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New infrastructure accessibility projects

For over a decade, Comunidad Connect (CC) has worked to alleviate poverty and create sustainable change in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. With local partners, they create programs that improve community health, empower youth through sports, and support sustainable community development. CC plans to be in Puerto Plata for the foreseeable future. Teams focus on infrastructure projects (accessibility, building bathrooms, etc.) while also tapping into their youth development initiative and collaborating with the Dominican, Haitian, and Deaf populations. For more information, read or click below.

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A little History & Overview:

Comunidad Connect (CC) has partnered with WPC for a number of years, dating back to when CC hosted mission teams in Nicaragua. WPC helped Comunidad survive not only the social unrest in Nicaragua (2018) but also the global pandemic. In 2023, WPC provided funds to build a home in the community of Los Robles, Nicaragua. The home was constructed in September 2023 under the leadership of their country director in Nicaragua, Yarisleidy Cortez. This was a true community build with dozens of neighbors coming out to lend a hand.

WPC also provides flexible funding to support CC's development as a formally registered Dominican nonprofit organization in the D.R. Some of the funds covered legal fees for registration while the remaining \$2,000 allowed Yarisleidy to spend over a month in Puerto Plata researching program strategy there and a few weeks in Constanza partnering with the WPC mission team that CC hosted in July.

Yarisleidy met with institutional leaders from both the public and private sectors, and grassroots community leaders, local families, and special needs patients. Her connections shed light on who CC should partner with in Puerto Plata and how our programs should be designed.

For 17 years, CC has connected thousands of families isolated by geography and economics with vital resources to improve their quality of life. This focus has brought them together with at-risk youth, special needs patients, single mothers, and the elderly. In the D.R., CC is targeting their work on similar isolated populations but also including the deaf community.

