

**Organization:** Hospital Escuela

**Location:** Leon, Nicaragua

**Length of project:** May 21<sup>st</sup>- July 21<sup>st</sup> 2013

**Background:**

The organization I will be volunteering with is Hospital Escuela Dr. Oscar Danilo Rosales Arguello (HEODRA), which is a Partner organization with Omprakash. Hospital Escuela is located in Leon, Nicaragua and serves around 200,000 people living in and around Leon. Hospital Escuela means school hospital, and it is a teaching hospital for future Nicaraguan physicians. The hospital has departments of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Plastic surgery, Pathology, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Anesthesiology. In my service project I will help out with Pediatrics, adolescent patients, older patients, and computation.

**Project Description:**

One of the main departments in which I will be volunteering with is Pediatrics. There are about 35 Pediatric patients admitted to the hospital per day, and their stay is around 4-5 days. I will be working with the community group Rotaract to develop the Pediatrics department and help with the adolescent patients. I will help out in their classroom like area and help with schoolwork for children 5-12 years old. In my project I will also help with resources to paint the area, provide better ventilation, and provide storage for the patients and their mothers.

I will also be helping out with the older patients and helping the staff learn how to use computer programs. The purpose of this project is to help renovate and develop sustainable and efficient methods.