boulder Valley Rotary Global Grant to purchase materials and build water tanks and lay pipe to bring fresh clean water to over 1,000 people.

2- Partnership with UC Denver Design build for Student Service Learning project with the school of Architecture,

3- Art & Cultural exchange events in May 2015 with schools and community groups in Boulder.

4-Former FCP board member Narayan Shrestha recognized by Boulder City Council for his service.

5- FCP organizing a fundraiser to support earthquake victims in Nepal at Nomad theater June 1st.

### **FUPROSOMUNIC**

FCP started working with Solar Women of Nicaragua (registered as FUPROSOMUNIC in Nicaragua) Solar Women of Nicaragua is a non-profit organization in Nicaragua which provides training in the construction, care and use of solar cookers. During the construction workshops, Nicaraguan women learn the carpentry skills needed to build the cookers and they also

participate in workshops on other issues such as nutrition, environmental education, child care and gender.

### **Project FE: Fostering Education**

Project FE provides scholarships, mentorship and community service opportunities to youth in the Jalapa Valley. We currently support the education of rural students by connecting them to sponsors in the United States and fostering a support network to build confidence, community engagement and leadership skills.

### **CU Denver School Of Architecture**

20 CU Denver students worked for 2 weeks on remodeling the community building into. Preschool (Dec. 28-Jan. 12, 2016)

### **Delegations in 2015**

March 2015 visit of Sofia and Jeff Orrey.

April of 2015 board member and water engineer Mark Van Nostrand visited the El Trapiche site to inspect and plan for the rebuild.

May: visit of Marlon Moreno in Boulder: teaching Primitivista art in Casey MS, Shining Mountain Waldorf School, Columbine Elementary school, Intercambio and Spanish Institute, performing music and sharing poetry and culture at Innisfree Poetry Bookshop and Cafe, Crest view Elementary and Shining Mountain Waldorf School.

May: visit of Xuchialt artists from Leon in Jalapa, meeting with Karla Pozo, the library director and Jalapa artists.

September 2016: U C Denver professors: Phil Gallegos, Joe VandenBurg visit to Jalapa.

November board members Barbara Bowerman, Greg Bowles and Philip Wegener visited the Jalapa Valley to inspect all the projects, scout out future projects and meet with locals. They documented the progress of all working projects and took many photographs & videos to show

December: UC Denver: Chusli Project, Water tank visit, delivery of nursing kits to nursing students of Project FE donated by Laura Spicer donors. Plus they met with the Ocotol Rotary to help arrange the transfer of funds from the Boulder Valley Rotary.

January 2016: John and Cindy Gaguine visit Nicaragua.

Doug Cospers visit in Nicaragua and visit to Jalapa:

1. delivery of water filters to Project FE families, FCP / Pueblos Unidos office.
2. Delivery of preschool material donations (puzzles and educational material).

### **2016 WORK PLANS**

1. Presentations at CWA in April: presentation about climate change in Jalapa, Nicaragua: Tue. April 5, 5-7pm by former Jalapa mayor Orlando Zeledon in City council study session, April 7, 6:30-8pm: Experiencing Nicaragua. Bringing together individuals, NGOs and groups to share their experience in Nicaragua, Jalapa and beyond.
2. Finishing el Trapiche water system.  
Bringing Jalapa artists to Americas Latino Eco Festival in October 2016 and working with Boulder High on developing a mural project celebrating the sister city (in Boulder and in Jalapa).
3. Helping to develop a Rotary Club in Jalapa.
4. Art and culture exchange with schools and community groups (October 2016)  
Bringing Jalapa artists to Boulder to share art and culture.
5. New infrastructure project in conjunction with UC Denver Design Build.
6. Collaborations with El Porvenir for future water projects in the Jalapa Valley.
7. Connecting Boulder Community Hospital with Jalapa Hospital.

### **2016 MEETING DATES**

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT THE MAIN BOULDER LIBRARY, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

MERCEDES ALVAREZ	CATERINA, NICARAGUA
ZUZA BOHLEY	BOULDER
GREGORY BOWLES	CATERINA, NICARAGUA
GARY MILLS	BOULDER
FRANCOISE POINSATTE	BOULDER
TASIA POINSATTE	WASHINGTON DC
SOFIA ORREY	BOULDER
MAYA FRIEDLI SCHROEDER	BOULDER
PHILIP WEGENER	BOULDER
MARK VAN NOSTROM	BOULDER

**FCp's 505c3 document, Two pages, links here,**

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**Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipCityProjects/?ref=hl>**

**Attachments A – Resolution 631 Requirements: 501(c)(3) Certificate of Good Standing, Membership Requirements, Board of Directors, Financial & Fundraising Report**

## Financial Report 2015 Boulder-Jalapa Friendship City Projects

Bank Account as of January 1, 2015		\$13,663.20
Total Deposits 2015		\$21,978.20
		<u>\$35,641.40</u>
Includes:		
Water Tank construction		\$19,888.20
Project FE Scholarships		\$ 2500
Medical Kits		\$ 500
Water Filters		\$ 500
Nicaraguan Artist Visits		\$ 804
Operational Expenses		\$ 5600
Total Expenses		<u>\$29,792.01</u>
Remaining Balance	-	\$35,641.40
		\$29,792.01
		<u>\$ 5849.39</u>

Revenue Service  
District Director

Attachment C- Jalapa  
Department of the Treasury

Date:

JUL 27 1984

Friendship City Projects  
P.O. Box 7452  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Employer Identification Number:  
52-1328597  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Foundation Status Classification:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi) & 509(a)(1)  
Advance Ruling Period Ends:  
December 31  
Person to Contact:  
EO TECHNICAL ASSISTOR  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(214) 767-3526  
EO:7213:309:LKS

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) & 509(a)(1).

Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period. This advance ruling period begins on the date of your inception and ends on the date shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must submit to us information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, you will be classified as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, you will be classified as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if you are classified as a private foundation, you will be treated as a private foundation from the date of your inception for purposes of sections 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and donors may continue to rely on the advance determination until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status. However, if notice that you will no longer be treated as a section 509(a)(1) organization is published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, grantors and donors may not rely on this determination after the date of such publication. Also, a grantor or donor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(1) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

1100 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas 75242

Letter 1045(DO) (Rev. 10-83)

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

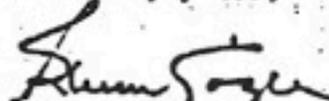
You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Glenn Cagle  
District Director