

## Spread Your Wings UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

## Alumni Travel Program

Nicaragua Service Trip: Help Build a School Information Session, Wednesday, April 29, 7 pm University of Guelph, Alumni House Boardroom

Dear University of Guelph alumni, staff, faculty and friends:

The University of Guelph Alumni Travel Program has partnered with SchoolBOX - a grassroots Canadian charity founded by U of G alumnus, Tom Affleck. SchoolBOX began in 2006 when Tom was in Nicaragua. He handed a young girl a pencil and a notebook and her father beamed and said, 'Now that you have a pencil and a notebook, you can go to school this year.' Tom realized that he could help reduce the barrier to education in Nicaragua, and today SchoolBOX is able to help thousands of children in the area.

## Volunteer with SchoolBOX

Join University of Guelph Alumni and friends for a 10-day trip to Nicaragua to help construct a school between November 12 and 21, 2015. SchoolBOX organizes private transportation, accommodations, food and clean water, in-country guides, translation, safety and orientation from start to finish.

The SchoolBOX Volunteer Trip costs \$1500 USD which includes the following (all volunteers are asked to raise a minimum of \$250 CAD which goes directly to the project):

- School building project and cross-cultural experience
- Private in-country transportation
- 9 nights shared accommodation at hotels
- Meals + purified water on the worksite and 24 hours a day
- Recreational excursions + cultural activities
- 24/7 bilingual guides, translation + first aid
- Work on a build site alongside SchoolBOX staff, teachers, students, parents and community volunteers in Nicaragua. Work varies based on your ability.
- **Play** with kids and encourage students to dream.
- Learn about Nicaraguan history and culture, the importance of education to defeat poverty, and pick up some Spanish along the way!
- **Explore** the beautiful country of Nicaragua. Activities may include a salsa dance class, visit to the market, beach, volcano or colonial city.



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Learn more about the service trip and how you can make a difference in Nicaragua.

To RSVP call 519-824-4120, x 56934 or email eventrsvp@uoguelph.ca