

Sewing team members needed

The PAN Missions Sewing Co-operative program has been underway for less than two years but it is already bursting at the seams. What began as a single community pilot project in January 2010 has grown to five active co-operatives.

The program, headed up by Nancy Hayes, brings in a team of Canadian recreational seamstresses to work in approved barrio for an initial two -week training period. During this time, the team teaches the women sewing machine care and maintenance, forward and backward stitching, sewing on a curve, casings and quilt top technique. Upon graduation from the program, the women form a co-operative organization and contract with PAN Missions.

PAN Missions provides the co-op with sewing machines, material and notions as a start-up, as well as the ongoing skills required to grow a business. The co-op is then given an assignment to repay the investment. This assignment could be hospital bedding or hospital gowns. Once the assignment is completed, Nancy works with the co-ops on a second contract designed to provide revenue to the organization, the community and the individuals.

Currently PAN Missions is looking for more team members to join the team traveling to Nicaragua in October. The cost is \$2200 per person. If you are interested in being part of this worthwhile venture, please contact us as soon as possible at

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