

The following Minute in support of Sí a la Vida, The Nicaragua Street Kids Project, was adopted by the Agate Passage Friends (Quaker) Meeting of Bainbridge island, Washington, at its regular Business Meeting on May 23, 2010.

“The Agate Passage Friends Meeting hereby extends its support to Sí a la Vida in its work to rescue and rehabilitate street children from the streets and markets of Nicaragua. Sí a la Vida was founded by Jonathan Roise, a member of our meeting, and Nicaraguan activist Mercedes Guido in 1993. Since its founding, Sí a la Vida through its centers in Managua and Ometepe Island has continued to rescue street children from a life of hunger, physical and mental abuse, drugs and danger.

Quakers have always had a profound commitment to the defense of the disadvantaged and abused. It is most appropriate that we declare our spiritual and financial support for the Sí a la Vida Nicaragua street kids project. The Meeting is pleased to commit itself to send \$300.00 a year to the project from Meeting funds. Furthermore, we also urge members and attenders to contribute such additional amounts as they are able by earmarking contributions to the Meeting for Sí a la Vida.

We highly commend Friend, Jonathan Roise, for his devotion to the rescue and rehabilitation of these unfortunate victims of poverty, and we wish him the strength and health to continue his work in Nicaragua, one of the poorest nations in America.”